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Ethnic to Contempo

Exciting new design options



ABOVE: Mio lamp and custom pillows at Nest.
TOP RIGHT: Nest from the outside looking in.



DAVID HARRISON

home in

Though Rebecca Thompson can be found behind a desk knitting serenely, and one wall of her new Little Italy store showcases brightly colored yarn, Nest is not really a yarn shop.

Offbeat, welcoming and shiny white inside, the shop Thompson opened with co-owner Justin Marr combines knitting with modern, affordable design items. There are felt bowls, embroidered pillows of vintage fabric displayed on a Marcel Wanders chair, a Mio lamp, recycled leather goods and small ceramics such as a bird feeder and salt and pepper shakers. Other items by emerging designers arrive regularly. And the desk where Thompson sometimes knits is a glossy black vintage piece from designer Paul McCobb.

On Thursday nights an open knitting group convenes in the space and lessons are available. Marr and friends have designed a strikingly simple space that plays off the nest name. Call for hours.

danish mod

DNA is the new 4,000-square-foot retail and interior design studio of Jesper and Cathi Pedersen in Little Italy. They are showcasing top Scandinavian and Italian furniture, lighting, rugs and art. Manufacturers include Fritz Hansen (who supplied all the furniture for the new Museum of Modern Art in New York), Moroso, Jesse and Carl Hansen and Son, and kitchen and bath design by HTH Denmark. Classic mid-century pieces like the *Egg* and *Swan* chairs by Arne Jacobsen and Hans Wegner's *Wishbone* chair also are found in addition to a new generation of designers from Denmark. Through May 31 there is a special exhibit including the Poul Kjaerholm white furniture (pictured) chosen for the new Museum of Modern Art.



GAIL OWENS