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# PARIS CHIC



**THE PLACE:** Nestled in Wellington West, there is a boutique full of whimsical, chic products perfect for any home. **Marie Antoinette & Co.** opened two years ago and was named after the owner, Audy Czigler's mother, Antoinette, mixed with his love for vintage. "The whole idea of Marie Antoinette & Co. is old world Paris and Victorian – a shabby chic, vintage

theme. I thought I would marry the two names. Put my mom in there and also describe my store in the style of the queen of France."

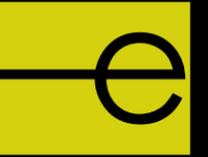
**THE STYLE:** When Audy was searching for items to add to his own home, he found it hard to find products in his desired taste. Here you will find wall-to-wall chic

and vintage-style items that beam with classic elegance. It is a break from the modern. "My style at home is all shabby chic, old world décor and I love the distressed look... That's how I got started with french country. I couldn't find it and that's my style." There has been a good response to the boutique. People have described it as "a return to classic style."

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**FEEL GOOD FACTOR:** The store appeals to all ages, and much like sister store Tinsel Town, it has the feel-good factor when you walk in. With constant changes in stock Audy says it's "like Christmas morning every time you open up a box." When picking products Audy admits that he loves it all and wants to take it all with him.

**TRENDS:** The store is separated into coloured themes and Audy tells us that the purple and aqua sections are always

popular. Currently the trend is pink. "Pink is really big this year, we have found so much of it." Pink is mixed with black, gold and white. But, he reassures that "you don't have to do your whole home in it, you can just add a piece to it and it looks great." You can even rent products on a three day rental for weddings!

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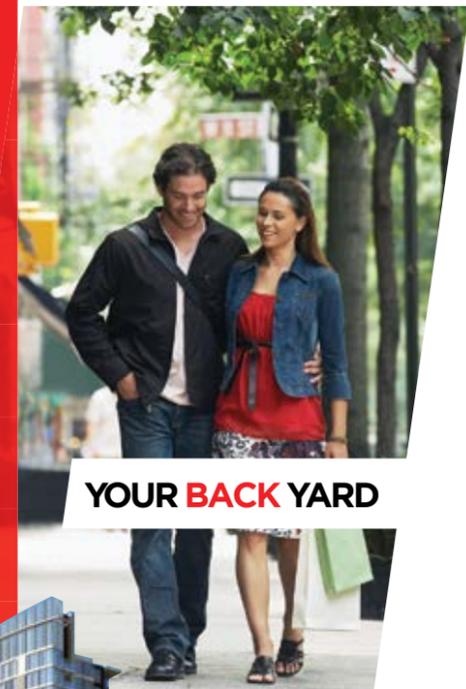
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