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THE PLACE: A Victorian house at 43 Elgin St. has transformed into a fascinating centre for rescued furnishings. Owner Jody DeCoste has a passion for giving new life to gently used furniture and you can see that as you enter **The Painterie**. The porch of the restored home introduces you to a selection of wire planters, old steamer chests, chairs and containers filled with greenery. You may also spot furniture awaiting its time in the paint gallery under DeCoste's creative hand, soon to become a beloved item in someone's home once again.

THE STYLE: Vintage 50s pieces intermingle with driftwood headboards, artisan crafts and knobs and pulls for the freshly painted chest of drawers. Artisan jewelry from local makers is on display along with wool hats and mitts and organically-shaped ladders that hold handmade quilts. There is an ever-changing selection of paintings and prints that add even more colour to this shop.

THE WARES: The paint that DeCoste sells and uses for her furniture is Canadian-made Country Chic Paint. Two types are



on offer: a chalk-based paint that is eco-friendly and safe to use on baby furniture, and a clay-based paint. DeCoste uses both and loves the way they cover. "I've been repurposing furniture for 15 years and have tried many different paints," says DeCoste, "and Country Chic is the best I've used to date." She will gladly help you through the process if you decide to take on a project of your own. You'll also find a handmade market of work by over 60 local artisans. With this treasure trove of local talent, DeCoste is able to custom order items you might be looking for, as well as source custom furniture.

WHAT'S HOT: Painted furniture! There is a constant turnover of finished pieces in the Painterie, as well as prior-to-paint finds that you can have custom painted by DeCoste in colours or finishes that suit you. The shop offers craft workshops taught by the artisans that sell items in the handmade market. You'll find plenty of opportunities to shop, learn and be creative at the Painterie.

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