



CONTEMPORARY VINTAGE living

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THE PLACE: Elaine Kettlewell’s hand-picked collection of repurposed, vintage and reproduction items spill out of the doors of her shop, **Kettlewells**, just south of Collingwood on Highway 124, as though they can’t wait for you to swoop in and take them home. Interspersed through the shop are flowering baskets and hanging planters that Elaine nursed in a greenhouse on the property. The greenery breathes easy, effortless style into the upcycled treasures.

THE STYLE: Contemporary vintage living. Elaine goes junking in the shoulder seasons, travelling across Canada and the United States to fill her trailer at auctions and salvage sites. She returns to refurbish her finds, including French country furniture, chunky wood pieces and metal light fixtures. Vintage items are layered with new pieces. She brings in reproduction items that share a similar mood, such as enamel bar carts, wrought-iron garden obelisks, wire baskets and galvanized buckets.

THE SPECIALTIES: Kettlewells is a feast for indoors and out. A demure feminine garden statue and a pair of regal lions await their places in the spotlight at a gorgeous outdoor garden. Inside are incredible treasures such as a carved, huntsmen’s bureau, finials, light fixtures and wine demi-johns. Find architectural salvage like rusty garden gates, columns and weathered, wood windows and doors.



WHAT’S HOT: An antique, laundry mill cart on casters stamped J.J. Turner of Peterborough is topped with a chippy door and becomes a kitchen island. A set of four Francois Carré Sunburst chairs, a style that became classic after their appearance in the 1942 film Casablanca, are in immaculate condition and still have their bounce. Yellow pops from a 1930s Mother Goose child’s swing that

likely originated on a midway ride. A chipped, white, vintage Fermob folding bistro chair reveals its original shade of Paris park green underneath. Kettlewells is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

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