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
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
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!
Injin Tablecloth.
72" square. $250.
abchome.com

ABC Carpet & Home
NEW YORK CITY
A multilevel Manhattan establishment with a uniquely ethereal atmosphere.

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

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

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

Marbled ceramics and canisters of tea make great gifts.
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 handmade throws to refurbished furniture. If you’ve ever wanted to peek inside an interior designer’s shopping cart, this is the place.—Hadley Mendelsohn

Shoppe Amber Interiors
PACIFIC PALISADES, CALIFORNIA

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

Gift It!
Vintage Pillows. From $265. shoppeamberinteriordesign.com

Where to Stay Nearby
Santa Monica Proper Hotel A Kelly Wearstler–designed oasis is a short drive away. From $450/night. properhotel.com
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
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 hold 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
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
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
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. curio collection3.hilton.com
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

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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

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

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

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.
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  
BELLOPORT, 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 mid-century 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.

Goob 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 Sweden), this L.A. location boasts an outdoor space with a graphic mural, Confetti Courtyard, by Clark Thiesen.

Homesense  
PARAMUS, NJ  
HomeGoods’ Canadian cousin, this discount furniture, ceramics, and rugs coexist at this shop by designer friends Todd Nickley and Amy Kehoe.

Paloma & Co  
HOUSTON  
Paloma Contreras and partner Devon Luedtke 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.

Stocker Home  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI  
Kitchen designer Jean Stocker 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 patterns reign supreme at this Philadelphia shop.

—Hadley Keller