THE *Best* HOME STORES IN AMERICA

You know when you've found the one: a perfect shop that makes you want to cozy up, stay a while—and spend ALL. THE. MONEY. When you're perusing for your home, there's no substitute for an IRL experience, and our list proves it. Start planning your trips now.

Stripped down to its original architecture, this old grocery is now filled with items from local makers, like these plywood chairs by FN Furniture.

Where to Stay Nearby
The Falls Village Inn A historic 1834 property Williams redecorated in 2010. From $259/night. *thefallsvillageinn.com*

100 Main

FALLS VILLAGE, CONNECTICUT

One of the biggest names in interior design sets up shop in her favorite small town.

"It really came about because of the building," says Bunny Williams of her new shop in the Connecticut town where she's long had a home. When the onetime grocery store came up for sale, Williams couldn't resist the opportunity to do something she'd always wanted to do: **showcase local artists and makers.** She tapped Christina van Hengel as a partner to run daily operations, stripped the space down to its industrial bones, and set up a collective-style store with everything from clothing and textiles to ceramics and leather goods, with several exclusive collaborations. The most important criteria, according to Williams? "It has to be something I just love." *—Hadley Keller*

Gift It!
Marbled Pencil Cups. $95 each. *100mainst.com*

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ABC Carpet & Home

NEW YORK CITY

A multilevel Manhattan establishment with a uniquely ethereal atmosphere.

Though ABC is one of the most beloved stores in New York City, its owner and creative director, Paulette Cole, doesn't like to call what people do there *shopping*. "I think of it as discovering and creating," she explains. Since Cole began stocking home items in her family's century-old carpet business in the '80s, visitors have been treated to a sense of discovery: Its globally sourced offerings run the gamut, including **ceramics, modern furniture, vintage lighting, and, of course, carpets.** In 2010, Cole partnered with chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten to launch ABC Kitchen, one of three destination restaurants *within* the store. It's all part of Cole's idea that "the home really begins within." —*Hadley Keller*

Gift It!
Injiri Tablecloth. 72" square. $250. *abchome.com*

The store's display of handmade Astier de Villatte ceramics.

Where to Stay Nearby
Freehand New York Artsy suites designed by Roman and Williams. From $199/night. *freehandhotels.com*

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Vintage goes so fast, they restock new pieces every single day.

The in-house floral shop, featuring plants and bouquets, is a customer favorite.

An insider tip? Browse online before you go, since new items are listed there first.

Jayson Home

CHICAGO

You never know what you'll find inside—and that's only half the fun of stopping in.

A Chicago staple for more than 20 years, Jayson Home's flagship will change your mind about shopping. It's not just the merchandise (though its **one-of-a-kind antiques and vintage pieces, handpicked on trips all over the world,** and customizable in-house furniture line *do* impress). It's also the friendly staff; the in-store flower shop where you can pick up bouquets, houseplants, and succulent arrangements; and the year-round sales room that set it apart. A garden area alongside the store hosts everything from bonfires to book signings—and even converts to a Christmas tree lot come winter. Every visit to the store is a full-on experience. "It's such a special space in the city," cofounder and creative director Caroline Scheeler says. The fact that you might find an eight-foot-tall vintage birdcage when you walk in? That's just a bonus. —*Brittney Morgan*

Marbled ceramics and canisters of tea make great gifts.

An installation of upside-down umbrellas gives a seating area serious charm.

Gift It!
Vintage Rattan Pendant. 12" H x 9.5" W. $495.
jaysonhome.com

Where to Stay Nearby
The Robey This renovated 1929 office building feels straight out of *Mad Men*. From $249/night.
therobey.com

Shoppe Amber Interiors

PACIFIC PALISADES, CALIFORNIA

What started as one-off pillow sales on Instagram is now a full-fledged retail experience.

When it came time to choose a location for her second store, designer and blogger Amber Lewis went "looking for something a little off the beaten path." The spot she chose—a charming cottage on a quintessential SoCal street in a residential neighborhood—was a deliberate maneuver to **break away from the corporate shopping mall experience** so common in Los Angeles. Each item in the Shoppe reflects this sentiment, from hand-made throws to refurbished furniture. If you've ever wanted to peek inside an interior designer's shopping cart, this is the place. —*Hadley Mendelsohn*

Gift It!
Vintage Pillows. From $265. *shoppe.amberinterior design.com*

Where to Stay Nearby
Santa Monica Proper Hotel A Kelly Wearstler–designed oasis is a short drive away. From $450/night. *properhotel.com*

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The mix of modern pieces and down-to-earth vintage items epitomizes Lewis's signature California-cool style.

