

# TREASURE HUNT

From one-of-a-kind stone cocktail tables to classic slipcovered sofas, there's a prize around every corner at Texas' latest and greatest home emporiums.

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DALLAS

## The Stone Age

In March, rock-star furniture and accessories designer **Brenda Houston** opened her once trade-only showroom to the public, bringing her exquisite stone creations to the Dallas Design District's retail-buying clients. Houston works directly with miners in Mexico, Brazil and Uruguay to source the stone she uses to create one-of-a-kind tables, lighting, sculpture and more. New items in store include a stunning selenite side table, which won best in show at 2015's International Contemporary Furniture Fair. It's easy to see why the piece stood out: The selenite, which perches on a base of mirrored brass, is topped with ultraclear Starphire glass and specially treated to give the stone an all-white, icy appearance. Also look for Houston's dramatic Arte al Muro wallpapers, featuring large-scale images of malachite, agate, tiger's eye and images of malachite, agate, tiger's eye.



Brenda Houston's Dallas showroom, which opened to the public March 1, offers an array of mineral-based furniture and accessories.

HOUSTON

## Modern Classics

"We take Grandma's couch and make it you," says April Miller, owner of **Before | After Vintage Modern Atelier**. Houston's newest vintage furniture and accessories boutique. In addition to its in-house upholstery services, which can turn a long-forgotten item of furniture into a like-new treasure, Before | After offers a plethora of pieces that are just right as is. Artwork such as original LeRoy Neiman etchings and midcentury pop art share space with classic furnishings, including a vintage red Womb chair by Eero Saarinen (\$5,000) and an iconic black leather Barcelona chair (\$3,737) and a white Carrara marble Saarinen side table (\$747). Inventory changes frequently, so check back often because you never know what you might find. Recently sold: a set of 1928 Le Corbusier chairs from Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris. 1022 Wirt Road, Ste. 326B Houston, 713.255.0275, [bavintagemodern.com](http://bavintagemodern.com)



**GOOD VINTAGE**  
Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's Barcelona chair is one of many classic designs you'll find at Before | After in Houston.