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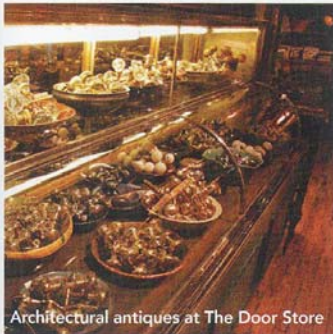
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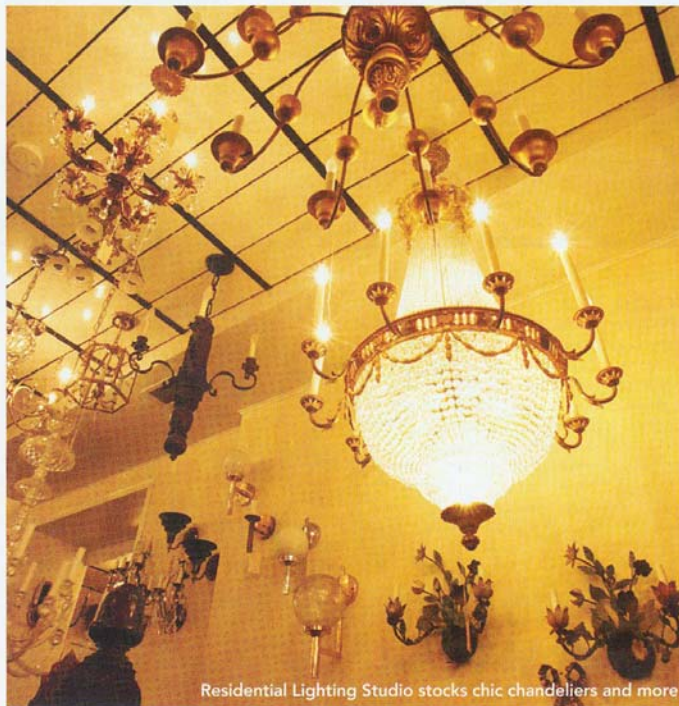
Design guru Sarah Richardson

Hitting the shops with **Sarah Richardson**

As the host of HGTV's weekly interior design shows *Sarah's House* and *Design Inc.*, Sarah Richardson spends a lot of time trolling Toronto's home stores for pieces to transform people's houses from drab to fab. Here, she reveals her favourite homeware haunts. Text: Amy Verner



Architectural antiques at The Door Store



Residential Lighting Studio stocks chic chandeliers and more

The Door Store

1260 Castlefield Ave., Toronto,
416 863-1590, thedorstore.ca.

"Owner Sam and his daughter Leila provide an international experience without the need of a passport," says Richardson. "Last week, I was looking at beautiful antique doors from Egypt and France for the new office I share with my husband Alex — they were almost three metres wide, and the price was comparable to what I'd pay for new ones."

Patina Antiques Inc.

219 Queen St. E., Toronto, 416 862-8880.

Behind what she describes as a "cool old storefront," Richardson says "there's always a treasure to be found." She recently bought herself an antique wooden urn with a marble top and a French crystal bowl. For a client, she found an original art deco sideboard. And the store itself? "It's really relaxing and well organized. Owners Gary and Sal both have a great eye that suits my taste perfectly."

Residential Lighting Studio

489 Dupont St., Toronto, 416 537-3138.

What Richardson loves most about this store-cum-workshop is that she can see the lighting experts actually restoring and reconfiguring the fixtures in front of her. Last year, she found her dining room chandelier here and had it customized to suit her taste. "People think it's a more traditional store, but they carry more modern vintage pieces, which are always good quality."