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Good Stuff

Considering all the fabulous North Warehouse District and riverfront residential development in Minneapolis, it was only a matter of time before savvy retailers discovered the neighborhood. One of the newest is P.O.S.H. (219 N. Second St.; 612-338-7674; www. susanhoffman.com), possibly the largest addition to the corner that includes the Monte Carlo Bar and Grill, Lapin Lighting, and Moose & Sadie's coffeehouse.



Owned by Wayzata-based interior designer Susan Hoffman (above), the store has a different look and feel than its predecessor in Wayzata, which Hoffman ran for more than ten years. The primarily home interior store features furniture, home accessories, and home-related gifts in a sophisticated urban environment that includes twenty-five-foot ceilings and two walls of windows, which connect shoppers to the bustle outside. Hoffman's keen eye serves her (and her customers) well as she brings a mix reflective of Grand Tour old-world travel to the store.

Warm, weathered furniture is the backbone of her inventory, which also includes a selection of armoires, beds, sofas, chairs, and myriad tables. But the accessories are the real finds: rich textiles, pillows, mirrors, table lamps, artwork, boxes, baubles, and exotic conversation starters. Though you'll discover many investment prices, the selection also includes items at gift-giving prices, including foodstuffs, body products, books, barware, and tabletop lines. Hoffman's design firm can even help fulfill your vision. No need to make the jaunt to Chicago or New York. Just head to NoWare-the North Warehouse District, that is-and spend your travel money on something for your house.

CHARGE!

Hand-painted plates from Vietri will electrify your table. Go monochromatic or create real drama with a rainbox effect, and watch your guests race to their favorite color, be it aqua, rose, cobalt, pumpkin, yellow, grass, emerald, or purple. \$38. Sold at P.O.S.H. (September 2001)