

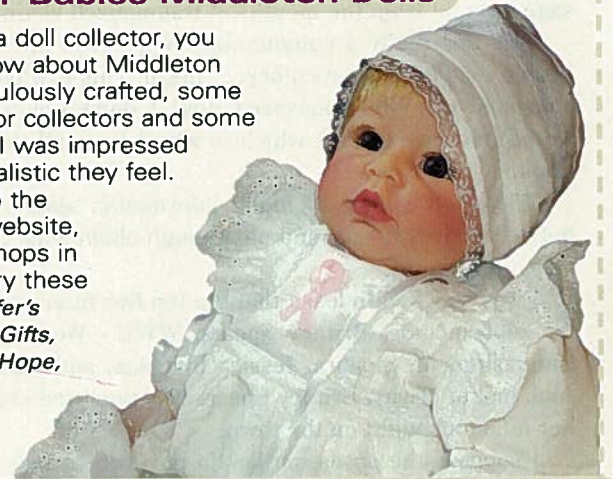
shopping with sara

By Sara Thompson

Come along with me to find all sorts of fun, fabulous things around our fair city.

Collector Babies Middleton Dolls

If you're a doll collector, you probably know about Middleton Dolls. Meticulously crafted, some are strictly for collectors and some are for play. I was impressed with how realistic they feel. According to the Middleton website, only three shops in the area carry these dolls. (*Jennifer's Apparel and Gifts, Blessings of Hope, \$250*).



Forget the Rabbit...Try the Shark

Everybody has those rabbit-eared bottle openers it seems, but this gadget is fun and functional and I suspect it's a great gift and conversation starter. It is a super-shiny chrome, shark-shaped corkscrew (try saying that five times fast). It would be difficult to explain how it works, so let's say it's easy to use and basically works like a regular corkscrew and leave it at that.

(*Market on Market, \$30; also comes in a frog shape*)



Hallelujah Jeans Slim R Jeans

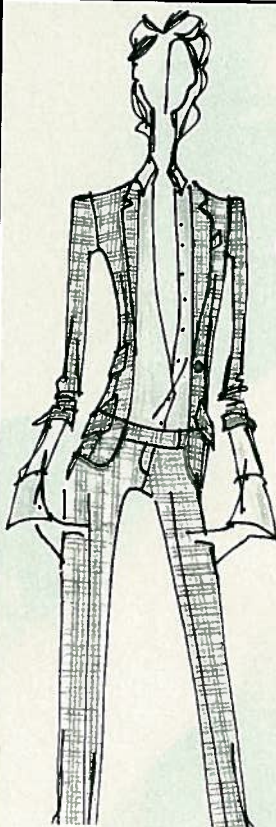
With a body-shaping band across the middle and a smidgen of spandex, these jeans smooth out those lumps we're not so proud of. Testers from *Good Housekeeping* awarded these denims a Seal of Approval for fit, comfort, and style. They're so popular that most stores can't keep them in stock. (*Jennifer's Apparel and Gifts, \$70*)



Put Some Rome-a in your Home-a

A combination of old-world charm and modern functionality, Italian Modigliani pottery from Rome is a relaxed way to add color to your table. Choose from demitasse cups, serving platters and bowls in deep earthy colors. (*Clay & Cotton, prices vary. Bowl - \$59, mug - \$33*)





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JENNIFER'S APPAREL AND GIFT SHOP 109 E Main St La Grange, KY (502) 222-8732

Snuggled between quaint boutiques and stores on La Grange's Main Street, Jennifer's has just about everything you want in a gift shop, from kid's toys to ladies' clothing, religious items to party dip mixes, plus postcards, candy and jewelry. This is one of those shops you can walk around ten times and still see something new each pass.

CLAY AND COTTON 1341 Bardstown Road Louisville, KY 40204 (502) 456-5536

Clay and Cotton is less like a boutique and more like a world bazaar. Jackets made of sari fabric, eco-friendly body products and bamboo cutting boards are just a taste of what you'll find. Don't be fooled by the shop's size — there's much to delight here. See www.clayandcotton.com.

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GLASS OPTIONAL Mint Juleps



Queen Helene's Mint Julep Mask

On the recommendation of a friend, I picked up some Queen Helene's Mint Julep Masque and now I'm spreading the word. This stuff is awesome. As someone with oily skin and large pores, I can say I've noticed a definite improvement since starting to use this clay-based facial mask. Besides a wonderful minty scent, you can't beat the price. (Walgreens, \$3.29)

City Chic City Girls



Lush fabrics, exotic colors and pretty details are what make City Girl Clothes by Nancy Bolen stand out. Pick and choose from separates for day and evening-wear or that special occasion. (Jennifer's Apparel and Gifts. Prices vary)

MARKET ON MARKET
Cobalt Marketplace
445 E. Market Street
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(502) 568-8810

Frankly, I'm a little leery of establishments that bill themselves as *gourmet* grocery stores, which I tend to find a bit snooty. Happily, Market on Market is anything but. Owners Dustin and Page von Wheeler bring you a great mix of products — where else in Louisville do you find Israeli couscous hobnobbing on a shelf with a box of Kraft mac and cheese? The staff is friendly, the atmosphere is relaxed, prices are reasonable and you'll truly find a little bit of everything here. Do try the sandwiches in the deli, especially if Josh is there to make it for you. He suggests the roast beef with stilton mayo and Henry Bain's sauce. I like the curried chicken salad with grapes which is refreshingly not overwhelmingly curryish. You can also order your lunch, groceries, party trays and gift baskets online. See www.marketonmarket.com.

Magic Carpets

A good rug is an essential element in creating beautiful spaces. Whimsical and playful, Company C's Designs for Beautiful Living fit the bill perfectly. With hundreds of styles, colors and patterns to choose from, you'll find something to suit your needs and taste. *(Clay & Cotton, prices vary)*



Coffee Break

If you're looking for a new coffee to try, how about some locally roasted Kona or Costa Rican blends? Roasted fresh in an in-house roaster, it's a fragrant and luxurious cuppa joe for discerning java-heads. *(Market on Market, Costa Rican \$10/1 lb, Kona blend, \$14.99/lb)*



High Lights

Delightful Tokoloshe taper candles are hand-painted in South Africa using designs inspired by the landscape and people of that region. Choices include Harvest, a lovely green/gold combination, and African Sunset, a sizzling mix of pinks and oranges. *(Clay & Cotton, \$14 for a pair)*



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