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Sleight of Hands

Asparagus. Doctor. Hand-me-downs. Some words provoke untold childhood anxiety.

Unless you're about to inherit a closet full of outfits by Ses Petites Mains. Local designer Beth Miles created the covetable line to last throughout the ages.

The holiday collection is jing-a-ling-a-ling and meant for mixing and matching: plaidjumpers, trousers, and kilts pair effortlessly with striped boatneck tees and jaunty toppers like the cropped Dandio jacket. Of course, the bubblegum pink Grace dress in tiny wale cord may incite sibling rivalry.

But all's fair in love and wear.

Available at Fiddlesticks, 508 Hayes Street, at Octavia Boulevard (415-565-0508 or shopfiddlesticks.com); Milk, 5833 College Avenue, between Oak Grove Avenue and Chabot Road, Oakland (510-547-6455 or jadoremilk.com); online at store.shoporangebutton.com. To see styles, go to sespetitesmains.com.