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Bubble: The Fall/Winter 2007 Exhibition - Part I

The Fall/Winter 2007 **Bubble - The Kids Trade Show**, held in a loft-like space in Chelsea (March 11-13, 2007), proved to be a launching spot for many cutting-edge collections (marked with an asterik below).

Bubble attracts designers producing highly personal, trends-be-damned collections. So beside one manufacturer working in an all-neutral palette, is another who can't pack enough color or pattern into their wares. Walking the show makes for a compelling, hard-to-categorize experience.

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***SCOUT**

Homebase: Oakland, CA

DESIGNERS: Ellen and Mimi Leinbach

Sizes: 6 months to 24 months; Wholesale prices: \$14.50-\$16

In their words: "At Scout, we collect traditional symbols from global cultures and bring them to you in modern clothes for your little explorer. We use only the finest, softest cotton: 100 percent organic Pima."

There are no hushed neutral tones or edgy graphics in this new collection. Instead, the Leinbach's choose a palette of black, rich red, bright lime and sky for their diminutive collection of tees, onesies and "explorer" pants. Each tee is hand-embroidered and appliquéd with a symbol that resembles water, clouds and birds.



Favorites: Organic cotton, happy-making colors; what's not to like?

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