

TOP MOUNTAIN SHOPPING TOWN

Breckenridge Go ahead, skip Vail...Breck has a trifecta of great skiing, rocking nightlife, and excellent shopping. Try Canary in a Clothes Mine (114 S. Main St., 970-547-9007), where hand-embroidered floral designs rejuvenate vintage denim. Cookin' Cowgirl (100 N. Main St., 970-453-8819) and Portiera Designs (326 S. Main St., 970-453-1025) have quite the selection of glassware for those early-evening cocktails, while Melissa's (326 S. Main St., 970-547-1840) espresso paintings (classic paintings like the Mona Lisa featuring a coffee mug and painted with liquid espresso on watercolor paper) might provide an intriguing conversation piece. If you're craving some evening entertainment back at the lodge, Java Jungle (224 S. Main St., 970-453-4283) sells more than 600 jigsaw puzzles, including a double-black-diamond challenge containing 18,000 pieces. But if it's a relaxing night in the tub you're after, check out heavenly Milagros of Colorado (216 S. Main St., No. 3, 970-547-SOAP), where Sister Agnes' Colorado handcrafted soaps line two stories worth of tables with fun "flavors," including sandalwood-scented "Envy" and java-infused "Café Ole." After taking laps up and down Main Street, you'll want to sneak inside Hamlet's Bookshoppe (306 S. Main St., 970-453-8033), nestled in a celery-green Victorian house, and rest your weary feet in an antique chair with the latest Patricia Cornwell thriller.

