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TALKING SHOP  
WITH KELLY MEEKS

## MEEK

Lovingly curated by former makeup artist Kelly Meeks, Denver shop Meek (39 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.) is beloved for its knockout (and totally unique) collection of midcentury-modern-meets-Art-Deco-meets-boho finds. Expect perfectly faded Persian rugs, piles of European sheepskins, earthy ceramics, vintage denim, chunky woolen sweaters, bold jewelry and plants everywhere, many dangling from macramé holders or tucked into sleek concrete planters. Meek began as an experimental shop on Instagram, and a devoted following still shops @meekvintage daily to snap up new products. Items from the 1940s to the '90s are represented—Meeks spends much of her time road-tripping around the country to hunt them down—but the look is cool and cohesive. "I have a rule I try to live by when sourcing items for the shop," she says. "If I wouldn't wear it or put it in my home, I don't buy it." [shopmeek.co](http://shopmeek.co)

# MEET *the* MAKER

JULEP TILE COMPANY

When Julep Tile Company launched in 2010, the Louisville-based business established by Peter and Kirsten Sharp made a splash with its vintage-modern tiles. Intricate designs influenced by textile, wallpaper and stencil patterns are made to order: Julep's artisans hand-press each tile, then mix and apply one of 36 earthy toned glazes by hand. Recent debuts include Two-Color tiles inspired by tone-on-tone flocked wallpaper, and a line of decorative tile inserts is in the works. A new online shop lets customers order from home, rather than visit a showroom, and receive tips from the Sharps themselves. "We really enjoy working directly with our clients," Kirsten says. "It's always fun to hear about the home-renovation projects they're working on." [juleptile.com](http://juleptile.com)



# THE INSIDER

SARAH BROUGHTON



Founded by husband-and-wife architects John Rowland and Sarah Broughton, Denver architecture and design firm Rowland+Broughton is busy with projects like the upcoming W Aspen hotel and the restoration of Aspen's Mesa Store building, which will be the firm's new headquarters. Here, Broughton shares more about the team's interests. [rowlandbroughton.com](http://rowlandbroughton.com)

**What's your design ethos?** We believe in designs that are timeless, and we embrace a concept-driven approach influenced by local culture, environment, climate change, history and technology.

**Local makers you're loving:** Fort Collins-based BenchCraft Custom Woodwork, which does a lot of our custom millwork and furniture. Also, Arvada's Black Hound Design Company has amazing inventory and works to the highest standards.

**Up next:** We are in the early design phase for a boutique hotel/condominium at the base of Peak 8 in Breckenridge. This project seeks to create a camp that is human-scale and approachable.