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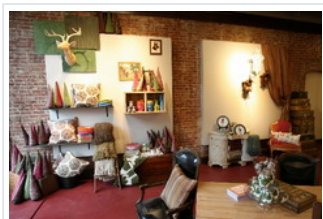


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Check out the unique boutiques in growing Gordon Square area

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ROOM SERVICE: Ordering up unusual shops in the Gordon Square area. MORE INFO Gordon Square area Where: On Cleveland's near West Side, around the intersection of West 65th Street and Detroit Avenue.

rhythms of La Boca and the freshly baked treats at Gypsy Beans & Baking Co. coffee shop.

The area, which centers around West 65th Street and Detroit Avenue near the Shoreway, is also home to Cleveland Public Theatre and several galleries. But what often gets overlooked is that Gordon Square has become home to several unique boutiques in town. So the next time you head west, why not make it "shopping and a movie" instead of "dinner and a movie" -- or "shopping AND dinner and a movie"?

Read on for some of Shop Talk's favorite stops:

DuoHome, 6507 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, 216-651-4411, duohome.com: Cleveland isn't exactly known for its modernist sensibility, so those with a taste for midcentury often have to look elsewhere (or online) when it comes to home design and decor. Well, no more. Since 2007, the ultrasophisticated DuoHome has been bringing the finest in modern and contemporary looks to the West Side. Scott Suskowicz and Tim Kempf provide design services and consultation, and sell an array of home items in their 800-square-foot storefront. Lines carried include Stonewall Kitchen (gourmet kitchen and gift treats), Blomus (high-style stainless-steel home accessories), Elite Design Furnishings (cutting-edge furniture) and Wee People (a local gift line).

Room Service, 6505 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, 216-281-4221, roomservicecleveland.com: Probably the hippest gift store-boutique in town. Danielle DeBoe's eclectic shop offers lovely books; cards and paper gifts; jewelry and accessories, many made by local artisans; candles and bath products; hipster baby and toddler accessories; and the edgy Defend Cleveland T-shirt line.

Kitsch City, 6511 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, 216-651-2489, kitschcity.com: Fun and funky gift items and home decor. Items range from greeting cards (featuring many gay-themed lines) and bar and party supplies (great Tiki stuff) to bath and body products (don't miss the "celebrity" rubber ducks) to lots of gag and, yes, kitschy gift items. The retro tin money banks are especially fun (I like the 1970s bluejeans-clad "I'm savin' up for a new pair of jeans!" bank).

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