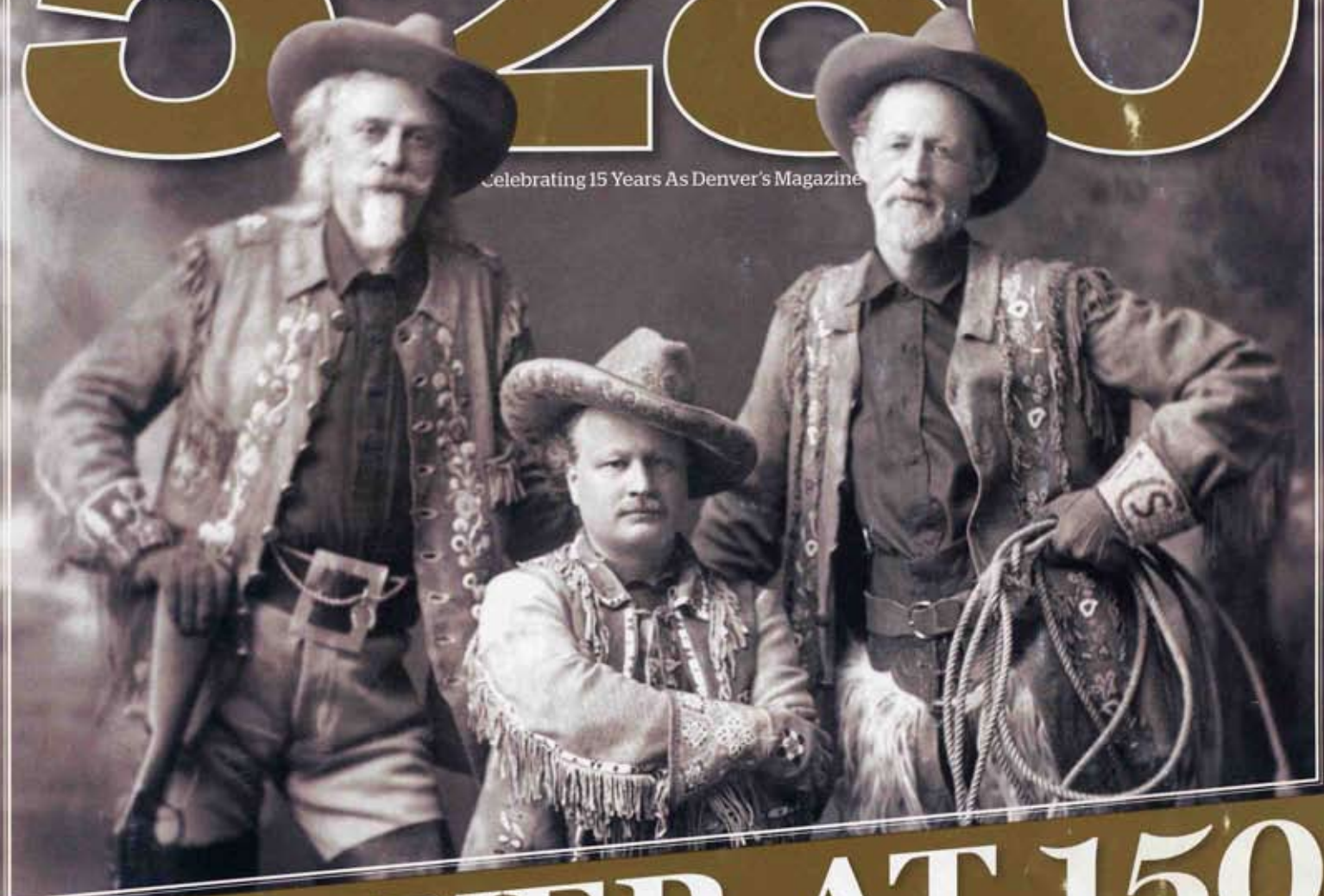


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They're clever, stylish, and more niche than ever. The new shops of Denver's indie retail scene say something about our evolving town (and taste). Vegan footwear? Handmade papers? Japano-funk? Premium olive oils? We've found your purveyors. Not to mention an influx of fashion hotspots brimming with urban-inspired threads, flirty dresses, and handmade jewelry. If the vibe seems decidedly feminine, chalk it up to our burgeoning tribe of women entrepreneurs. Another trend: the movement toward ecologically and socially responsible merchandise. Here, in no particular order, our 20 favorite discoveries.



## Two Sole Sisters

**The goods** This shoe boutique brings to Boulder a fashion selection worthy of New York City—but with comfort fit for mountain chicks. We tried on a pair of Modern Vintage stiletto-platform booties that actually felt like running shoes on our feet (well, almost). Turns out the foot beds were injected with silicone.

**The wallet damage** Scoop up some shoes for \$120 and still have some left over for the beckoning jewelry case...or drop \$375 on one killer Modern Vintage pair.

**Why we'll go back** Owner-sisters Laurel and Lindsey Tate also fill the shelves with fun and funky accessories, like the J.P. & Mattie crocheted-flower handbag we were obsessing over a few months back. 1703 Pearl St., Boulder, 303-442-0404, [www.2solesisters.net](http://www.2solesisters.net)



## Unity

**The goods** Eco-excellence spills from this shop, from the local love (Colorado designers) to the manufacturing policies (recycled or organic materials). The owners stock brands that give back to the environment and other causes; purchase a Serendipity tote—which looks stellar over your shoulder—and the proceeds go toward cervical cancer research. The Baggy Shirts reusable bags, made from recycled threads, can double as purses or shopping bags. And the hand-sewn “Be the Change” shirts from KDS out of Boulder seem like wardrobe essentials this election season.

**The wallet damage** Printed tees will run you \$28, while jeans, dresses, and funky blouses can approach \$200—but you'll leave with a clean eco-conscience.

**Why we'll go back** The homey digs. Hardwood floors and a brick fireplace make for a welcoming environment that renders shopping here a relaxing experience, not a chore. 1455 S. Pearl St., 720-570-5076, [www.unityboutique.com](http://www.unityboutique.com)