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In the early 1990s, architect Stephen Dynia left a corporate job in New York City and headed west. He established his eponymous architectural practice in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, before expanding his exploration of modern home design in nature right in Denver. His distinguished firm is responsible for The Source, an 1880s brick foundry turned buzzing artisan food market in the RiNo neighborhood. The industrial design of the building was created to reflect the city's vibrant spirit and cultivate a creative community. This project illustrates Dynia's commitment to innovative and sustainable architectural solutions across a myriad of building categories. "Over the last 10 years, the perception of the community has radically shifted," says Dynia of the city. "Denver is full of vibrant neighborhoods, rich with the varied fabric of new and old structures." Read below for Dynia's take on Denver's best. dynia.com



9 a.m. Start your day at Black Black Coffee located on the Taxi campus in RiNo. The Denver coffee scene is exploding in this neighborhood. As a coffee purist, I tend to order a doppio espresso.

10 a.m. Grab an early brunch at Comida at The Source. The Taco Trifecta is always a palate pleaser with its unique flavor combinations.

11 a.m. Head south to wander around the Clyfford Still Museum. From an architectural standpoint, it's one of my favorite buildings in the city.

12 p.m. Walk over to the Denver Art Museum and dip into The Shop at the Hamilton Building, Daniel Libeskind's addition to the museum complex. Along with being an art lover, I find that museum shops are great for discovering unique decorative items, gifts and books, and this is Denver's best.

1 p.m. Continue south to explore the diverse collection of galleries in the Art District on Santa Fe. One of my favorites is the Space Gallery for contemporary art and exceptional

events. Try to come back on a Friday night for the area's beloved First Friday Art Walk.

2 p.m. Get your shopping fix on South Broadway. I love Steadbrook, a men's clothing store, for its minimalist design and wonderful in-store coffee bar. I've also recently been scouring the neighborhood and am amazed by the variety of offerings from local Denver makers.

3 p.m. Head back north for a late lunch and more tacos at Tacos al Vapor, located at Washington and 51st. The award-winning taco truck serves traditional Mexican street tacos with zero frills.

4 p.m. Revisit The Source for another espresso at Boxcar Coffee Roasters and discover unique home accessories and art at Svper Ordinary.

5 p.m. Now you're ready for happy hour. Head straight to The Cooper Lounge in Denver's recently renovated Union Station. Its sleek and elegant design is not limited to the space itself—every cocktail is a work of art, crafted with precision and presented on a silver tray.

