

Where to go, what to buy. By Helen Racanelli

pure home couture

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couture for the home

In the '80s, fashion designer Abby Kanak-McDuffee's career soared. Celebrities like Goldie Hawn and Glenn Close wore her dresses. She and hubby Steven McDuffee had a flagship store. But when their newborn daughter, Pallas, suffered a brain injury, Abby closed up shop to care for her, which she continues to do. In 2002, the couple opened Pure Home Couture in Hamilton. "We decided to turn our pain and passion into something life affirming," says Abby. "A lifestyle store full of things girls love."

tables of sweet stuff

Climb the stairs to the store, which is on the second floor of a historic building, and be transported to a Montmartre-esque space. French armoires and harvest tables are brimming with adorable, affordable glasses, dishes, soaps and more.

gorgeous gifts

Stumped for gift ideas? Pure Home Couture offers these haute picks: linen fingertip towels trimmed with poodle ruffles or printed ribbon, from \$25 each, Marie Antoinette scalloped blue dishware, from \$9, Diptyque's Feu de Bois candles, \$65 each, and Juicy Couture jewelry for your teens, from \$50. ▶



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- 1 Robin's egg soaps in blue, pink, yellow, \$3 each
- 2 Burlap settee with Florentine image, \$3,950
- 3 Tocca Beauty's Stella body cream in Blood Orange, \$60
- 4 Reproduction cream-painted pantry with glass doors, \$4,200

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