



## Houston

- 1. Abejas** This ever-rewarding store has a Mediterranean mood (antique farm tables, oversize wicker baskets, and burlap dressing room curtains), and the driftwood-rail racks are lined with understated garments by Puella, Matta, and Gary Graham. **5600 Kirby Dr., 713-522-3025, abejasboutique.com**
- 2. Leap** So named because owner Susan Silverman took a leap of faith when she shifted into retail—previously, she was a corporate headhunter working on an anthropology grad degree—this store offers a satisfying catalog of on-the-cusp labels, like Eurythmic, Reset, Manoush, and Hazel Brown. **2314 Bissonnet St., 713-526-4580**
- 3. Past Era** This extraordinary estate jewelry resource is beloved for its assortment of pieces that span 300 years of design. We fixated on an Etruscan turquoise wirework pendant and a Georgian lover's-eye miniature (a locket-size charm that paramours would have painted for each other). **2311 Westheimer Rd. (inside the Antique Pavilion), 713-524-7110**
- 4. Peel Gallery** The only retail entity among the art galleries in one of Houston's most visually arresting buildings, Peel showcases new works by respected names, from Brooklyn's Jason Miller (he of the famous ceramic antler chandelier) to London's Thorsten van Elten collective (now in stock: its surreal teacup-shaped planters). **4411 Montrose Blvd., 713-520-8122**
- 5. Pixie & Ivy** Stephanie McKinley-Ford's eclectic shop is influenced by her global jaunts: The interior is a pastiche of antiques procured in Parisian markets, and the inventory is made up of labels with an artful urban aesthetic, like Rick Owens, Sonia Rykiel, Nathan Jenden, and Obesity and Speed. **1848 Westheimer Rd., 713-630-6500**
- 6. Raye** Part of a hipster mini-empire that includes a coffee shop and underground bookstore on Houston's arty lower Westheimer stretch, this boutique is easily the coolest in town. This season, find looks by Coven, Mociun, Borne, and Rachel Comey. **2608 Dunlavy St., 713-529-1993**
- 7. Sloan/Hall** So exquisite are the taste levels of Marcus Sloan and Shannon Hall that each item in their shop—there's one in San Antonio, too—feels like an amazing find. The stock includes painstakingly crafted ceramics, jewelry, and glassware—some magnificent, some bizarre, like a Nymphenberg statue of a nobleman or a taxidermied white peacock. **2620 Westheimer Rd., 713-942-0202**