

SHOPPING **HOT SHOPS**

(in toronto)

Common Cloth

WHAT IT IS A clothing boutique opened by sisters Melanie and Kristina in the increasingly gentrified Queen Street West neighbourhood.

WHAT'S IN-STORE Beautifully tailored pants (both skinny and super-wide), fine-gauge knits, billowy silk blouses and a collection of dresses to suit any occasion, from a Monday morning meeting to Saturday night cocktails. The sisters have also introduced Fetch by Common Cloth, a line of dapper duds for dogs.

THE EXTRAS Melanie and Kristina hold seminars to show budding fashionistas and young professionals how to build a wardrobe that ensures they look fabulous – and appropriate – at all times. Come in and take advantage of the free tailoring (and espresso bar!), or if time is in short supply, shop online from the recently relaunched website. –M.R.

1233 Queen St. West • 416-203-7710 • commoncloth.com
Prices: \$48–\$698 • Return policy: 14 days for refund or exchange on unworn merchandise with tags attached.

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The 10 Spot Nail Bar



WHAT IT IS A chic, no-appointment-necessary nail spa for today's It girls, created by self-professed social butterfly Kristen Gale. In a world where 24-hour perfection is becoming the norm, impeccable nails can be a pretty big asset. Kristen set out to bring Toronto a nail bar like the ones she had seen while

living in New York and Montréal.

WHAT'S IN-STORE Obviously, the standard mani/pedi. Or you can pop in for a “quickie” if you just need a little touch-up. Other services include makeup application, waxing, threading and massage.

THE EXTRAS Events like A Real Saturday Night Out (express manicures for two and VIP tickets to Queen Street's hot theatre production *I Decide*) and Hangover Hook-Up (a pedicure with continental breakfast, to help ease the pain of a late night on the town, offered from noon to 2 p.m. on Sundays). Perhaps the most endearing is The Break-Up: manis and pedis for the newly single and her supportive pal, plus a tub of Ben & Jerry's ice cream. –M.R.

749 Queen St. West • 416-915-1010 • 10spot.ca • Prices: \$10–\$100.



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Uppity!

WHAT IT IS With a tag line that reads “Fine & Funky Home Decor & Antiques,” Uppity! might be hard to categorize. Owner Timothy Loughmiller not only carries an eclectic collection, he also helps people choose the right item for their home. “My pieces tend to talk to you. I can feel the magnetism between a customer and a piece they're looking at,” he explains.

WHAT'S IN-STORE Cabinets, shelves, end tables, chairs and, most distinctively, folk art. Look out for odd finds like a child's hobby horse in the shape of a goat, a cast iron art-deco-era pedestal sink, or an oversized croquet set in distressed wood. In a nutshell, Timothy says that anything he sells would make a great accent for any room with any kind of decor.

THE EXTRA Because Timothy specializes in preservation, not restoration, everything you find will be in its initial condition – not stripped and refinished. His stock is as authentic as it gets. –M.R.

1124 Queen St. East • 647-436-0661 • uppity.ca
Prices: \$15–\$800 • Return policy: All sales are final.

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