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Sim Smith spends an indulgent afternoon basking in the sun on Walton Street

### ANDIPA GALLERY

In the window of what could be mistaken for an architectural practice sat a small painting, brought to life by the sheer amount of light shining onto its surface. On closer inspection, I realised that this was a Tom Wesselmann which prompted a sudden curiosity as to what else could be found behind the gallery's impressive glass fascia.

Inside, the space extended before me, clean lines of crisp white walls and glass panels broken up by an assortment of canvases and framed works. Although the design of the gallery is impressive with a recent refurbishment having been undertaken to increase the space downstairs, it's the work that really catches your attention.

Long established as one of London's specialist dealers in modern and contemporary art, in one visit I admired works by Matisse, Bacon and Chagall to name but a few. With a constantly evolving exhibition schedule and an extremely impressive list of artists on their books, if you're looking for investment piece to hang on your walls, be sure to consult the experts at Andipa.

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### CHELSEA TEXTILES

An entrance under delicate chandeliers opened up onto a room that could only be described as a miniature stately home. This charming space is home to Chelsea Textiles' extensive collection of hand embroidered fabrics re-created from original antique English and French 17th, 18th and 20th century pieces.

There are over 200 designs available here, all embroidered in meticulous detail onto authentic materials, hand-worked by master craftsmen. Contrary to their name, Chelsea Textiles do not simply supply fabrics, cushions and throws but also have an impressive range of furniture on show at their second store a few paces away.

Expect to find stunning hand-painted Gustavian furniture based on designs from the first half of the twentieth century in subtle Scandinavian tones. The shop occupies two floors; upstairs where the new lacquer collection was staring to filter in alongside touches of soft furnishings and downstairs which was full of painted furniture and a resident little dachshund who popped out to say hello.

Whether you consider yourself a romantic traditionalist or subscribe to a more contemporary philosophy when it comes to interiors, Chelsea Textiles is well worth a visit.

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### DE LA CUONA

This black fronted shop complete with door bell entry system is home to one of my favourite fabric haunts, De La Cuona. With one of the world's largest own brand linen collections there are over 100 weaves and colours available in store ranging from the transparent to the densely opaque.

There are fabrics everywhere here, floor to ceiling and wall to wall, draped from up high and folded into neat piles one on top of each other. Towards the back of the shop past an ever changing room set lives a nifty sample system of pigeon holes packed with fabric swatches in every weave and tone imaginable. The common denominator here is natural fabrics and neutral colours, be it their famous paisleys or eclectic collection made from bamboo, silk and jute nothing says understated luxury quite like De La Cuona.

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