Antique Archaeology

NASHVILLE

History Channel's *American Pickers* made it legendary, but the treasure is real.

Just like when he's scouring small towns across the U.S., Mike Wolfe has a rule when you visit his store, Antique Archaeology: Take three laps before committing to anything. "In my experience, the best pieces are sometimes in the places you would least expect them to be found," he explains. He's not exaggerating—look up and you'll find **bicycles and vintage light fixtures dangling overhead.** Used guitars dot the exposed-brick wall, holding court alongside Loretta Lynn's sequined stage dress from the 1970s. There are also actual relics from Wolfe's show about antiquing, *American Pickers,* such as the 1942 Harley Von Dutch motorcycle that fans clamor to take selfies with. The space is designed to be half-shop, half-museum—with a surprise hidden in every corner and a tag telling you its story. —*Candace Braun Davison*

Gift It!
Visit on weekday mornings for your best shot at scoring sought-after picks, like original signs.

Wolfe dabbles in roadside Americana, so it's fitting his shop is housed in the same building that once built Marathon cars.

Where to Stay Nearby
The Thompson Nashville
Buzzy spot with a rooftop bar. From $329/night.
thompsonhotels.com

Magnolia Market

WACO, TEXAS

The most visited place in Texas? Not the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium or the Alamo. It's Chip & Jo's new HQ.

Mecca for modern farmhouse lovers, Magnolia Market might be a couple of hours from any major airport, but it is regularly mobbed with tourists scooping up rustic ceramics, candles, and a stem or two from **the best selection of faux seasonal greenery anywhere.** Not long ago, the store was just a couple of old silos in sleepy downtown Waco: "I stood there in awe and imagined what that property could be. I envisioned kids playing on a grassy lawn, and people eating at food trucks, shopping in the market, and strolling in a large garden," recalls Joanna Gaines, who bought it with her husband, Chip, in 2014, during the heyday of *Fixer Upper,* when it was clear their original shop wouldn't fit the fans flooding into town. They made that vision a reality. "It's a place where people can get filled up," Gaines says, "and leave feeling inspired to pursue a life and home they love." —*Amanda Sims*

Clockwise from top: Shiplap walls are a rustic backdrop to stacks of ceramics. Crates of autumnal faux florals are mixed in with merch. A line often forms around the building to get in.

Gift It!
Faux Olive Stems.
$14 each.
shop.magnolia.com

Where to Stay Nearby
Carriage House The home was renovated on Season 3 of *Fixer Upper*! From $545/weeknight.
magnolia.com/stay

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Wayfair's new store features a variety of inspiring curated spaces as well as hundreds of products on shelves

Where to Stay Nearby
The Liberty Hotel Take the train into Boston to stay at this historic jail-turned-boutique hotel. From $199/night. *libertyhotel.com*

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Wayfair

NATICK, MASSACHUSETTS

The bargain hunter's favorite e-comm site has been expanded into an in-person experience.

Online shopping for home decor can be overwhelming when a company has more than 14 million products across five distinct brands to scroll through. Which is why Wayfair's first brick-and-mortar store—located in the Natick Mall, featuring a curated selection of its best products—is so exciting. At its Home Bar, **customers can digitally style their room** with Wayfair's ridiculously affordable products, see it in virtual reality, and then purchase the pieces on the spot. Says Anjalee Sujanani, the general manager of physical retail, "We're always thinking about how to create the best possible shopping experience for our customers." *—Elizabeth Gulino*

Gift It!
Hillsby Area Rug in Orange/Navy. From $110 for a 5' x 7' rug.
wayfair.com

Clockwise from below: In-store vignettes are paired with accessory walls. A Bunny Williams–designed tabletop collection. More than 300 fabric options are on display. Seasonal inspiration abounds.

Gift It!
Lexie Chair in Signature Velvet Emerald. $999. *ballarddesigns.com*

Ballard Designs

ATLANTA

The brand's 20,000-square-foot venue holds treasures untold.

