

Ask a Pro

How to buy an antique

REBECCA THOMPSON LISTS HER TOP FIVE HINTS ON THE BEST WAY TO SHOP FOR ANTIQUES.

- “Know what you have in hand,” she says. “It will help you define your style and know what you are looking for.”
- Keep an eye out for something different. “You want to stay open to coming upon something that turns your head,” she says.
- “It’s OK to mix styles. When you do, you can often come out with a really good look,” she encourages.
- If you’re shopping for furniture, be sure to bring your measurements.
- Check out the condition of the piece you’re considering buying — before you buy it. “Some people are fine with blemishes, but others only want perfection,” she points out.



With more than 120,000 square feet of space and 150+ dealers, the Antique Center of Texas is located near the intersection of Loop 610 West and Interstate 10. Owner Carolyn Thompson credits her knowledgeable and hard working dealers, some of whom have been with her since she opened the doors in 1991, with making the Antique Center the success it is. It is open seven days a week and showcases merchandise from around the state, the country and the world.

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WHEN ANTIQUING, PUT THE ANTIQUE CENTER OF TEXAS AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST



The Antique Center of Texas

Rebecca Thompson, Antique Center of Texas

“We have just about everything,” says Rebecca Thompson of Antique Center of Texas. And she’s not kidding. The list of treasures you’ll find at the Antique Center of Texas includes Americana, dolls, silver and flatware, Asian goods, lighting fixtures and chandeliers, furniture and primitives. With such a wealth of shopping adventures and surprises and opportunities, everyone can have a

good time shopping here.

Because of the number of dealers — more than 150 — the inventory changes all the time. “On a daily basis,” Thompson estimates. That’s why shoppers in the know visit the Antique Center often. Typically, these shoppers are people who like to collect or are homeowners looking for that something unique and unusual for their homes.

The Antique Center makes it easy to spend an entire day here. You can eat a meal or simply sit down for refreshment at the Texas Tea Room. “We have a hot lunch special every day in addition to a menu of salads and sandwiches,” says Thompson. “It is good home-cooked food.”