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Among the majesty of the Rocky Mountains, the charming city of Denver, Colorado, has a wealth of interesting offerings, including award-winning restaurants, beautiful inns, and lovely, independently owned shops.

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## The Shops of Denver

In Denver, there is a clear sense of support among shop owners and area artisans. Evidence of this is seen in businesses such as Pome, a delightful place filled to the rafters with old-fashioned ribbon, penny candy, tin toys, clothing, soaps, knitted cupcakes, all-natural home products, and gourmet olive oil—much of the merchandise made locally. Proprietress Kate Feinsod recently moved her shop a few doors away from its former location, and the space now includes a small grocery area, as well as coffee and tea service, and it will soon feature garden seating in the rear of the store.

In the heart of Littleton, just outside the Denver city limits, is a sweet store called Prince Street Dry Goods. Owner Genna Morrow stocks the shelves with the vintage and antique items she loves, including china, furniture, home décor accessories, textiles, and costume jewelry. Also





in Littleton is Tres Jolie, a store decorated with candy-colored chandeliers, colorful velvet sofas, and counters filled with charming wares. "Some have described Tres Jolie as Alice's magic rabbit hole," owner Holly Smith says with a smile. "The store is very sparkly—my daughter, Carly, likes to say our favorite color is glitter." Customers sip Champagne and nibble on pastries as they shop for customizable organic bed linens, candles, garden décor, and other trinkets and baubles.

In downtown Denver, a block of Victorian buildings called Larimer Square is home to Victoriana Antique & Fine Jewelry, a shop selling breathtaking pieces—from gold-filled Victorian bar pins to signed platinum and diamond necklaces from the 1930s. Proprietors David and Veronica Prebble work with jewelry buyers throughout the world, and the couple travels to jewelry shows to find the best-quality pieces possible. "For the past two hundred years, jewelry has been the highest expression of the various design periods," David says. "We appreciate well-executed design from almost every period."



## TOURING

*"We have items from the early 1800s through the 1950s," Victoriana co-owner David Prebble says. The collection includes delicate cameos, fine diamond engagement rings, and beautiful costume pieces, among others. "Our constantly changing inventory includes a complete range of prices and materials," he adds.*

