

St. Albert designer's bags hit New York runways

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ST. ALBERT - When Fashion Week took over Manhattan earlier this month, New York was host to some of the industry's biggest names. Runways lit up with the latest from the likes of Anna Sui, Zac Posen, Jean Fares ... and St. Albert designer Dee Buksowicz.

The local designer debuted her new D. Rothbury brand of clutches, handbags and shawls at Couture Fashion Week, a showcase for fine designers that coincides with major fashion week events featuring mainstream American labels.

Buksowicz's creations were a perfect fit for the big city; in fact, several pieces were created specifically with the Big Apple in mind.



St. Albert handbag designer Dee Buksowicz had some of her handbags and clutches on the runway at the New York Couture show.

Her "Paint the Town Red" urban collection of leather clutches feature cityscapes hand-beaded and hand-embroidered onto their front panels.

"I have a fascination with skyscrapers," says Buksowicz, a native of Scotland who moved to Alberta eight years ago.

New York, she adds, is particularly vibrant. "I think it's full of life and full of possibility."

Buksowicz will be introducing D. Rothbury to Edmontonians on Sunday at the Varscona Hotel. Local handbag fanatics may be familiar with Buksowicz already - D. Rothbury is a reinvention of the Entice line of handbags she launched two years ago and sold online.

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