



Take a Hike

With the nearby mountains, forest trails and ocean, this city has a well-deserved reputation as a mecca for outdoor adventurers. Makes sense, then, that Fjällräven (page 40) recently opened its first Canadian store right here in Vancouver. The Swedish brand uses classic designs and materials in its **award-winning outerwear, apparel, gear and accessories**. Liven up your look with one of the popular Kånken backpacks, available in a rainbow of colours, from peach pink to forest green.

STYLE & SUBSTANCE

Almost anyone can produce a stylish tank dress or asymmetrical pullover (**pictured**), but it takes a **special kind of company** to do so while giving its 500 female employees in Thailand free health-care, education and English classes. Canada's Neon Buddha (www.neonbuddha.net) also donates 1% of sales to charity and strives to offset its carbon footprint. At Bodacious (page 34).



Just in Time

Time for a new watch? Head to Still Life (page 35) or Walrus (page 37) to check out Komono's new **capsule collection based on the edgy art of Jean-Michel Basquiat**. Each timepiece's wristband shows a different detail of one of six paintings—in other words, each watch is unique, like Basquiat himself.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Whether your **warm-weather destination is a beach, cabin or tent**—or just the backyard—these handy items should improve your trip.

BASKET & THROW

Vancouver's Jan Halvarson, who founded the popular design blog Poppytalk (www.poppytalk.com), teamed up with Target (page 32) to create a line of "glamping" items such as a picnic basket and a camping throw with a useful carrier handle.



PLAYING CARDS

Play your favourite card game and learn wilderness safety skills at the same time. *The Don't Get Lost Out There! Deck* gives practical info on orienting a map, GPS usage, how to avoid getting lost, and more. At local bookstores (page 31).



CHECKERS

Banish boredom with this adorable fabric checkerboard, which includes game pieces and a cute travel bag, from Poppytalk for Target (page 32). Lightweight, colourful and quiet, it's the perfect game for kids and adults alike.



SUN PROTECTION

For fun in the sun without fear of sunburn, slather on Protection Sport from Dermalogica. Non-greasy and water-resistant for up to 40 minutes, it's ideal for extreme sport enthusiasts. At Spruce Body Lab (page 39).



HAMMOCK

Laze away the long hot days of summer in a hammock from The Bay (page 32). It comes in the eternally popular HBC multi-stripe pattern also found on swim trunks, beach towels, tote bags, deck chairs, Swiss Army Knives and more.



BUG SPRAY

Repel pesky mosquitoes and other creepy crawlies with Zap Away spray from local company Escentis (page 30). Made from lemongrass and lavender essential oils, the spray smells wonderfully fresh and is free from DEET and other harsh chemicals.