

# 50 Top Shops

Grab your gift list, and get ready for some fun. Our shopping expert shows you where to go and what to buy.

**S**outherners are pros when it comes to shopping. So we pounded the pavement in search of the best and uncovered some of the region's finest shops. Some spots you'll recognize, others you won't. Of course, we can't list them all, so we'll have left off some of your favorites. Visit [southernliving.com/november2006](http://southernliving.com/november2006) to tell us your personal top picks.

## For Splurges and Special Surprises

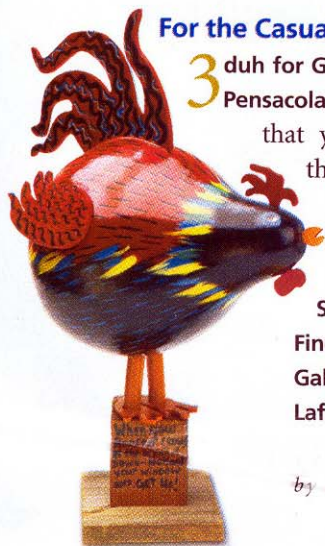
**1** **Neiman Marcus; Dallas, TX:** Visit the first location of the department store icon where high fashion still reigns. [www.neimanmarcus.com](http://www.neimanmarcus.com).

**2** **Tiny Jewel Box; Washington, D.C.:** This six-story gem stocks vintage and new jewels, from pearls and diamonds to gold and glass. [www.tinyjewelbox.com](http://www.tinyjewelbox.com).

## For the Casual Garden

**3** **duh for Garden & Home; Pensacola, FL:** From pots that you can fit in the palm of your hand to gigantic planters as

**Sans Souci Fine Crafts Gallery in Lafayette, LA**



tall as an adult, the assortment of terracotta astonishes. (850) 439-0640.

**4** **Garden Deva; Tulsa, OK:** Find hand-made metal furniture and yard art made on-site. [www.gardendeva.com](http://www.gardendeva.com).

**5** **Martha's Bloomers Home and Garden Store; Navasota, TX:** All things garden from seeds and bulbs to pottery and tools fill this great store with a tearoom. [www.marthasbloomers.com](http://www.marthasbloomers.com).

**6** **Eden. A Gift and Garden Store; Nashville, TN:** Shop for plants, annuals, and herbs, as well as fabulous outdoor glass baubles and quirky bird feeders to give your garden some personality. [www.edengardenstore.com](http://www.edengardenstore.com).

## For the Elegant Garden

**7** **Boxwoods Gardens & Gifts; Atlanta, GA:** Part nursery and part antiques nook, the ivy-covered cottage boasts garden containers and birdhouses as well as

leather picture frames and baby gifts. (404) 233-3400.

**8** **Southern Homes & Gardens; Montgomery, AL:** Almost 300 acres brim with plants and decorations, including a 20,000-square-foot shop featuring tree-trimming supplies, holiday china, and collectible ornaments. [www.southernhomesandgardens.com](http://www.southernhomesandgardens.com).

**9** **Garden Architects; Annapolis, MD:** Sophisticated outdoor furniture, water features, and works by Frank Lloyd Wright accent this innovative place. [www.gardenarchitects.com](http://www.gardenarchitects.com).

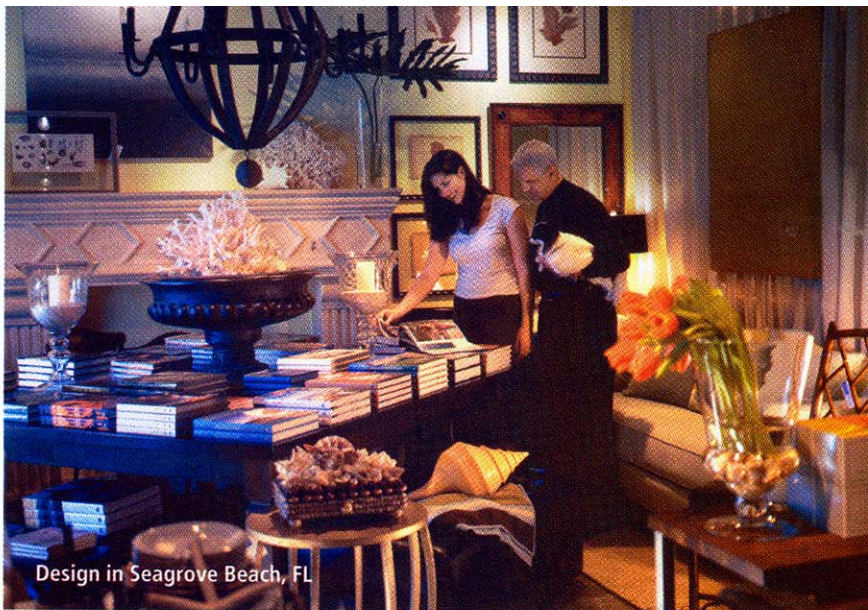
## For the Art Aficionado

**10** **Objects of Desire Gallery; Louisville, KY:** Contemporary jewelry by international artists keeps company with purses made of unusual fabrics. [www.objectsofdesiregallery.com](http://www.objectsofdesiregallery.com).

