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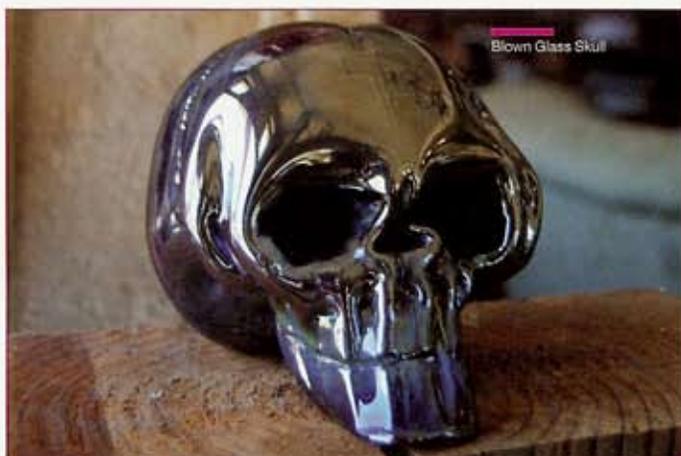
Boutiques That Feel Like Home

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Los Angeles is brimming with home design shops. Five stores opened by local designers and tastemakers show that modern no longer means bare by mixing high concept items with intriguing antique finds and nature-inspired pieces. Each shop is different from the next in many ways, but all of them unite the old and the new to create an eclectic but still modern aesthetic.



Repro Oil Painting Insects #2



Blown Glass Skull



Porcelain Fuck Him Teacup and Saucer



Zelen Home Store

GIBSON STUDIO

Interior designer and artist Gary Gibson thinks of his show room as an ever-evolving workshop. "The shop is an atelier and a design studio, with found objects next to up-and-coming artists in a salon-style setting" he says. The store is a bohemian paradise where Gibson has managed to make a gnarled piece of driftwood look right at home atop a stainless steel vintage cart from his father's garage, and paintings and photographs to suit every taste line the walls. He mixes textures like wood, steel, stone and glass to create dimension, creating a marriage of nature and high design that is nothing short of inspiring. He also has his own line, which includes upholstered furniture, tables and antique-inspired mirrors. Esque Design's blown glass collection is scattered throughout the space and includes colorful bottles, lamps and even a honey bear bong for the most sophisticated smoker.

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