

# Stars & Stripes

Rhody trends for the Summer of '26

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Kent Stetson

**W**hat do you get when you combine *The Gilded Age*, *The Real Housewives of Rhode Island*, and the 250th anniversary of the United States? Summer fashion that includes everything from bedazzled bags to glimmers of gold, and of course, nods to the sea. Here's what's trending around our coast with the most.

## PATRIOTIC PANACHE

Even the slightest breeze is reason enough to drape yourself in cashmere. The cotton-blend Semiquincentennial topper from Mapleville-based Alashan Cashmere is perfect for showing up with spirit for any 250th soirée. Super-soft, its elegant drape allows for versatile looks. [AlashanCashmere.com](http://AlashanCashmere.com)

## LICENSE TO LUXE

Sparkle like the sea in this cross-body clutch designed and made in Pawtucket by Kent Stetson. Cruelty-free and constructed from luxury-coated canvas, 20-percent of proceeds from each purchase are donated to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. [Shop.KentStetson.com](http://Shop.KentStetson.com)

## BLUE SKIES

The City by the Sea inspires The Burgess Collection, designed by lifelong Rhode Islander Cathy Burgess. Pieces imbue confidence via comfort and are as wearable as they are tailored. Rock flattering colors and fits in fabrics like stretch seersucker. [TheBurgessCollection.com](http://TheBurgessCollection.com)

## GILDED GLAM

Shiny but simple Beachy Studs signal effortless elegance and a love for the shoreline. Find them at Rochelle's Boutiques, a seasonal outpost on charming Bay Street in Watch Hill, or on Thames Street in Newport. Either location is worth a jaunt to the seaside for bling. [RochellesBoutique.com](http://RochellesBoutique.com)

## SHADY CHARACTER

Fans of sunnies are sure to love this unisex pair by Superior available at Beau Bleu – a Bristol boutique with a dedicated men's store and second location in Newport. Steel frames are handmade with premium stainless steel hinges, and the included case keeps them nice and safe. [BeauBleuBoutique.com](http://BeauBleuBoutique.com)



Beau Bleu

The Burgess Collection

Rochelle's Boutiques



Alashan Cashmere



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