



## SHOP TALK embellish

The 1800s-era brick building with the mauve door across from Elk Grove Brewery & Restaurant used to be a post office. Now, neither rain nor sleet nor snow nor hail can keep taste mavens from browsing Embellish in search of the perfect European-style home-décor item or froufrou gal-pal gift.

Lamps, tapestries, jewelry, candles, purses, clocks, mirrors, pillows and more cram every conceivable nook in this deceptively small store, which has three hidden back rooms—2,000 square feet in all.

Gifts at Embellish, which has been at the current location for five years and in business for six, run the gamut from inspirational to whimsical (the bejeweled dishwashing gloves by Royal Accessories are a hoot) and are in the “affordable” range. Owners Kristi Peck and Susan Lyons pride themselves on a select assortment of vendors; among the offerings are Sid Dickens Memory Blocks (\$77.99), handcrafted in Canada and collected by the stars.

“We had to go through a lot to get these in our store,” Peck says. “They don’t let just everyone sell them, so it’s kind of a big deal.”

Other hot collectibles include Lolita glassware, each one with a recipe printed on the base.

Of course, the place smells heavenly, given the copious amount of potpourri and candles, but there’s one surprise for the senses that might seem incongruous in such a haute haunt: country music.

But then, this *is* Old Town Elk Grove, and Kenny Chesney is more in keeping with the owners’ down-to-earth personalities. By all accounts, customer service here rocks (the owners are glad to provide decorating or home-staging consultations) and the friendly faces behind the counter are a big reason for repeat business.

“If you can’t find something, we’ll find it for you,” Peck says. “We go above and beyond.”

Embellish is at 9072 Elk Grove Blvd. Call (916) 686-6513.

—Dayna Dunteman

**Top sellers:** Decorative bead strands, Tyler candles (we like Pineapple Crush)

**Cool BFF gift:** Portable Purse hangers to keep handbags off the floor and germ-free

**Good to know:** Embellish offers coupons on [suddenvalues.com](http://suddenvalues.com)