

## NYC Garment District Tips

- Getting around – The Fashion District is between 34<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Streets, 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Fabrics & Trims: You will find most of what you need between 35<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Streets, from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues
  - Beads & Findings: 5<sup>th</sup> to Avenue of the Americas (AKA, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue)
- Think comfort not style when you choose your shoes
- Discounts –
  - Always ASK! If you are buying in bulk, student discount, or any other discount you can think of.
  - Paying in cash could get you a better deal
- Get organized –
  - Bring your pattern envelopes for reference
  - If you collect swatches ask the store to staple them to a business card with the fabric code
  - Most stores will ship directly to your home
- Call ahead –
  - a few quick questions may help you narrow your list of must see shops
- Information –
  - Stop by the Fashion Center Information Kiosk @ the big button in the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 39<sup>th</sup> Street
  - <http://www.fashioncenter.com/>
- Plan a visit to the Fashion Institute of Technology
  - <http://fitnyc.edu/334.asp>
- Check out the RISN website for a list of shops, restaurants, and more information
  - <http://risn.tripod.com/>