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FABULOUS FINDS



La Silhouette
lingerie shop at
2014 Miami Ave. in
Madison used to be
an antique shop.
Review: Wolford
hosiery (\$20-\$80)
at La Silhouette.

Looking for lingerie?



Simone Perle bra and panty set,
bra \$36, panty \$24, at La
Silhouette lingerie shop.



The **Simone Perle** bodysuit
from Simone
Perle, \$135.

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Although lingerie is widely available at many price points, several area specialty shops offer the different and the extraordinary. Here's a sampling as Valentine's Day approaches.

La Silhouette

Simply walking into this high-end lingerie boutique that opened in November makes you feel elegant. It specializes in European brands known for quality. "You get what you pay for," says owner Britt Crankshaw, who just purchased a couple new Wolford bodysuits (\$220-\$400) after her first one lasted 13 years.

Now popular: Made-In-T-shirt bra with convertible straps (\$30) and a red Hanky Panky panty rolled up to look like a rose (\$22). 8814 Miami Ave., Madeira, 513-272-8200; lasilhouettelingerie.com

Sheer Necessities

In Reading's Wedding District, the shop carries bridal undergarments and nightgowns in lace-up bodices and bra sizes 32AA to 32DDD. Merchandise takes up three floors, with Related items in the basement. Don't miss: marabou-tipped stockings, 201 W. Benson St., Reading, 610-761-7100.

Knickers of Hyde Park

This cozy boutique on the square has sweet-smelling knickers to go with lacy nightgowns, Casabella thigh-high stockings and, naturally, knickers. Men's night will be 6-8 p.m., Wednesday for guys who aren't quite sure what to buy their sweeties. 2726 Erie Ave., Hyde Park, 513-523-0502.

Candice's Boutique

Tucked behind T.G.I. Friday's in Kenwood is a spacious boutique specializing in bra fittings, including prostheses for breast cancer patients and survivors. (Make an appointment for fittings, especially on Saturdays.) Beyond beautiful panties and bras (\$50 and up), you'll find some workout gear. Prices aren't listed on individual items, but the staff is helpful. 803 Montgomery Road, Kenwood, 513-456-0056; www.candicesboutique.com.

Lace and silk gown from La Perle, exclusive to La Silhouette lingerie shop.



Pink lace Bettsey Johnson bra (\$40) and panty (\$24) set, from La Silhouette lingerie shop on Miami Avenue in Madison.



Bettsey Johnson silk designed **Divi** body suit set (\$60), sold at La Silhouette.



3-piece print chemise by **Eligiusz Maczka** (\$80) at La Silhouette. The store opened in November.