

RETAIL'S NOT DEAD A boom in designer-owned shops proves that when it comes to characterful sourcing, transporting ideas, and one-of-a-kind expertise, the internet just can't compete.



Custom pillows, \$395 each; shelleydesign.com.

SHELLEY JOHNSTONE The mix is refined at Johnstone's Lake Forest, Illinois, store: custom pillows with designer details; collages by Marian McEvoy; chinoiserie chairs—all blended with a flair for color and pattern. shelleydesign.com.



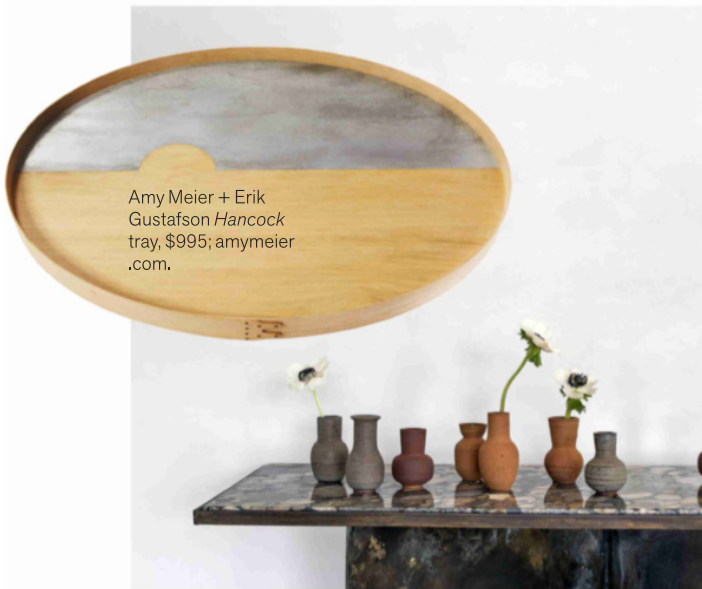
Eye prints by Mary Maguire, \$250 each; patrickmele.com.



Creel and Gow Ram bottle opener, \$75; patrickmele.com.



PATRICK MELE His Greenwich, Connecticut, jewel box is a lab for design, with bold silhouettes, vivid hues, and electric pairings that Mele completely reimagines several times a year. patrickmele.com.



Amy Meier + Erik Gustafson Hancock tray, \$995; amymeier.com.

AMY MEIER Design objects are treated with a fine-art reverence at Meier's Rancho Santa Fe, California, gallery, with an emphasis on her considered collaborations with makers like Erik Gustafson and Carol Leskanic. amymeier.com.



Placemat, \$160 for four, and Zsuzsanna Nyul plate, \$58; sarahbartholomew.com.

SARAH BARTHOLOMEW

From her outpost in Nashville, Bartholomew mines a fresh, worldly American vibe, stocking hard-to-source fabric lines like Ian Mankin and Namay Samay, plus classic wicker and rattan. sarahbartholomew.com.



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