



Home Again

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Home Again, the new store and workroom in the former Hayek's Pharmacy building, specializes in custom upholstery projects and unique housewares, gifts and home décor fabric sold by the yard. Where the Hayek's candy counter and frozen-treat cooler once stood, customers now find cozy chairs and sofas, whimsical home-goods and houseplants of many sizes, all against a backdrop of exposed brick, the original tile floor and bolts of colorful fabric.

"People stop in all the time to tell me their stories about coming to Hayek's when they were kids," says Home Again's owner, Kristina Bruggeman. "I love that, and I want people to feel that they are coming into a warm, welcoming space."

Formerly a high school English teacher, Bruggeman has long enjoyed her own

DIY refinishing and painting projects and taught herself how to reupholster furniture. Eventually, she took on other people's projects. Today, she and her staff of five part-time women — all trained by Bruggeman — put their skills to use in the well-appointed workspace adjacent to the store.

Because so many of the pieces brought in have been in people's families for generations, Bruggeman says, they often come with a colorful history, like the padded rocking chair she discovered was stuffed with old long johns and baby clothes from the 1800s. Her pride in honoring the furniture's past aligns with the way her business space reflects the history of a building that housed Shorewood longest-running business.

Kristina Bruggeman inside her new store and workroom, Home Again.

Barber and Manhattan's Mens Grooming owner MarQuise Jones, left, and his colleague, Will Holmes, inside their new barbershop.