



Let There Be Light

The bright idea behind Lumin Concepts (www.luminconcepts.com) is also a simple one: reuse materials. Based in Vancouver, this design and fabrication company uses reclaimed wood and salvaged materials in interesting, eye-catching ways. The team scours old houses, hotels, barns and warehouses to find material that's often more than a century old, then they create one-of-a-kind lighting and furniture that appears to be art but is meant to be used every day. Recycling never looked so good.

Simple Luxuries

When Ellen Walde couldn't find the natural-textile accessories she was seeking, she decided to make them herself. The result is Le fil rouge Textiles (www.lefilrougetextiles.com). Walde's company uses eco-friendly linen in pillows, tablecloths and bedding that are produced in North Vancouver, and sustainable but luxurious baby alpaca in scarves and blankets that are produced in a fair-trade-certified production facility in Peru. The fabrics look great, feel amazing and don't harm the environment, so you can indulge guilt-free.



THE MOTHER OF NECESSITY

Patrice Mousseau faced a challenge: her baby had developed eczema, and the only remedy offered by doctors was a steroid cream. Mousseau, an experienced journalist based in Metro Vancouver, employed her researching skills to seek a safe but effective alternative. Soon she discovered the flower *Calendula officinalis*, and she used it as the starting point to create Satya calendula balm (www.satya.ca). This certified-organic, chemical-free, fragrance-free balm relieves inflammation, soothes irritations and reduces itching, making it ideal for treating eczema, psoriasis, burns, rashes, chafing, insect bites and chapped lips. It comes in a 50-ml jar or a 7-ml travel-sized sliding tin (pictured) that can be refilled easily, so relief is always on hand. At Dandelion Kids (page 86) and Lussobaby (page 86).



A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE THINGS

Along with raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens, these are a few of the things we can't live without this month.

LATELY LILY

Kids have so much fun playing the Lately Lily Matching Game that they don't realize how much they're learning about travel—and improving memory and concentration skills at the same time. At local bookstores (page 85).



HUDSON'S BAY

Youngsters and oldsters alike love the iconic HBC stripes on everything from onesies (pictured), polo shirts and running shoes to beach towels, lawn chairs and patio umbrellas. At Hudson's Bay (page 86).



BLAKE AND RILEY

Recent Kerrisdale arrival Blake and Riley (page 90) stocks unusual, hard-to-find treasures such as faux-taxidermy animal heads (pictured), knitted crowns and a storage hook in the shape of a castle, perfect for young royalty.



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

Celebrate Star Wars Day (May 4) by picking up the new *Star Wars: Epic Yarns* trilogy. Created by twin brothers Jack and Holman Wang, who grew up in Vancouver, the books retell the saga of Luke, Leia, Han and Chewbacca through adorable needle-felted illustrations and very few words. To be exact: 12 scenes handcrafted in felt and 12 carefully chosen

words per volume. The brothers are experienced in this unusual genre, having used similar methods to create 12-word felted versions of *Les Misérables*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *War and Peace*, and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, among others. Only a Sith Lord could resist the cuteness of these creations, so follow your inner Jedi to the nearest bookstore (page 85).