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Independents Haul

Forego the usual City of Brotherly Love-themed snow globes and magnets, and stop into **Philadelphia Independents**, which opened its doors last month in Old City, for a unique souvenir. This homegrown gift shop stocks a curated collection of handmade items from local artists and artisans. Score mementos like leather-bound journals from Huldra Press, sweets from Tradestone Confections, baby items from Sweet Mama Lew and Blue Eyed Molly, jewelry from Precious Meshes and INDICAN, and greeting cards from Betsy Ann Paper. In addition to selling unique merchandise, the store also serves as a hub for the arts community, hosting talks, demos and workshops. 35 N. Third St., 267.773.7316, philadelphiaindependents.com—A.G.