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What does a designer do when he's got warehouses full of antiques waiting for the right client and house? Why, open a shop, of course. "I've been buying antiques for 25 years, and I realized I had enough to sell for a lifetime," says **Joseph Minton** (left), whose store is on Slocum Street in Dallas's design neighborhood. "There are willow trees outside. It's a bit like the English countryside at the back door." An appropriate coincidence, since Minton's shop has a decided garden theme (above right), with antique statuary, Italian terra-cotta pots in large and small sizes, and trellises. "Antique marble mantels and



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commodes look good in a garden environment," he adds, noting that part of his shop has furnishings, such as gilt mirrors, painted armoires and Louis Philippe mahogany pieces. Despite his inventory, Minton continues to shop in France, Italy and the Middle East. Joseph Minton Antiques, 1410 Slocum St., Dallas, TX 75207; 214/744-3111.