Always dreamed of owning a green velvet Louis XVI side chair with leopard-print piping? You don't have to shell out thousands for a bespoke piece—just head to Ballard Designs. What began as a two-page catalog back in 1983 has become a top shopping source for **close-to-custom furniture (plus case goods, decor, and collabs with A-listers like Suzanne Kasler and Miles Redd)** at price points rivaling most mall brands. (That aforementioned chair? $761, full price.) And if choosing from 350-plus fabric options sounds overwhelming, pop by one of Ballard's retail locations, the most impressive of which is its year-and-a-half-old flagship in Atlanta. The space is more than double the size of the average Ballard store and offers exclusive items and on-site custom monogramming (perfect for last-minute gifts). —*Emma Bazilian*

Where to Stay Nearby
The Candler A 17-story Beaux Arts marvel. From $229/night. *curiocollection3.hilton.com*

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The Foundry Home Goods

MINNEAPOLIS

A neighborhood shop stocked with well-designed everyday supplies.

It's pretty impossible to visit this glowing little store without finding something you suddenly can't live without. "I wanted the shop to be filled with staples, things that people would use every day," says founder and Minneapolis native Anna Hillegass, who left a job in New York to see through her dream of owning a store in her hometown. At the Foundry, you'll find **well-made versions of staples like dishware and cleaning tools,** all meant to elevate daily living to something more beautiful and intentional. *—Hadley Mendelsohn*

Gift It!
Handmade Rubber Bristle Lint Brush, $24; Swedish Stand Up Bath Tub Cleaning Brush, $28. *thefoundryhomegoods.com*

Texture-rich pieces like sheepskin throws offset all the tableware. "The world that the Foundry has built is so tactile and beautiful," Hillegass says.

Where to Stay Nearby
Hewing Hotel A former farm-implement warehouse turned cozy neighborhood hotel. From $179/night. *hewinghotel.com*

Clockwise from above left: Art is a top seller, so you'll always find an assortment in stock. The store's kitchen was created by Plain English. A striped awning beckons passersby.

One Kings Lane

SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK

Pretend you live at the beach in this nautical Main Street storefront.

A customer favorite for more than a decade, formerly digital-only retailer One Kings Lane is stepping onto the streets. Its SoHo shop opened last year, and this September, they made their seasonal Hamptons pop-up a permanent destination, taking up residence in an old pharmacy built in 1901. "History, architecture, and connection to the local community are extremely important to us when we're looking for a retail space," president Debbie Propst explains, adding that a Boston store opened in October. Stop by the Southampton store, an airy space that feels like a coastal dream home, to **shop furniture and large-scale art curated with a distinctively seaside charm.** Items are arranged in what they call a "living assortment," so you'll find different pieces every single day. —*Brittney Morgan*

PHOTOGRAPHER: ANNIE SCHLECHTER

Where to Stay Nearby
Capri Hotel Upscale beachy rooms around a pool. From $209/night. *caprisouthampton.com*

Gift It!
Ponce Blueridge Lampshade in Ivory. $245 for an 18" lampshade. *onekingslane.com*

And There's Even More...

From sea to shining sea, the best spots for furniture, decor, and everything else. Check out **housebeautiful.com /best-stores** to visit each one!

Amy Berry Home
DALLAS
The designer offers her pretty, preppy style to fans in a new shop carrying everything from kids' chairs to antiques.

Anecdote
LA GRANGE, IL
A new boutique from The Everygirl founder Danielle Moss with furniture, art, and accessories—many from local vendors.

Big Daddy's Antiques
LOS ANGELES
This destination for statement-making vintage pieces has been a favorite of L.A. insiders for more than 20 years.

Casa Perfect
NEW YORK
The latest iteration of cutting-edge furniture showroom The Future Perfect is a home/shop in New York's West Village where founder David Alhadeff lives.

Ceylon et Cie
DALLAS
Fine antiques and treasures from around the world fill Michelle Nussbaumer's store.

Copper Beech
BELLPORT, NY
Designers Dan Fink and Thomas O'Brien turned this erstwhile grocery store in their Long Island town into a purveyor of dry goods and chic home accessories.

Design Ranch
IOWA CITY, IA
The best in modern lighting and furniture from the likes of Vitra, Herman Miller, and more coexists in this Iowa store.

Digs
SEATTLE
Find local cookbooks and home accessories sharing space with midcentury furniture.

Fritz Porter
CHARLESTON, SC
This collective feels like a design carnival, with stalls for everything from antiques to textiles by the yard.

Garde
LOS ANGELES
Shop the coolest in contemporary furniture, lighting, tabletop, and jewelry at this airy store.

Giannetti Home
SANTA BARBARA, CA
Brooke and Steve Giannetti bring their layered, patinated style to this Santa Barbara locale.

