



Going, Going, Almost Gone

IT is easy to imagine Twiggy tripping across Carnaby Street in the swinging 60's in barely-there minidresses.

Especially the minis at **No. 6** (6 Centre Street Market Place, between Broome and Grand Streets), where some of the dresses are actually from the 1960's. The No. 6 minis are all one-of-a-kind pieces, tweaked from vintage dresses (\$130 to \$245).

"We're constantly making them," said Karin Bereson, an owner of the shop. "One customer just came in, bought one, threw it over her jeans and literally walked out the door."

Though the big department stores are already showing fall fashions, there are still minidresses at **Urban Outfitters** (526 Avenue of the Americas at 14th Street). Bubble-shaped tank dresses come in five colors and cost \$58. A baby-doll dress that just skims the mid-thigh is a top seller. It has a striped V-neck, pockets and comes in three colors (\$48). It did not hurt sales when Reese Witherspoon was snapped wearing the red one on Malibu Beach last month.

At **Zara** (689 Fifth Avenue at 54th Street), a few summer minis are left on the sales rack, but the store already has

some fall renditions. They are very short, in silky retro prints and Chinese collars (\$39 to \$79).

At **T. J. Maxx** (620 Avenue of the Americas at 18th Street), a boxy Lilly Pulitzer minishirt looks very Mod London (\$49.99, reduced from \$170).

Variazioni (2395 Broadway at 88th Street) still has tiny low-back, bubble-shaped dresses (\$99, reduced from \$265). And the Variazioni store at 2389 Broadway has square-neck white eyelet minis and spaghetti-strap baby-dolls in white, turquoise and pink (\$29 to \$59).

At **Filene's Basement** (620 Avenue of the Americas at 18th Street), there is a selection of short gauzy summer dresses with halter tops in pistachio or turquoise and white (\$16.99) and ruffly baby-dolls with lace trim in purple, black and beige (\$16.99). Some sleeveless shirtwaists in a pink faux-madras barely cover the upper thigh. A young saleswoman insisted the microdress should be worn over pants or shorts.

"I wouldn't wear that alone," she said, looking scandalized. "Everyone would stop and stare."

Well yes, of course. Isn't that the idea?

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