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# shops we love

Favorite shopping destinations, from New Jersey to Texas.

## MONTCLAIR, NJ



### Parcel

559 Bloomfield Ave.,  
973-744-7700



### FOR... OLD-STORE CHARM

Designed to look like an old-fashioned general store, this shop offers unique paper products (vintage and retro cards, letterpress stationery, ribbons, tags, and stickers), plus French soaps, candles, and penny candy. Further incentive to shop here: Every purchase is wrapped in brown paper and tied with a red-and-white string.

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## AUSTIN, TX



### Blackmail

1202 S. Congress Ave.,  
512-326-7670

### FOR... BETTER THAN YOUR BASIC BLACK

No worries about matching here: Almost everything at this sleek shop comes in classic, always glamorous black. The store, located on a hip shopping strip, stocks items for body (clothing, jewelry, handbags, shoes) and home (candles, soaps, lamps, serving ware), including vintage finds. "Without color to distract them, people really notice the individual items in the store," says owner Gail Chovan.



## CHICAGO, IL



### 1154 lill studio

2523 N. Halsted St.,  
773-477-5455, 1154lill.com

### FOR... CUTE CUSTOM BAGS

Pick from hundreds of seasonal and limited-edition fabric swatches, choose handles, straps, size, style, lining, and then let the experts—owners Robin Newberry and Jennifer Velarde—fashion a bag just for you at their innovative showroom/shop.

