

Style Files

July



French coronet (holding curtains), \$195; organdy curtains, \$120 to \$165 per panel; linen toss pillows, \$45 to \$165 each; jacquard weave wall hanging of Girl with a Pearl Earring, \$195.

STOREWATCH



Quintessentially Gallic, zinc items offer an old world look. Double-sided zinc chalkboard with linen strap, \$45; zinc tags, \$5 each.

A classic French country find, woven lavender wands freshen linen closets or lingerie drawers. \$22 to \$36 each.



Days-of-the-week tea towels, embroidered by owner Pamela Smith, come in French and English. \$78/set.



LA PASTORALE SERVES UP EURO-COUNTRY CHARM WITH A NORDIC TWIST.



FIND IT: La Pastorale, 790 Third Ave. E., Owen Sound, Ont. (519) 470-4700 or lapastorale.ca

HISTORY: Inspired by her travels throughout France and armed with a certificate in interior decorating, Pamela Smith opened La Pastorale two years ago, transforming a dingy 250-square-foot room (formerly a storage area for an adjacent business) into a serene, light-filled shop.

STYLE: Whitewashed walls, soaring ceilings and painted wide-plank floors provide an apt backdrop for the boutique's pretty mix of French country, Swedish Gustavian and Belgian luxuries. Items are showcased as charming vignettes on handsome wood cabinets and antique furniture, creating the feeling of wandering into a quaint European flat. And while much of the merchandise is ordered from ateliers in France, including lampshades, memory boards and weekend bags made of antique

monogrammed linens, Smith also sews and embroiders many of the pillows and tea towels herself.

BEST BUYS: Cotton table runners (\$55) from France with large-scale images of antique flatware can also serve as wall art. Natural linen teatowels (\$25) trimmed with crisp black or white stripes are handloomed by an artisan in Ottawa.

WHAT'S TO COME: Le Père Pelletier bath products in luscious scents such as almond milk, green tea and orange blossom. — LAURA MUIR

BOTTOM LEFT: Bleu Lavande culinary and bath products, \$4 to \$22 each, placemats, \$35/set of six; soaps, \$6 to \$28 each; embroidered-toile pillows, \$45 each.

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