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WHAT'S HOT AND HAPPENING ACROSS CANADA THIS MONTH, PLUS INSIDER PICKS FROM OUR LOCALISTS-AT-LARGE

**PATRICIA WONG**  
rings, from \$275,  
patriciawong.ca



**Gracie Carroll**  
TORONTO

graciecarroll

I blame *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* for rekindling my love for space-age everything. Patricia Wong offers a refreshing take on futuristic design with a debut fine-jewellery collection featuring angular shapes and orb-like gems that would turn heads in any galaxy.

**MALORIE URBANOVITCH**  
bag, \$465, habitatetc.com



**Alyssa Lau**  
EDMONTON

imalyssalau

This spring, Malorie Urbanovitch adds a parade of prints to her signature streamlined silhouettes via a collabo with local artist Bernadette Paetz. Appearing on pencil skirts, maxi-dresses, tees and bags, each hand-painted design explores the female face through crude drawings that upend conventional beauty ideals. Call it fashionable feminism.



**DECLAIRE BEAUTY**  
lip glosses, \$23 each,  
declairebeauty.com



**Ania Boniecka**

CALGARY

aniab

With Earth Day approaching, now is the perfect time to add some green to your makeup routine. My latest discovery: moisturizing lip glosses by Declaire Beauty, which contain plant-based ingredients you can actually pronounce (castor seed and pomegranate seed oils, cacao butter, candelilla wax). For a pretty, peachy pout, I love the newest shade, Carol Blaze.



**HAUT BEAU** rug,  
\$700, hautbeau.com



**Gabrielle Lacasse**

MONTREAL

dentellefleurs

I'd been wanting to cozy up my Plateau apartment with some tasteful new textiles for ages when I discovered these hand-woven rugs by Haut Beau. The charming pastel-hued designs—including this calming Blue Moon motif—are artsy enough to hang on my walls.

**COMMUNITY BY ARITZIA**  
poncho, \$85,  
aritzia.com



**Cara McLeay**

VANCOUVER

carajourdan

I've always loved Aritzia's Community line for its comfy-cool basics, but this season I'm buying in bulk thanks to its new eco-friendly direction. Made from sustainable fabrics like cotton, linen and recycled hemp, the spring collection, which is inspired by travel and Peruvian culture, appeals to my inner wanderlust. Excuse me while I book a poncho-appropriate vacay stat!



**Alanna Durkovich**

VANCOUVER

xandervintage

Local tech accessory brand Field Trip is my go-to for stylish phone cases that fully embrace girly-girl design: pink florals, sprinkle doughnuts and (my current obsession) cutesy cacti, which are the perfect mix of sugary sweet and prickly chic.



**FIELD TRIP** iPhone cases, \$26 each, etsy.com/shop/fieldtrip

GIRL IN THE 'HOOD

## Christina G. Cheng

Riverside, Toronto | christinagcheng

**AS A BUSY** social media coordinator, this 26-year-old commutes into the city's east end, where she spends her nine-to-five working, playing and discovering her historic 'hood away from home. "I love the quiet yet lively vibe," says Cheng. "It's still developing, so there are lots of spots people don't know about yet."

**OFFICE HOURS** "East Room is a loftlike co-working space on Carroll Street—it's given me a stylish place to focus and get creative. It was started by two brothers whose family owns an antiques shop, so the look is modern with plenty of old-world charm."

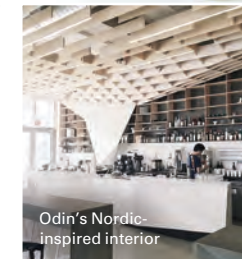
**CAFFEINE RUSH** "I'm obsessed with the all-white Scandi aesthetic at Odin—it delivers a daily dose of design inspiration with my morning Americano."

**DAY BREAK** "Aft Kitchen & Bar is a smokehouse (the ribs are amazing!), but I always get their mac and cheese with Gruyère, aged cheddar and Parmesan. They also have a sweet back patio, which is where you'll find me most days!"

**ONE-STOP SHOP** "KA Space is an edgy concept shop that combines a gallery, bookshop, boutique and café all in one. I could easily spend an entire afternoon there. I recently bought a jar of their in-house bath salts, which are handmade locally and infused with essential oils like bergamot, vanilla and ylang-ylang. They're great for relaxing after a long run or tough workout."



Cheng at East Room, where she gets down to business



Odin's Nordic-inspired interior



Mannequins draped in local wares are the welcoming committee at KA Space

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**HAPPY HOURS** "There are quite a few

good bars in Riverdale, but Comrade is my jam: friendly, laid-back and rustic. I always order an old-fashioned—they use Hennessy cognac, and it's perfect."