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CLAY & COTTON



Margy Taylor is working on her Ph.D. dissertation on risk taking and innovation at the University of Louisville. She has real-life experience in the subject, too.

Taylor opened Clay & Cotton three years ago as a side job. The store expanded, and about 18 months ago, it moved down the street to 1341 Bardstown Road in the Highlands.

“First, we started off just carrying April Cornell (clothing and accessories) and Nicholas Mosse (Irish Pottery),” she said. “Now we have over 75 lines because we have more space.”

Clay & Cotton also carries soap, CDs, rugs, linens, jewelry, candles, and pet products. Taylor said their most popular lines include Company C rugs, FLAX linen apparel and Nic & Zoe apparel.

She travels to shows in New York and Chicago each year, always looking for products that are functional. “We try to keep our products functional so they can bring grace and beauty to the rituals of daily life.”

Taylor said meeting with her customers and finding new products is what she enjoys most about the business.

“We’re a one-stop shop for a wide variety of gifts and apparel,” she said.

Clay & Cotton offers products for a wide range of people, but you won’t find the typical name brand clothing lines found in department stores. “There is a growing segment of women in their 40’s to 60’s who want to find clothes that will fit and gifts the can use that are sophisticated.”

Taylor and her husband, David Schreiner, run the store and renovated the old building in which it resides. “We love the windows in this old building, so we renovated the space and no it’s back to its original condition,” she said.

Taylor will be adding an e-commerce website, www.clayandcotton.com, in the next few months. She would also like to open Clay & Cotton stores in other cities. For now, Taylor is happy with the size of the store and will spend her extra time working on her dissertation.

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