

## 10 BEST WEST LONDON SHOPS

There are a wealth of independent shops, mainly in Kensington and Notting Hill, with many gift ideas under £50.

### MARKETS: Chelsea Antiques Market

Open Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm, 245-253 King's Rd, SW3.

Portobello Market. Open Saturday 8am-5pm ([www.portobellomarket.org](http://www.portobellomarket.org)).

### THE CROSS

Why it's special: this boutique mixes fashion, kidswear and houseware.

Great gift: Scantique Scandinavian glass or ceramics, from £70.

Contact: 141 Portland Road, W11 (020 7727 6886).

### MARRYAT

Why it's special: laid out like a private house and filled with beautiful antiques and curiosities.

Great gift: curved peach Art Deco mirror, £34.

Contact: 88 Sheen Road, Richmond (020 8332 0262, [www.marryat-antiques.co.uk](http://www.marryat-antiques.co.uk)).

### ANDEA JEWELLERY

Why it's special: the ideal place for unconventional jewellery designs in handcrafted Mexican silver. It also stocks gorgeous greetings cards and wrapping paper.

Great gift: heart charm bracelet, £195.

Contact: 203 Portobello Road, W11 (020 7221 5690, [www.andejewellery.co.uk](http://www.andejewellery.co.uk)).

### PRELWAY INTERIORS

Why it's special: the furniture collection combines contemporary shapes with classic elegance.

Great gift: ceramic coffee cup with rose-shaped handle, £55.

Contact: 48 Walton Street, SW3 (020 7584 8223, [www.prelwayinteriors.com](http://www.prelwayinteriors.com)).

### COCO RIBBON

Why it's special: its collection of cashmere, Lolla wrapped soaps, pony bath oil and tribal bangles combines kitsch and elegance.

Great gift: A World to Explore silver trinket box, £58.

Contact: 71 Kensington Park Road, W11 (020 7229 4904, [www.cocoribbon.com](http://www.cocoribbon.com)).

### PORTOBELLO ROAD CASHMERE SHOP

Why it's special: great quality Scottish cashmere in a huge range of designs and colours.

Great gift: stripy scarves, £25; striped beanie (right), £30.



Go west: boutique style at The Cross

Contact: 166 Portobello Rd, W11 (020 7792 2571, [www.portobellocashmereshop.com](http://www.portobellocashmereshop.com)).

### EULABEE

Why it's special: an offbeat boutique that sells absolutely everything — from prints, cushions and hot chilli jelly to £250 Vivienne Westwood-style dresses.

Great gift: skinny grey silk scarves, printed with white hearts, £30.

Contact: 116 College Road, NW10 (020 8960 4026, [www.eulabeeofemalgreen.com](http://www.eulabeeofemalgreen.com)).

### FEW AND FAR

Why it's special: winner of the Best New Shop at the British Design Awards 2008, Priscilla Carluccio's store offers quirky one-off pieces, crafted children's toys — and four types of chocolate cake.

Great gift: fresh strawberries stuffed with almond paste, £25 per box.

Contact: 242 Brompton Road, SW3 (020 7225 7070, [www.fewandfar.net](http://www.fewandfar.net)).

### JOANNA WOOD

Why it's special: classic British designs with injections of the Scottish Highlands.

Great gift: hand made recycled leather notebooks in lime, aqua and lilac, £17.50.

Contact: 48a Pirbright Road, SW1 (020 7730 5064, [www.joannawood.co.uk](http://www.joannawood.co.uk)).

### BLENHEIM BOOKS

Why it's special: sells inspirational books on photography, design and architecture.

Great gift: *Lost Africa, The Eyes of the Origins* by Cyril Christo and Marie Wilkinson, £70.

Contact: 11 Blenheim Crescent, W11 (020 7792 0777, [www.blenheimbooks.co.uk](http://www.blenheimbooks.co.uk)).



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