



## THE ANTIQUE DEALER

## CHRISTINE FLYNN

*The vintage-obsessed owner of Love the Design finds beauty in scruffy places*

**CHRISTINE FLYNN LOVES RUST.** And scratched wood. And chipped paint. Basically, anything that tells a story and shows the wear of time. It's a sensibility she inherited from her mother, an antiques refinisher, and one that's reflected in every tarnished treasure she sells at Love the Design, her mini-chain of vintage and design shops with locations in Leslieville and Summerhill. The stores are stocked with original designs and one-of-a-kind finds sourced from estate sales and antique shops across rural Ontario. Flynn's most interesting pieces have a tattered-but-luxe look, as though they were passed down from an eccentric dowager aunt—an elegant tufted sofa upholstered in poetically cracked leather, for example, or an ever-so-slightly-faded Hudson's Bay blanket in plaid mohair.



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## HER CURRENT OBSESSIONS

1. "Dunlop Livery Antiques in Goderich, Ontario. I find some of my favourite things there."
2. "The mixed-media artist Rebecca Jewell. I recently bought one of her works in New York."
3. "Rough Luxe Design by Kahl Lee. It's all about mixing old and new."
4. "The Votive teal candle, which has a warm, woody scent."
5. "Antlers and taxidermy. They remind me of men's clubs and hunting stories."
6. "The artist Bradley Wood. For the last few months, I've been coveting his oil paintings."



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