



nearly always spots an object she has to have, be it jewelry, silver, coral or a remnant of cloth. She thinks nothing of dragging home unwieldy bundles, such as the canvas shopping bag she carried onto a plane that held a disassembled antique Murano crystal chandelier, now hanging in her home office, that she'd found at a London flea market.

Asked which one fabric she loves above all, Sherri answers without hesitation, "Linen. I love that it marks and wrinkles." She then strokes the brown linen-velvet fabric by Donghia that's covering a chair. When her touch creates shimmering variations of color, she laughs with delight. "See? Instant patina!" ✕

Manhattan's Global Bazaar

Between trips abroad, Sherri Donghia visits the following boutiques near her downtown neighborhood for their unusual treasures.

Ted Muehling. Jewelry, tabletop items and objets d'art that are inspired by such natural forms as seashells and driftwood. "I am especially fond of his perforated-porcelain vessels. Ted's work is the ultimate in refinement," Sherri says. 27 Howard Street; 212-431-3825.

Sheherazade. Antique textiles, supersized throw pillows, Iraqi glass lamps and traditional Moroccan tea sets. "Passion for the craftspeople in Morocco and other exotic locales comes through in the eclectic assortment of this store." 121 Orchard Street; 212-539-1771.

Patina. Choice vintage clothing and accessories by such designers as Bonnie Cashin, Lilli Ann and Pauline Trigère. "The owner's eye for unique vintage treasures scores with me on almost every visit." 451 Broome Street; 212-625-3375.

Pastec. A mix of unusual clothing, gifts and accessories such as felted-wool necklaces from Morocco, recycled-fabric bags by Luisa Cevese and striped knitwear and housewares by Mia Zia. "Always ahead of the design curve with quirky offerings." 459 Broome Street; 212-219-3922.

Burden & Izett. Native Brits Jonathan Burden and Benjamin Izett have brought a bit of Pimlico Road to TriBeCa. Featuring high-end European and Chinese antiques in a casual setting, their store, located in a former dairy-storage warehouse, offers "furniture on a spectacular scale." 180 Duane Street; 212-941-8247.

Art et Maison. Scents by Laura Tonatto, Italian tableware and Caipirinha chocolates. "Maria DeFilippis and Olga Sivkova serve up delicious *panini* and cappuccino, along with some of the best-designed Italian leather goods." 31 North Moore Street; 212-226-3665.

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