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(Winter Fashion at the Fabulous Fox)

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 Matthew McConaughey
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 Helene Gayle's Bold
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The Lighting Loft



DRTC Studio

dors like Alico and Stonegate. Its quarterly moonlight sales, when it stays open late so customers can see the lights at night, make the store shine like a beacon.

BEST NEW NURSERY DESIGN SOURCE

B. Braithwaite
 1198 Howell Mill Road, Suite 110, 404-605-0963, bbraithwaite.com

New moms and grandmas may not agree on child-rearing methods, but they'll both swoon over the sweet, simple baby wares at B. Braithwaite, run by interior designer Nancy Braithwaite and her 30-year-old daughter, Chaffee. In-store vignettes show off sophisticated nursery furniture from designers such as DucDuc, Netto Collection, and Stokke as well as elegant four-poster cribs designed by Nancy.

BEST COOL CHAIRS

Design Within Reach
 295 East Paces Ferry Road, 404-841-2471, dwr.com

While DWR offers all kinds of furniture, it is the best place to buy a hip office chair, a mod outdoor recliner, or funky kitchen stools. Choose from classics such as Herman Miller's Aeron, the Eames lounge, and Saarinen's womb chair or newer designs like rubber-seated Onda stools by Jesús Gasca or Mario Bellini's prize-winning (and surprisingly

comfy) nylon Ultra Bellini Chair. The store hosts events, such as the recent Eames Film Festival, to educate consumers about modern design.

BEST REINVENTION

DRTC Studio
 905 Juniper St., Suite 110, 404-874-5583, drtcstudio.com

When Willis Watts relocated his successful Virginia-Highland store, Delaware River Trading Company, to the lower level of a Midtown condo development this summer, he changed more than his address. The newly dubbed DRTC Studio is a hipper version of its former self, housing a mix of contemporary classics and items with a retro vibe, including refinished thrift store finds.

BEST SOURCE FOR VINTAGE FURNISHINGS

Victory Vintage Home
 303 East College Ave., Decatur, 404-373-5511, victoryvintage.com

Like its bungalow- and brick ranch-filled Decatur environs, Victory Vintage celebrates a retro lifestyle. Owner Lee Cuthbert always finds something unexpected, like drinking glasses from a railroad tanker company. We love the retro school maps and science posters, which remind us of a time when kids walked to school. Appropriately, in this part of town, they still do.

Best of Duluth

BEST CHILDREN'S ROBOTS

HUDGENS CENTER FOR THE ARTS
 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, 770-623-6002, artsgwinnett.org
 A giant, boxy robot straddles the entrance to this whimsical educational center, which welcomes kids of all ages. The museum features a painting room, an activities room, and a life-sized remote-controlled doll that spins around on his trusty bike.

BEST KOREAN SUPERMARKET

SUPER H MART
 2550 Pleasant Hill Road, 678-543-4000, hsmart.com
 With 60,000 square feet of goods from canned kimchi to frozen whole octopus and fresh tofu, Super H is a gold mine for those interested in Asian cooking. Make sure to stop by the cuisine bars for a taste of gourmet coffee or fresh sushi.

BEST SHOPPING CENTER

MEDLOCK CROSSING SHOPPING CENTER
 Medlock Bridge and State Bridge roads
 Who needs a mall when you have a strip center this good? For dinner, try the upper deck of Garrison's Broiler & Tap (770-476-1962). For shopping, try perennial favorites T. (678-957-1292) and A Nose for Clothes (678-473-0828), new accessories boutique Lena Larose (678-957-9336), women's clothing-purveyor Merci Beaucoup (770-418-9700), or gift emporium Phine & Whimsey (770-495-3710).

The man in your life will enjoy day spa JonPaul's (770-814-0033). For fun, try Artrageous Pottery (770-418-0222) paint-your-own pottery studio.

BEST DINNER DATE

SIA'S
 10305 Medlock Bridge Road, 770-497-9727, siasrestaurant.com
 Executive Chef Bruce McQuain crafts Asian- and Southwestern-inspired dishes to a perfect pitch. With its butter-hued walls, cozy tables, and crackling fireplace, Sia's is the perfect setting for a night out.

BEST TIME TRAVEL

SOUTHEASTERN RAILWAY MUSEUM
 3595 Peachtree Road, 770-476-2013, srmduh.org
 This museum houses more than 90 pieces of equipment from actual Pullman cars to



classic steam locomotives. Visitors can even ride on a historic caboose.

BEST CAR WASH

CLUB CORNERS
 9735 Medlock Bridge Road, 770-232-5005, clubcorners.com
 Gwinnettians spend a lot of time in their cars. After a little TLC at Club Corners, the friendly and prompt service will make them want to turn carwashing into a weekly ritual.

