

passport to shop

Some designers claim to go to the ends of the earth to find that one special piece. We wanted them to be a little bit more specific. Check out 12 designers' favorite places to shop around the globe, and some of their latest finds.

The designer: Glen Coben, Glen & Company
The place: Tekeshita Dori, La Foret, and
Shibuya in Tokyo

"Recently we completed the restaurant, bar, and club Fiftyseven (shown here) in the Roppongi district of Tokyo," the New York City-based architect says. "While I worked at SITE Projects in the 1980s, I visited Tokyo several times, but on my recent trips, I was blown away by the new neighborhoods that seemingly popped up from nowhere!" Coben's latest find? A handcarved wood tea set that he says looks like it could have been designed by Arne Jacobson. "Tokyo's unique. It's not New York. There is still a craft in how things are built. Wherever you look you can sense that someone took pride in what they created."

