



## Avila Retail Spaces

The Avila Retail Development and Management Group has opened stores in airports in Albuquerque, Phoenix, and Denver and D/P/S has worked closely with them to theme their various stores according to the requirements of each of those airports. Earth Spirit stores specialize in the sale of jewelry and contemporary crafts. These spaces are organic in form: a "river" of concrete floor colors stained in greens and browns swims through the space while curved stained wood display cases follow the "river." The walls are curved with built in nichos, a New Mexican version of a niche display. The ceiling curves and breaks into two materials; an aged copper color in the front half and a taupe ceiling at the back. Curved light tracks and jewel-like pendant spot fixtures illuminate the space. The long and straight walls are lined with stained wood cases and are interrupted with fabric-wrapped panels for hanging articles. Earth Spirit is colorful with sage green and red walls, purple nichos, and blue accents.

Fiesta Market stores are more like a New Mexican home and feature indigenous foods and souvenirs. The ceilings are varied: metallic silver ceiling tiles create the "dining room", a corrugated tin and carved wood "portal" columns feature native foods. The majority of the space has wood beams and latillas to recall an adobe home. The walls are painted with intense reds, yellows, and blues. The flooring is cork, in natural and deep blue, which provides a soft surface for employees who are on their feet all day, and is quiet when walked on. The cases are a light stained wood, and are carved much like southwestern wood. Punched tin casework panels and wall sconces recall old New Mexican tin work, a unique craft.

Other proposals created with the Avila group are for a museum-type store with Native American arts in a sophisticated space with natural materials, a small store for body care products, and a western theme story containing cowboy clothing and souvenirs.

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**Location:** Fiesta Market, Albuquerque, NM  
Earth Spirit, Albuquerque, NM; Denver, CO

**Cost:** \$130,000-\$192,000

**Size:** 1,020-1,500sf

**Completion:** 2003, 2005

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