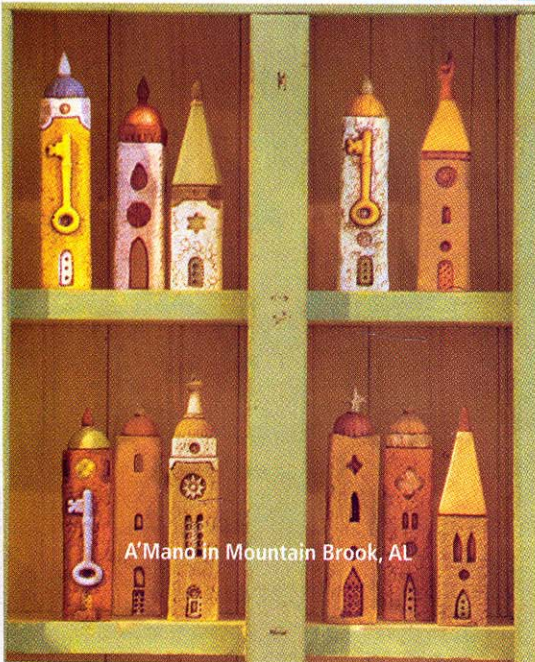
**11** **Tamarack Craft Center; Beckley, WV:** Admire the hand-carved furniture, glass, pottery, and Appalachian quilts. [www.tamarackwv.com](http://www.tamarackwv.com).

**12** **Seldom Seen Gallery; Fort Lauderdale, FL:** Loaded with a variety of mementos from a \$1 pocket angel to a \$10,000 piece of hand-painted furniture, this institution breaks the normal gallery rules and isn't a bit stuffy. [www.seldomseengallery.com](http://www.seldomseengallery.com). ▶

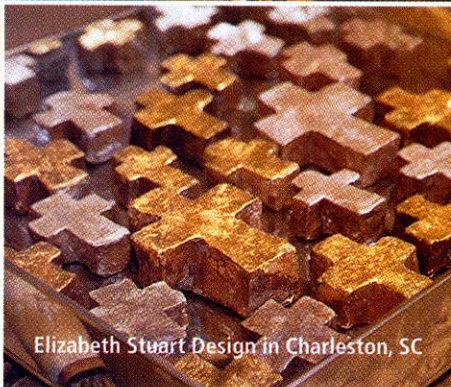




Design in Seagrove Beach, FL



A'Mano in Mountain Brook, AL



Elizabeth Stuart Design in Charleston, SC

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## For Antiques and Furniture

**20 Westheimer Antiques Market; Houston, TX:** Look beyond the disarray for armoires, dressers, tables, and more. (832) 651-8477.

**21 David Tims Antiques; Cropwell, AL:** Find a bargain at this warehouse of beautiful antiques where there aren't a lot of tags but you can bet the prices are all good. (205) 338-7929.

**22 Green Front Furniture; Farmville, VA:** This array of converted warehouses and storehouses is filled with furniture. [www.greenfront.com](http://www.greenfront.com).

**23 Stuart Kingston; Rehoboth Beach, DE:** Family-owned for 75 years, the place stocks unbelievable Oriental rugs and porcelain. [www.stuartkingston.com](http://www.stuartkingston.com).

## For Local Flavor

**24 Fiesta on Main; San Antonio, TX:** The Mexican decorations inside (paper flowers and piñatas) go for cheap, while Talavera pottery fills a courtyard right outside. (210) 738-1188.

**25 A'Mano; Mountain Brook, AL:** A combination art gallery and gift store, it sells everything from folk art paintings to jewelry. [www.amanogifts.com](http://www.amanogifts.com).

**26 South of the Border; Dillon, SC:** This classic tourist must-stop offers 14 shops crammed with every type of souvenir you'll never need but want. [www.pedroland.com](http://www.pedroland.com).

**27 Mast General Store; Valle Crucis, NC:** Since 1883, folks have relied on this legendary spot for boots, rocking chairs, maple syrup, and other staples. [www.mastgeneralstore.com](http://www.mastgeneralstore.com).

**28 Maverick Fine Western Wear; Fort Worth, TX:** Pad your wardrobe with boots, cowboy hats, and other high-fashion country wear as well as turquoise jewelry. [www.maverickwesternwear.com](http://www.maverickwesternwear.com).

**29 New Orleans Silversmiths; New Orleans, LA:** Estate jewelry and a great collection of vintage corkscrews can be found here. [www.neworleanssilversmiths.com](http://www.neworleanssilversmiths.com).

**30 McCartys Pottery; Merigold, MS:** Purchase special trademarked "Mississippi River" plates and bowls at McCartys. [www.mccartyspottery.com](http://www.mccartyspottery.com). ▶

**13 Art & Invention Gallery; Nashville, TN:** Located in a former garage, the four-room gallery showcases locally made fine art, handmade jewelry, and whimsical crafts. [www.artandinvention.com](http://www.artandinvention.com).

**14 Square Roots; Decatur, GA:** Take home a bouquet of daisies and a handmade picture frame from the part flower shop, part folk art emporium. [www.squarerootsdecatur.com](http://www.squarerootsdecatur.com).

