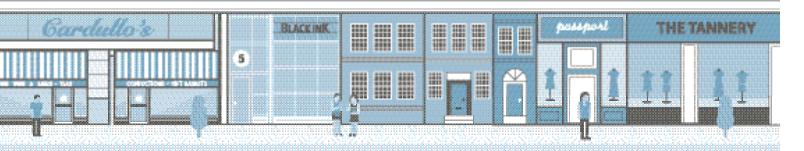


SHAWHUT AVENUE

Browse hip home décor boutiques like J.E.M. and Hudson—or pick up bold, geometric baubles from Michele

Mercaldo Jewelry—on this tree-lined, brownstone-filled street in the South End. Polka Dog Bakery and Formaggio Kitchen are perfect places to stop: The former offers treats for pups (and is worth a visit even if yours is at home), while the latter has one of the most comprehensive selections of cheese and charcuterie in the city. TAKE HOME • Taza's salted-almond Chocolate Mexicano disk, \$5.25, Formaggio Kitchen.



BRATTLE STREET This boutique-packed stretch in Harvard Square proves that bigger is not always better when it comes to shopping. **Black Ink** offers a whimsical selection of letterpress stationery and irreverent gifts, and **Cardullo's** has been packed with gourmet dry goods, coffee, and chocolate since 1950. The **Tannery** stocks tried-and-true brands such as Hunter and Boston-based Timberland, while **Passport** proffers stylish designer duds and accessories from the likes of Vince, Hayden-Harnett, and Chan Luu. **TAKE HOME** •• Cards from Milton-based stationer Two Trick Pony, \$4.50, Black Ink.



CHARLES STREET

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