



The One Summer Dress *Glamour* Editors Literally Can't Stop Obsessing Over

Most of us have that one piece that gets about three times more wear than anything else in our closets during the summer. For me, it's often a dress that has to meet certain benchmarks: I have to feel polished when I wear it—a challenge in sticky temperatures—and I must be able to pair it with both flats and heels.

In recent years we've seen a handful of brands pop up that specialize in dresses that meet those very requirements—think of March 11 and Vilshenko's beloved embroidered cotton dresses, with their calf-grazing skirts and billowy sleeves. Since they've hit the market, I've been drawn to the uniqueness of the fabrics and the careful detail put into each and every garment. The hefty price tags, though, don't lend themselves to impulse buying. I appreciate a solid splurge as much as the next person—but one night, while on a deep, deep late-night Instagram scroll, I stumbled upon the answer to my summer dress dreams: a little brand called [D'Ascoli](#).

Designed by Cecile and Peter D'Ascoli, the label is currently a 13-person operation based in New Delhi, India. All of its pieces are created locally, as is the cotton used to make them, which is sourced from small, family-owned farms in the community and then hand-spun and -woven into beautifully detailed tops and dresses. "I always sense the presence of the hands who make these beautiful fabrics, giving our clothes a strong sense of provenance because they are touched by human hands, made by individuals and not mass produced by faceless factories," says Peter.

D'Ascoli is so under the radar that, after extensive but fruitless Google searches to find where its dresses were sold, I went so far as to direct message the designers on Instagram to get answers.

D'Ascoli was first stocked online by MatchesFashion, but it sold out pretty quickly, in just about two weeks time. Lucky for you (and me), the brand just went on presale online at [Fivestory](#), so shoppers can get their fix just in time for summer.

Take one look at D'Ascoli's beautiful pieces, and you'll be as charmed as I was. And I've found the appeal to be near-universal—pretty much the entire *Glamour* fashion team is obsessed with its dresses. Even our fashion market editor, who notoriously steers clear of anything remotely colorful or "feminine," has placed an order for one of D'Ascoli's dainty, embroidered pieces.

See why this up-and-coming label might be the maker of your new favorite summer staples in the gallery ahead. My favorite? The easy-going Flamenco dress—in other news: my 2018 version of that one dress.



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D'Ascoli Flamenco Green Embroidered Dress, \$390, Fivestory



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D'Ascoli Flamenco Taupe Embroidered Top, \$270, Fivestory



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D'Ascoli Flamenco Taupe Embroidered Dress, \$390, Fivestory



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D'Ascoli Zahara Embroidered Top, \$270, Fivestory



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D'Ascoli Flamenco Printed Dress, \$300, Fivestory