



## Plant Design Awards: Special Honors, Outstanding Plant-on-Premises: Skylark Dry Cleaning

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Skylark extends its blue-and-green motif throughout the building, including the lobby.

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and generates \$14,000 in weekly sales.

Sheldon Bray of Cleaner's Mentor Consulting created the plant layout. McMonigal Architects served as project architect.

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Skylark Dry Cleaning, owned by Andrew Gaspard, started with route service from a plant in an industrial area. When looking to expand, the business purchased a freestanding building to add a retail store front. Skylark offers dry cleaning, wet cleaning, alterations, in-car service, a 24-hour lobby with lockers, and retail sales from soda to soap.

The production floor in the 6,236-square-foot plant features a Union dry cleaning machine with GreenEarth, Micell CO<sub>2</sub> dry cleaning machine, Wascomat wet cleaning equipment, and Unipress finishing and tensioning equipment and shirt units. SPOT Business Systems software is utilized for computer-assisted assembly.

Skylark employs nine full-time workers