

# Best of Missouri



The best part of traveling is discovering new places with charm, local flavor and experiences totally unique to your destination—and nothing in Missouri hits that nail more on the head than the revolutionary retail experience at Skif International.

Tucked inside one of St. Louis's longest standing ethnic neighborhoods, the Italian community of The Hill has streets lined with red, green and white flags, Italian groceries, a gelateria, and a little gem that's been manufacturing clothing worn across the country for the last 15 years.

That's when owner, Nina Ganci, moved her operation to the Spielberg furniture building to produce a type of hand made sweater no one else can match.

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There are lots of designers and makers across the USA, but Skif stands out as one that is open to the public. Six days a week, locals and tourists can walk through the factory peeking and shopping while sounds of the knitting machines running under the skilled fingers of rock stars and artists, who also have a talent with yarn, create sweaters like you've never seen.

After adjusting to the new world you've walked into, the public is welcome to finger through the racks of new designs hanging next to old favorites and put together their own unique look. Most pieces are one-of-a-kind and if it's not your kind, they are happy to take an order and produce one of their patterns according to your measurements.

For those opting for a more traditional shopping experience, Skif opened a new location earlier this year in University City along with fellow St. Louis brand, LAUNCH Clothing & Accessories, to cater to their local following. The clothes, the art, and the music all made it's way out to the new location but most of all, the spirit of well made things that matter is alive and well.

Whether it's your first trip to St. Louis or you've been a Missourian your whole life, this gem is one you don't want to miss and one that does the community it serves proud.



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