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1. Atelier Woodenapples An above-street-level perch and bird-and-branch-filled windows give this sunny, craft-centric newcomer a treehouse vibe. Crocheted earrings dangle from saplings and Little Otsu journals are arranged on stumps, while ghost-shaped salt and pepper shakers and DIY needlepoint postcards line the cubbies along the walls. **5319 Ave. du Parc, 514-315-8912**

2. Billie Understated and loft-like, this three-year-old stop from fashion-design-school friends Véronique Saine and Annie di Lalla specializes in well-cut, timeless-feeling styles. There's J Brand denim in the darkest of washes, woven Loeffler Randall flats, Orla Kiely raincoats, and elegant dresses from Drykorn and Development by Erica Davies. **141 Ave. Laurier Ouest, 514-270-5415**

3. Blank Much like Montreal's version of Gap, this small spot specializes in straightforward tanks and T-shirts, all made in Canada and under \$25. **4276 Blvd. St.-Laurent, 514-849-6053**

4. Boutique Jack's Packed with midcentury-modern home stores, Rue Amherst is the best area to shop for antiques; Boutique Jack's is its crown jewel and spans almost an entire block. Reasonable prices and a perfectly curated array of collectible goods—molded chairs, mod '60s plastic lamps, German pottery—justify its popularity. **1860 Rue Amherst, 514-596-0060, jacks70.com**

5. Boutique U&I As the undisputed trend hive of Plateau, this wide-wood-planked space boasts an impressive roster of labels that traffic in a certain brand of forward-thinking, nonchalant cool: Vanessa Bruno, Vivienne Westwood, Humanoid. One room is for women, the other for men, though there's plenty to desire from the latter side too, like canvas duffels, tough rockerish jewelry, and gold-stenciled wallets. **3650 Blvd. St.-Laurent, 514-844-8788**

6. Ça Va de Soi Light wood shelves that hold just one of each item (the inventory is in the back) make this basics-centric, family-owned operation feel like a library. Long cashmere cardigans and layerable tanks in a rainbow of shades are bestsellers. **1062 Ave. Laurier Ouest, 514-278-6016**

7. Commissaires This gallery/boutique devotes itself to rotating themes: On our last visit, it was focused on amazingly hip renditions of babiche, an ancient weaving tradition from the plains of Northern Canada (where you find it on snowshoes). Gorgeous rickety chairs with seats woven from hundreds of

different colors of thread, pendant lamps, and side tables were mixed in with other, more permanent offerings, such as limited-edition fragrances and china that looked like old-world delft porcelain at first glance, but on closer inspection was emblazoned with images of graffitied taxicabs. **5226 Blvd. St.-Laurent, 514-274-4888**

8. Eco Darling Being green is huge in Montreal, and this year-old home emporium is hard-pressed to keep its eco-conscious, sustainable products in stock. There are delicate bud vases crafted from recycled glass, summery bags crocheted from hemp, and pillows stitched from vintage fabric, as well as a slew of organic beauty lines all proudly made in Canada. **69 Rue Villeneuve Ouest, 514-807-7906**

9. Headquarters Galerie + Boutique In a city flush with creative types—from its independent music scene (the Stills, Arcade Fire, and Chromeo, among others, are all based here) to its legions of designers—it makes sense that small collectives are a big business. This bilevel space is just another excellent repository for the area's talents: Handstenciled geometric T-shirts by Mauve Naïf, slide-size paintings, and pinafore-like dresses by Valérie Dumaine are among the loot. **1649 Rue Amherst, 514-678-2923**

10. Le Marché MTL After a gloriously successful stint showcasing local stars in a huge marketplace-style loft, bag designer and store owner Kafi Dublin recently moved to a former Chinese restaurant. Behind a Pepto-Bismol pink exterior, a world of emerging Canadian clothing and accessories—particularly jewelry—awaits. **24 Ave. des Pins Est, 514-907-2482**

11. Lola & Emily One of the first boutiques to gentrify the formerly rough-around-the-edges Plateau neighborhood, this hotbed for nascent lines—owned by two friends, one a Cirque du Soleil veteran, the other a former buyer—is still as well loved as when it opened in 2001. Floral-print Iro blouses, faded bed jackets by Nougat, and looks from the sweetly romantic house collection, LnE, are arranged in antique wardrobes and draped across old wrought-iron beds—which lends the shop the feel of a careworn general store. **3475 Blvd. St.-Laurent, 514-288-7598**

12. Lustre Gorgeous pressed-tin walls are an appropriate backdrop for the old-fashioned wares here. Former Disney World costume designer Yasmine Wasfy sews in the back and lets the front of the store showcase her vampy, '50s-esque collection—richly patterned dresses with cutout backs, high-

neck sheer lace blouses—along with picks from locals, including a permanent assortment of vintage shoes from La Chatte Bottée, whose rotating trunk shows garner a rabid following. **4429 Blvd. St.-Laurent, 514-288-7661**

13. Memento All the impeccably sourced dresses here are sorted by color and style, which makes the racks—suspended from the ceiling—extremely easy to shop. Fur coats and pristine '70s gowns are especially worth seeking out. **3678 Rue St.-Denis, 514-843-8391**

14. Old Gold Jonah Leslie got his start selling clothing—meticulously sourced from small independent designers in Bangkok and Hong Kong—out of his suitcase on the street. Now he's scrambling to keep his new, quaint-feeling wallpapered depot stocked. It's always crammed with customers, partly because prices are reasonable (most items are under \$50), but primarily because the mix is so awesome in its randomness. There are items you won't find anywhere else: T-shirts printed with bats and stars on the inside (so the pattern barely shines through), jazz shoes from France, and plastic watches in Day-Glo orange. **256 Ave. du Mont-Royal Est, 514-509-1675**

15. Space FB Equal parts A.P.C. and American Apparel, this spare and elegant space specializes in monochromatic smock tops and flawlessly louche sweatshirts. **3632 Blvd. St.-Laurent, 514-282-1991**

16. Swing Digging through the vintage clothing here will net you everything from pearl-button shirts to mod shifts—it's no wonder that area stylists rely on it. **151 Ave. des Pins Est, 514-845-8361**

17. 3 Femmes et 1 Cousin Situated in an old print shop on a roundabout corner, this porcelain-design house got its start seven years ago creating place settings for area hotels and restaurants. The full line of delicately worked plates and bowls—most illustrated with motifs like seagulls, flowers, and trees—is available here, along with enamel-handled Laguiole cheese knives and china from Vista Alegre. **783 Rue Gifford, 514-987-6807**

18. Usine 106U Everything about this retailer—part of a web of galleries occupying a former fish warehouse—is a bit strange (when we were there, on a Sunday afternoon, a heavy metal band was practicing in an adjoining room separated from the hall by a chain-link fence). Head straight for the quirkily hip jewelry, like pendants cast after crickets and rings topped with silver fossil-like mollusks. **111 Rue Roy Est, 514-728-9349**