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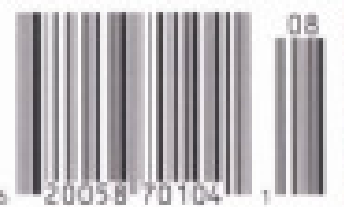
Rustic Rooms • Wicker Furniture • Charming Collections



The New Country

RURAL RETREATS
WITH ACRES OF STYLE

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Bed, \$3,070; faux-fur throw, \$475; pillows, \$45 to \$120 each; chair, \$3,120; folding table (at foot of bed), \$1,080; lamp, \$645.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Chair, \$1,675; table, \$1,850; games (on wall), \$45 to \$85 each; sofa, \$5,815; throw, \$80;



armoire, \$3,780; blue chair, \$1,200; birdhouses (on armoire), \$39 each; Armchair, \$2,875; armoire, \$3,485; basket (on armoire), \$98.

storewatch



Purveyors of all things cosy and rustic, Muskoka Living delivers casual cottage goods by the boatload.

Where: 3655 Hwy. 118 W., RR 2, Port Carling, Ont. (705) 765-6840, www.muskokaliving.ca.

Owners: In 1997, Chris and Jim Gefucia gave up their city digs in Waterloo, Ont., to move permanently to their cottage and open a shop in Port Carling, one of Ontario cottage country's most bustling towns. They were joined a year ago by son Cory DeFrancisco, who manages the store, and in April they opened a second shop, Seasons Retreat, in Collingwood, Ont.

Style: A wellspring of furniture and accessories for outfitting cottages and chalets, Muskoka Living features pieces with casual, rustic style, as well as furnishings with more classic, refined lines. Typical finds in the homey, light-filled store include twig beds, oversized sofas upholstered in a patchwork of fabrics, shabby chic-style side tables, whimsical artwork and even dog beds.

Best buys: Mexican glass hurricane candle lamps (from \$90 each), whimsical hand-painted table lamps (from \$65), grapevine moose and deer busts (from \$500), antler chandeliers (from \$2,600).

What to watch for: A big selection of outdoor furniture including seating sets (from \$500) in real or imitation weather-resistant wicker, a wide array of vintage signs (from \$20 each), and oversized mirrors (from \$90).

What's flying out the door: Reproduction antique games like checkers, backgammon and chess (\$65 to \$85 each), porcelain floral and pewter pitchers that double as vases (from \$20).

Sound bite: "We love the lifestyle of cottage and chalet living, so we really have fun furnishing other people's second homes in stylish, casual country looks," Chris says. — Emily Norris

in sites

TABLESHOP

This summer, fans of cheery **Mediterranean-style tablewares** say goodbye to popular Niagara-on-the-Lake shop l'Esprit Provence and hello to tableclothset.com, owner Leslie Stan's new endeavour. Along with a relaunched shop, Stan's wide selection of cheerful printed tablecloths (from \$58), napkins (from \$13/pair) and placemats (from \$27/pair), which embody colourful French country charm, are now available on-line. As well, there's an

expanded line that includes linens from Italy, Spain and South Africa. The easy-to-navigate site has sections dedicated to tablecloths by shape or pattern (toile, stripes, florals...). The Teflon, Acrylic and Plastique cloths (from \$78 each) are sturdy enough for summer picnic tables. And check out the accessories sections for printed runners (from \$58), tea cosies (from \$30), aprons (from \$30) and chair cushions (from \$30). There's also a handy Free Swatch section for ordering fabric samples before investing. 106C Queen St., Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. (905) 468-1817, 1-888-468-1817, www.tableclothset.com. — E.N.

