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Fabulous Flair

While Mara Kustra was working at the 1369 Coffee House in Cambridge's Inman Square, her flair for fashion caught the eye of a customer, an antiques dealer who encouraged Kustra to pursue her dream of opening a boutique. Today, Kustra's shop, Boutique Fabulous, also in Inman Square, stocks antiques and new merchandise that run from outlandishly retro to elegantly refined. There are 1950s chrome-trimmed kitchen tables (\$125 to \$165) and chairs (\$125 for four), vintage patent-leather shoes (\$20 to \$30), and crystal barware (\$12 to \$16 for a set). Also featured is the work of more than 40 local designers who create everything from hand-beaded Victorian-style lamps to quirky T-shirts. Glittering chandeliers and vintage Giclee ad prints contribute to the offbeat ambience. Boutique Fabulous, 1309 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, 617-864-0656, www.boutiquefabulous.com. - *Natasha Lee*