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When I feel in need of a little extra sparkle in my life, I head to west London for a mooch RAINBOW, Fabio Bergomi's Fulham store. The Italian designers's lair is lined with chandeliers of all descriptions, some heavy on the deco-style elegance, some 1960s-funky. A handful are floor-to-ceiling crystal cascades of the most exquisite campery. Still others are vintage Venetian jobs that recall the extravagant glass confections that Bergomi grew up with, in picturesque little town by Lake Garda. The particular object of my affection, the piece I'll invest in when I finally put together a grown-up drawing room, called Swirl (£3,036), is made from bars of Venetian crystal, knotted like a silk cufflink. (Pictured: Spiral, £2,760)

Rainbow provides just the sort of light therapy that should be prescribed for all forms of rainy-day blues. Best of all, if browsing should turn to buying, you can order creatively customised versions of many designs. The lights are manufactured in a couple of family-run workshops in Venice and Florence, using traditional techniques, and, as each one is made to order, you can throw in a few multicoloured prisms, drops and beads, an extra tier or a longer drop, and make the light your own. A sublime twinkly treat.

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