



Star struck

Mrs Watts' experience as a film set designer has found new direction in her shops filled with an alluring collection of homewares from around the world

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Were you wandering round the local fish shop in Burnham Market, Norfolk, you might witness a rather strange phenomenon: customers going in to buy their half pound of halibut and emerging an hour or so later clutching bags filled with beaded cushions, twinkling chandeliers and several antiques. For hidden above Burnham Fish Shop is one of the area's most delightful homewares boutiques, Home Dan, owned by set designer turned interior designer Mrs Watts. And while her customers seem entirely relaxed about the whole set up, you can't help

but wonder if the unusual location has its drawbacks. "Only the week," laughs Mrs Watts "the light's a bit of an issue."

Mrs Watts' work as a film set designer has caused her to lead a rather gypsy-like existence, moving from London to Sydney and later Norfolk, and voyaging to all corners of the globe in between. Her extensive travels have honed her eye for design, and today she's like a magpie, dipping in and out of different cultures and bringing treasures back to her little nest in Norfolk. And if it seems like rather an odd place for an apparently committed adherent to set up shop, it