Goop Lab
LOS ANGELES
In a bungalow in Brentwood, Roman and Williams have created a plush home for founder Gwyneth Paltrow's favorite things—from face creams to mixing bowls.

The Grand Tour
PALM BEACH
Caroline Rafferty's bazaar of furniture and decor feels nothing like the Lilly Pulitzer–swathed interiors of your grandmother's Palm Beach.

Grange Hall
DALLAS
Curiosities like gold eggs and porcelain birds and Urban Flower floral designs give this shop an otherworldly feel. Intrigued? Stay for a meal at the restaurant.

Heath Ceramics
SAN FRANCISCO
This cult-favorite pottery brand offers more than its beloved mugs. Expect design books, home accessories, soft goods—all adjacent to the buzzy Tartine Manufactory.

Hem
LOS ANGELES
The first U.S. outpost of the beloved Swedish brand Hem (*home* in Swedish), this L.A. location boasts an outdoor space with a graphic mural, *Confetti Courtyard,* by Clark Thenhaus.

Homesense
PARAMUS, NJ
HomeGoods' Canadian cousin, this discount furniture outfit—new to the U.S. in 2017—offers deals on everything from pillows to patio furniture.

Hugh
DETROIT
You're sure to find the perfect gift among this assortment of unique home accessories, barware, and more.

John Derian
NEW YORK
The lord of decoupage stocks his trio of adjacent East Village stores with the trays and objets d'art he creates from vintage prints (6 E. Second St.); he also sells furniture (8), and textiles and art (10).

Jung Lee
NEW YORK
An event planner extraordinaire offers the makings of a very fab fete at her glittering shop.

March
SAN FRANCISCO
Everything you need for the world's coolest kitchen and all the dinner parties you can host.

Mecox
SOUTHAMPTON, NY
First opened as a garden and furniture shop in Southampton in 1996, Mecox now has eight locations across the U.S.

Mitchell Hill
CHARLESTON, SC
Find everything from contemporary art to gilded pig sculptures in this design duo's store.

Muji
PORTLAND, OR
The first foray of minimal Japanese lifestyle brand Muji into the Pacific Northwest, this shop has been an instant success.

Nickey Kehoe
LOS ANGELES
Handmade furniture, ceramics, and rugs coexist at this shop by designer friends Todd Nickey and Amy Kehoe.

Paloma & Co
HOUSTON
Paloma Contreras and partner Devon Liedtke bring treasures sourced in Europe and art from contemporary Southern artists to their store.

Patrick Mele
GREENWICH, CT
The designer took his love for bold color juxtaposed with antiques to his hometown of Greenwich, where he runs this shop with his mother.

Pistils Nursery
PORTLAND, OR
Everything you need for a blooming garden—whether outside or potted in your apartment.

Rejuvenation
PORTLAND, OR
Find restored antiques and retrofitted vintage light fixtures in this historic 1905 building.

RH, Restoration Hardware
WEST PALM BEACH, FL
One of the brand's new Design Galleries, the Florida outpost boasts patio space galore and a rooftop restaurant.

Rivers Spencer
NEW ORLEANS
The designer brings her favorite antiques, lighting, furniture, clothing, and art to a homelike space.

Scott Antique Markets
ATLANTA
Every Southern designer's favorite source for antiques.

South Loop Loft
CHICAGO
A treasure trove of furniture, textiles, and design objects from around the world; you're sure to find a unique piece here.

St. Frank
SAN FRANCISCO
Christina Bryant brings global, artisan-made textiles and accessories to her shops in San Francisco; New York City; East Hampton, New York; and Pacific Palisades, California.

Stoffer Home
GRAND RAPIDS, MI
Kitchen designer Jean Stoffer uses her storefront to not only show her line of cabinetry, but also offer items from her favorite brands.

Terrain
WESTPORT, CT
A gardener's dream, this shop is filled to the brim with plants and all things for nurturing and displaying them, plus a pretty café.

Thick as Thieves
PALM SPRINGS
Felt hats, CBD oil, funky ceramics—everything you need to design your dream Palm Springs life.

Ware and Co.
NEW ORLEANS
Upholstery and lighting in traditional Southern style—with a twist.

Wilder
NASHVILLE
Stop here for modern and contemporary finds in a breezy space.

Yowie
PHILADELPHIA
Happy colors and playful pattern reign supreme at this Philadelphia shop.

—Hadley Keller