**15 Beans Ferry Pottery; Fulton, MS:** Known for his Santa Claus ornaments crafted in the shape of Southern states, artist Keith Carpenter makes this gallery a great gift-giving stopover. [www.beansferrypottery.net](http://www.beansferrypottery.net).

## For Kitchen Gadgets

**17 Star Provisions; Atlanta, GA:** This 4,000-square-foot chef's market is a gourmet's yummy dream with fresh bread, wine, and more than 200 types of artisan cheese. [www.starprovisions.com](http://www.starprovisions.com).

**18 Viking Cooking School; Greenwood, MS:** This Delta store sells all types of cookware, including kitchen furnishings and grilling gadgets. (662) 451-6750.

**19 Kiss The Cook; Wimberley, TX:** Situated just off the quaint square in a small Hill Country town, the cooking-supply shop sells knickknacks for a few dollars and cooking equipment in the hundreds. [www.kissthecooktx.com](http://www.kissthecooktx.com).



The Tiecoon in Dallas, TX

### For Home Decor

**31 South of Market; Atlanta, GA:** Make your home a showplace with unique lighting, furnishings, and accessories. [www.southofmarket.biz](http://www.southofmarket.biz).

**32 Elizabeth Stuart Design; Charleston, SC:** With a mix of antique, mid-century, and new furniture, chandeliers, pottery, tableware, and pillows, this place is a one-stop spot for your home. [www.esdcharleston.com](http://www.esdcharleston.com).

**33 Design; Seagrove Beach, FL:** Its upscale showroom is an interior decorating mecca with an entire room dedicated exclusively to rugs. [www.designonthegulf.com](http://www.designonthegulf.com).

**34 Wharf Hill; Smithfield, VA:** Antique pieces are mixed with modern home and garden accessories in the town's original hardware store. [www.wharfhill.com](http://www.wharfhill.com).

**35 Second Chance; Baltimore, MD:** Salvage remnants from chandeliers to old glass knobs fill a roomy warehouse. [www.secondchanceinc.org](http://www.secondchanceinc.org).

**36 R.H. Ballard Art, Rug and Home; Washington, VA:** This small boutique has been known to sell original Matisse lithographs from their basement. It's a bargain. [www.rhballard.com](http://www.rhballard.com).

**37 Coco & Company; St. Michaels, MD:** From antique and vintage furnishings to private label candles, Coco is known as one of Maryland's best spots



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to shop. [www.cocoandcompany.com](http://www.cocoandcompany.com).

**38 De Provence et D'Ailleurs; Blowing Rock, NC:** The store features home decor items and accessories imported from France, including Provence linens and pottery, glasswork from Biot, and Laguiole knives. And, *oui*, French is spoken here. (828) 295-9989.

**39 NOFO at the Pig; Raleigh, NC:** Browse eclectic home accessories and gifts such as recipe organizers and pink flamingo lamps. [www.nofocom](http://www.nofocom).

### For Gift Giving

**40 International Spy Museum; Washington, D.C.:** Visit this awesome museum store for walkie-talkie watches, silk houseplants that have hidden cameras, or safes that look like peanut butter jars. [www.spymuseumstore.org](http://www.spymuseumstore.org).

**41 Route 66; Oklahoma City, OK:** From handmade jewelry to good-smelling soaps to cute clothing, unique finds abound here. (405) 848-6166.

right: Helix in Athens, GA

**42 Hové Parfumeur, Ltd.; New Orleans, LA:** French milled, perfumed soaps and fragrances are made on-site. [www.hoveparfumeur.com](http://www.hoveparfumeur.com).

**43 The Villa; Hot Springs, AR:** Clothing, gifts, and bedding—you'll get it all. [www.thevillagifts.com](http://www.thevillagifts.com).

**44 Helix; Athens, GA:** This eclectic shop sells everything from hand-painted pillows to stylish laptop bags. (706) 354-8631.

**45 Bathos; Franklin, TN:** Batches of all-natural soaps, scrubs, and masks are mixed here. [www.bathosonline.com](http://www.bathosonline.com).

**46 Panache, The Aromatique Gallery; Heber Springs, AR:** Bask in candles, soaps, oils, and other elixirs for the home and body. [www.aromatique.com](http://www.aromatique.com).

### For Clothing and Accessories

**47 Lois Gean's; Magnolia, AR:** This high-fashion boutique, hidden in small-town Arkansas, draws celebrities and socialites in search of designer finds. [www.loisgeans.com](http://www.loisgeans.com).

**48 The Tiecoon; Dallas, TX:** Men's things rule at this small store where you'll uncover cuff links, watches, money clips, shirts, funky gift items, and, of course, ties. [www.thetiecoon.com](http://www.thetiecoon.com).

**49 Skif International; St. Louis, MO:** Try on a few asymmetrical, free-form sweaters made by local designers and fashioned to flatter any shape. [www.skifo.com](http://www.skifo.com).

**50 Sister Dragonfly; Louisville, KY:** Snatch up baubles at reasonable prices, including fun rings and silver bangle bracelets. (502) 899-7625.

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