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Valli Tessuti Alta Moda is Italy's premier fabric shop. **Tiffany Parks** takes a look.

Deconstruct an elegant suit, a sumptuous silk blouse, or a couture ball gown and what are you left with? The fabric. No matter how stylish the design or how fine the craftsmanship, an article of clothing can never be greater than the fabric with which it was made. That's why shoppers who are passionate about superior fabrics prefer to go straight to the source. In Italy, that means **Valli Tessuti Alta Moda**. This prestigious fabric shop

was founded in 1907 and has since opened branches in the most important cities across the country. Whether you prefer to shop their prêt-à-porter line or purchase fabric by the meter to be crafted into a wearable work of art by one of the finest tailors in the city, you'll easily lose yourself in the dizzying options on offer.

Looking to have your summer wardrobe created from scratch? Browse their wide selection of cottons and linens, ranging from jersey cotton to French linen

and everything in between. Longing for a winter coat that only exists in your imagination? Select the wool or cashmere to make your dream coat come true. In the market for a power suit? You'll find the perfect weight, color, and pattern, from dashing pinstripes by Ermenegildo Zegna to classic Glen plaid by Loro Piana. Valli Tessuti's silk collection alone is enough to make any bride swoon, with an astounding 34 varieties,

including organza, crêpe di chine, taffeta, duchesse, and Mikado shantung, not to mention dozens of types of velvet, lace, and borders to complete a spectacular trousseau.

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