

A Honey of a Store

Artists' hive offers an assortment of unique decor

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If you're looking to add a one-of-a-kind piece to your decor, but you don't want to get stung by the high prices found at most galleries, consider making a beeline for the Beehive Co-op on Peachtree Road, just north of Midtown.

Started in 2004 by Petra Geiger, this contemporary store is swarming with budding local and regional artisans crafting unique clothing, accessories, jewelry, furniture and home decor. Geiger, who designs accessories, provides designers and artists with a venue for their crafts while they establish themselves in broader markets. The collection of boutiques gives the public a fresh, custom alternative to mass production and high-priced art.

Home decor is well represented at the co-op, with ceramics available from two local designers, Cara Gilbert and Tania Julian; a textile design firm called Modern Basics, which offers bold geometric pillows, table linens and baby blankets in fresh, contemporary colors; and retro furniture featuring clean lines and two-toned solid wood at Studio 1023.

Oriental-inspired lamps by Frog-bench and mixed-media table lamps by Holly Reeves can light up a room in show-stopping style. Huggable creature pillows, designed by House of Ingri, have to be seen rather than described. And Schlee offers wooden desk accessories for men.

Shoppers can find something for every room in the house, whether it's picture frames and pillows for children's rooms, birdfeeders for the patio or original paintings to decorate your walls. "And yet with its huge range of styles, there is cohesiveness to the



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Above: The Beehive Co-op, located on Peachtree Road just north of Midtown, was started by Petra Geiger.

Below: Cara Gilbert, one of the ceramicists at Beehive, shows some of her work.