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Ruffles make an outfit look busy. It's best to tone down the accessorising accordingly. Keep shoes and jewellery simple.

in *Beetlejuice*. She emulates everything that was good about the '90s in that movie.

MY FAVOURITE LABEL is Sonia Rykiel, a French designer. Everything she does has a child-like sensibility with lots of colours mixed with black.

parades for the family and walk down the "catwalk" to Michael Jackson songs.

I WOULD NEVER BE CAUGHT DEAD IN thongs. My friend made me give them up for Lent years ago. He said I wasn't a "proper lady" if I wore them.

SHOP TALK

OUR PICK
Vintage ladybird tray, \$29.95.

THIS WEEK: LARK

shelving and panels of vintage wallpaper. Outside, the shop has a pretty scalloped canopy and flowers planted in old grocery tins. If the 1970s Malvern Star Dragster is out the front, they're open.

Products Expect to find art prints by London's Belle & Boo, Japanese zakka and books, picnic sets from the ethical Danish label Rice, hand-made children's clothing, craft kits, 'zines and a host of hand-crafted products from Melbourne designers including Beci Orpin, Victoria Mason, Betty Jo, Little Shop Of and Mingus.

Window displays The large shop window changes weekly as fresh stock is brought in. At the moment the shop has a colourful "spring cleaning" theme along with a "made in Daylesford" one. Major displays are changed each month.

Service Very friendly, free showbags and advice on what to do around Daylesford for day-trippers.

Website larkmade.com.au

Verdict Like a summer's day stroll through a dappled park, with the taste of Metro gum still on your tongue as you take your first lick of a banana Paddle-Pop. It's a sunshiny, fuzzy memory of what childhood possibly was. A burst of colour, love and craftiness comes to the country.

Claire Halliday

Where 4a Duke Street, Daylesford.

Opening hours Thur-Tues 10.30am-4pm

What they do Lark products have been found at various Australian stockists for a little while now, but this new shop is all its own. The brand is much loved for its knitted baby toys and vintage accessories and the new shop — in a Daylesford laneway — extends this, with goods from around the globe for all ages. It's all hand-picked by Lark's owner, Allison Jones.

The fit-out An old factory building with exposed tin ceilings, white-painted brick walls and industrial fittings is the backdrop for Lark's signature cute-and-colourful style. Vintage wood and glass shop fittings are combined with white

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