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HOME AUTOUR DU MONDE

8 rue des Francs Bourgeois, 75003

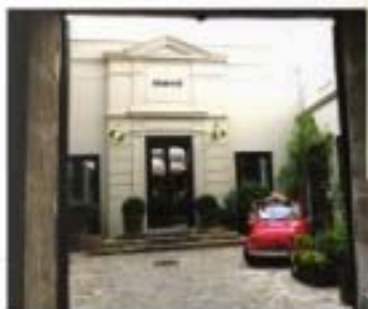
The interiors outpost of Bensimon, a company known for its vibrant clothing and accessories, Home Autour stocks punchy and playful decor items in candy-colored hues. But tucked quietly amongst the rainbow are columns of alabaster candle holders, stacks of knit throws, and a wide range of bell jars. As Summer says, "Everything just looks more important under those glass domes!"

TOMBEES >>

17 rue Joseph de Maistre, 75018

Quirky, creepy and just plain cool, Tombees has turned the curation of "junk" into an art form. Summer explains, "I'm obsessed with display and collection, and this place is the motherland!" From a parade of doll heads and ceramic jars to a phalanx of vintage patches and buttons, every item in the shop is used to create repeated patterns that delight the eye and tug on the purse strings.





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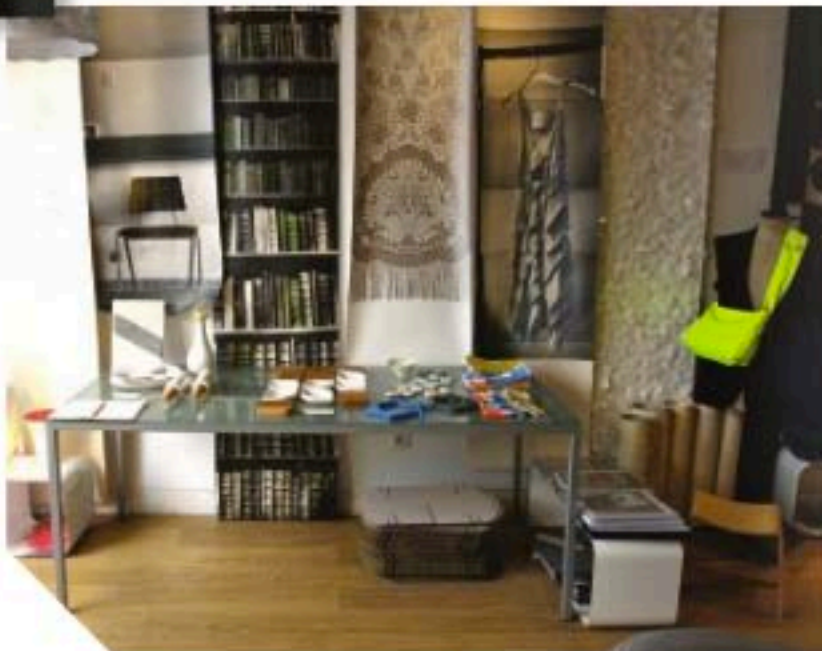
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"Be careful," warns Summer. "You'll easily spend hours at Merci." Soak in the rustic industrial vibe along with the sunlight that streams through the centuries-old skylights of this interiors, fashion and accessories emporium. Reclaimed and vintage gems mingle with new designer exclusives, and the library cafe serves scrumptious organic snacks with a side of eco-conscious style.

THE COLLECTION

33 rue de Poitou, 75003

Summer sites tromp l'oeil as one of her top current trends, so the vast array of custom wallpaper at The Collection satisfies her appetite for the mind-bending magic of "genuine fake bookshelves." The unique finds at this store—which is actually an outpost of London-based designers—also include artisanal lighting and accents with a sleek modern sensibility.





VANVES

Avenue Georges Lafenestre and Avenue Marc Sangnier, 75014

Each weekend the vendors at Vanves unload truckloads of treasure for the crowds that flock in hopes of a deal. The closest thing in Paris to an American-style flea market, the tables sag under the weight of faded photographs, tarnished silverware, and plenty of junk. Summer's advice for sorting through the endless wares? "Remember it's French junk, which makes it much more interesting!"