

Oriental origins

Cashmere makes its mark on St Kilda

● Caressing cashmere

A Chinese cashmere scarf given to Dominique Burgoine a few years ago by her husband kick-started a passion for cashmere. Since then, cashmere has become trendy overseas and Burgoine has teamed up with business partner Deborah Mustin to create their own cashmere label, Eugene Cashmere.

Together with Samena Scherer, who previously worked at Space Furniture, they have just opened 8 Inkerman Street, a shop bringing "wonderful, affordable cashmere" to Melbourne and offering designer pieces carefully selected by Scherer. The shop sells anything from socks to scarves, knitwear and bathrobes – all in cashmere – and stocks several labels. Prices range from \$200 to \$400.

8 Inkerman is on Inkerman Street, St Kilda, tel: 9534 1123.

● Softy, softly

Still on the cashmere front, House of Cashmere has a fine collection in store for this, its first winter season in Melbourne (the Collins Street store opened in December). Of particular note were the padded jackets and vests, opera wraps and, for the home, blankets in neutral shades that'll agree with everyone's décor. While not cheap (a coat costs about \$4000), cashmere is a luxury item you'll keep forever. If you haven't already, make it your mission to own at least one piece.

House of Cashmere is at 247 Collins Street in the city, tel: 9662 2210.



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