



## Oh, Baby!

You'll be wishing you were a child again when you step into Sweet Charlie (page 18), which opened a few months ago in Kitsilano. The elegant space has the look and feel of a high-end fashion boutique, but **everything is targeted to the toddler set**. Four years old or younger, to be precise. The uncluttered shop stocks clothing, toys and decor from design-focussed brands such as Huxbaby, Tinycottons and Donsje. If only we could turn back the clock.



## Here Be Dragons

Form and function merged beautifully in Michael Graves' classic Alessi teapot with the bird-shaped whistle. Before his death earlier this year, Graves **redesigned his iconic creation to mark its 30th anniversary**. This new kettle, named Tea Rex, features a fierce (but adorable) dragon. At Atkinson's (page 18).

## Seeing Stars

Give your sweetie the gift of time this year with a seasonal watch from Swatch. This fun timepiece, named Lucifesta, **makes spirits bright with its charming pattern** of stars, lights, snowflakes, pine trees, plump snowmen and Christmas stockings. But time is running out, since the Lucifesta is limited to just 8,888 pieces. Find it at Swatch The Store (page 24).



## Great Gonch

It's time for the old tighty whities and droopy drawers to go, and no one knows this better than the folks at local company MyPakage. **They understand undies**. Dedicated to innovation and comfort, they use advanced fabric technology and construction techniques to protect your package and keep your crown jewels secure. What are you waiting for? **Update your undie wardrobe** at Brooklyn Clothing (page 21) or online at [can.mypakage.com](http://can.mypakage.com).

## ALL IN ONE

If you travel a lot, then the Chrysalis Cardi is your new BFF. It's definitely **the most versatile item in any wardrobe**, converting easily from a blanket (handy for chilly cross-continental flights) to a skirt, infinity scarf, one-shoulder gown, flowing cape, chic tunic, cozy cardigan or reversible top with cap sleeves, dolman sleeves or no sleeves at all. It's all **easy peasy, with no elastics, pins or tying required**. What's the secret? Snaps hidden along the hemline. And each luxuriously soft Chrysalis Cardi is made in Canada from eco-friendly fabric. Buy online at [www.encircled.ca](http://www.encircled.ca), and consider it the beginning of a beautiful friendship.



## PRETTY & POWERFUL

Emilyn Ghann and her daughter Jameela believe **jewellery should be both beautiful and meaningful**. That's why they began hand-crafting necklaces, bracelets, earrings and rings using recycled materials. Their Calgary-based company, Alora, works with artisans in Ghana and partners with a variety of charities. Buy their pieces online at [www.alora.ca](http://www.alora.ca).

## Road Trip

While on vacation, aspiring young Mario Andrettis and Michael Schumachers are happy to tote their own belongings, but only when **packed inside a pull-along Lamborghini suitcase**. This sporty luggage features a retractable handle, wheels, elastic straps and a flexible partition, all of which help to take the tantrums out of travel. Buy online at [www.mastermindtoys.com](http://www.mastermindtoys.com).

