

My top 3 shops

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"**Hermon & Hermon**, Richmond, where the owners buy unusual pieces on their travels and always have great art exhibitions that truly inspire. **Meizai**, Richmond, has a magical collection of classic and eclectic pieces; I almost hyperventilate every time I go there. And **Izzi & Popo**, South Melbourne, is a vintage store with furniture and curios. The shop dog greets you and you get offered coffee as you potter around. I feel I'm saying goodbye to friends when I leave."

Shaynna Blaze
inspects some of the
latest wares at Meizai
Two opposite The
store has an eclectic
range of goodies

>> **Q Where do you go for a bargain-basement buy?**

A Ikea, Richmond, has some great pieces that I know I can mix with an expensive collection and they look like they belong, and Camberwell Sunday Market is like an organised garage sale.

Q Are you an online shopper?

A I am a definite online researcher, and once I build a relationship with a company I am more than happy to buy over the internet. I am also known for a few good eBay buys.

Q Do you buy on sight or go away and think about it?

A I shop with a purpose. I tend to do a lot of window shopping. I case the stores then go back when I know I need it. I have seen the by-product of too many impulse buys and know how much money you waste impulse buying.

