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**THE PLACE:** Nestled in the oldest building in downtown New Hamburg, it's clear **Kathie Jordan Design** is overflowing with charm before you even step through the door. Inside, the shop offers an enchanting collection of custom furniture, local art, shutters, blinds, accessories and custom drapery. Kathie Jordan Design is also the only exclusive dealer of Chalk Paint decorative paint by Annie Sloan in the whole region. Kathie Jordan and her son Mackenzie use the paint to give new life to well-built furniture in need of a refresh. Their shop is a tour through fantastic examples of "before and after" transformations, but also offers all the tools people need for their own projects. "We offer

services on so many levels," says Jordan. "I like that because we can cater to many budgets. We can help the DIY crowd but can also custom paint your piece for you."

**THE STYLE:** "We gravitate to timeless, elegant pieces," says Jordan. She and Mackenzie are constantly experimenting and trying new combinations so they always have something new to offer. "I personally like French Country but we also like the Restoration Hardware look and take inspiration from that as well," says Jordan.



Mackenzie & Kathie



**WHAT'S HOT:** If you want Chalk Paint, this is where to find it. "Everyone is getting addicted," says Jordan. "It is so much fun to see pictures of customers' own work." And it's thanks to Jordan's patience and true love for the product that many others have fallen in love with it, too. Not only is she an exclusive dealer of the paint, but she also offers hands-on workshops to share a variety of techniques and spread the love. Other than that, Jordan says she is also seeing a trend towards more prints in drapery and pillows - which is exciting for her because she has "always loved prints." Many people also drop in for the Lampe Berger line she carries.

**SEASONAL:** "It was a long, cold, snowy winter," says Jordan. "I think everyone is ready for a little fresh colour!" Whether it's in her alluring window displays or through a fresh coat of Annie Sloan Chalk Paint, popping into Kathie Jordan Design is sure to be a source of spring inspiration.

**FAVOURITES:** Because the items in Jordan's shop are constantly changing, it's hard to nail down an all-time favourite. "As soon as we want to take it home, we know it's ready to sell," she says. Classic sideboards in creamy whites and layers of texture and pattern always appeal to her tastes.

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