

Austin (cont'd)

1 & 2. By George Now a quarter century old, this venerable retailer has in the past year added an upscale designer department, flush with Lanvin bags and Chloé dresses, and unveiled a second, more street-centric outpost on trendy South Congress, which features labels such as Isabel Marant Etoile and Vena Cava. **1400 S. Congress Ave., 512-441-8600; 524 N. Lamar Blvd., 512-472-5951**

3. Eliza Page Fine jewelry from emerging names is the focus at this expertly edited spot. Everything is organized by designer—making it easy to find that Becky Kelso moonstone ring or Ginette NY monogram necklace—then sorted by price (more expensive pieces are in cases lining the walls; lower-priced styles are atop a giant table). Nearly half the designers are based in and around Austin. **229 W. Second St., 512-474-6500, elizapage.com**

4. Feathers It's no accident that the vintage garments here seem in sync with current trends—they're purposely selected for their modern-day relevance, yet still have an undeniably hip, retro appeal. And every piece is a winner, whether it's a batwing-sleeved dress, a Stevie Nicks-ish crystal pendant, or an appliquéd silk peasant blouse. **1700B S. Congress Ave., 512-912-9779**

5. Gardens The focal point of this relaxing nursery/

boutique compound is a modernized bungalow filled with European cookware, Mariage Frères tea, and Santa Maria Novella soaps; plus there's an attached barn offering redwood dining tables and Yucatan cowhide chairs. Outside, the lush gardens present an expansive variety of exotic and regional foliage. **1818 W. 35th St., 512-451-5490**

6. Home Girls Mother-daughter team Sarah and Kathryn Blanchard have always scoured antique markets for fixer-uppers, and now have an outlet to sell their refurbished creations. The year-old store features the pair's spruced-up pieces: everything from faux-bamboo bookcases to Danish Modern sofas. **4634 Burnet Rd., 512-420-2647**

7. Kick Pleat Set in the middle of a row of South Austin residences reborn as shops, Kick is our preferred destination for clothing by up-and-coming labels like Mociun, Obus, and Sunshine and Shadow, plus the latest from established indies including Twinkle by Wenlan and Alexander Wang. **910 S. First St., 512-445-4500, kickpleat.com**

8. Luxe Apothetique Recently relocated to North Austin's new open-air Domain shopping center, this boutique-salon-spa hybrid is unchanged from its previous location: The front has an airy loftiness and is healthily stocked with Elijah gem-

encrusted tunics, Anna Sui op art print dresses, and Jurlique face sprays, while the back houses a treatment area. **11501 Century Oaks Terrace, 512-346-8202**

9. Parts & Labour Texans have an intense sense of pride when it comes to their state, so it makes sense that a shop would crop up that exclusively features Lone Star-made goods. Items crafted by more than 200 young talents—many of whom live in the Austin area—are on offer, from cheeky T-shirts to offbeat lockets. **1604 S. Congress Ave., 512-326-1648**

10. Shiki Seemingly overnight, a strip of West Second Street in downtown Austin morphed into the city's go-to shopping area, and Shiki is our favorite spot in that part of town for rising names like Castle Starr, Fluets, and Bensoni. **225 W. Second St., 512-391-0123**

11. Uncommon Objects This is the most ingeniously curated antique resource we've ever encountered. Proprietor Steve Wiman only works with top-notch consigners, and it shows in the shop's 30-plus brilliantly executed booths, from a carnival-inspired stand dedicated to vintage gaming paraphernalia to a cabin-like nook laden with offbeat Western collectibles. **1512 S. Congress Ave., 512-442-4000**