



SISTER ACT

What do you get when you combine two siblings, a common dream, and an old car showroom? Belmont's newest design spot, Artefact. BY ANNE VICKMAN

Sue and Maureen Walsh have always loved both international travel and beautiful objects. So after years working corporate jobs—Sue as a project manager for a tech company and Maureen as a marketing executive—the Arlington-based sisters decided it was time to pursue their passion for top-shelf home design. They found the perfect spot for their new décor venture in a former Dodge dealership in Belmont. With its funky curved front, wealth of natural light, and wide-open floor plan, the space captures their laid-back yet luxurious aesthetic. “We like to think that Ellen DeGeneres, Tim Gunn, and Victoria Beckham would all shop here,” Sue says. 1000 PLEASANT ST., BELMONT, 617-993-3347, ARTEFACTHOME.COM.

1 EDITOR'S PICK

An aluminum garden stool by Gold Leaf Design (\$410) makes a surprisingly comfortable seat.

2 BEST INVESTMENT

“This is definitely something Audrey Hepburn would have had,” Sue says of the elegant Verellen sofa (\$4,850).

3 NICE STUFF

The sisters imported silk from Asia and had a local designer incorporate it into hand-sewn pillows (\$125–\$150).

4 PIECE OF HISTORY

This wall panel (\$400) came from a Maine estate.

5 OWNER'S FAVE

Whimsical porcelain ceramics by Lesley Anton (\$140–\$225) feature gold-leaf-painted zippers.

6 MOST VERSATILE

“I love the juxtaposition of rustic and refined,” Maureen says of this Jeff Jones “Notch” table lamp (\$555), made from reclaimed oak.

7 SHOWSTOPPER

Gold-leaf-covered objets d’art (\$210 each) make great eye candy.

8 GREAT GIFT

These silver-handled nesting trays by Made Good (\$325–\$360) are covered in faux shagreen.

9 GREEN CHOICE

“The patina is even throughout, so if it chips, the color will be the same,” Sue says of this durable, lightweight John Lamos planter (\$75) made of cement and recycled materials.