HOT SHOPPING » BY SHERI RADFORD



Shereen de Rousseau acknowledges that for many women, the process of falling in love with a piece of her handmade silver jewellery is a gradual one. "They go back and visit it a few times," she says with a laugh. "They date it before making a commitment." But soon they're smitten, purchasing the piece, contacting de Rousseau to find out where to buy others that match, and becoming avid collectors of her rings, bracelets, earrings and necklaces. De Rousseau travels the world looking for inspiration, scouring antiques shops, flea markets and vintage stores, then returns to her Vancouver workshop to craft new objects of wearable art. See them for yourself at Provide (page 80) and Violet (page 77), and be prepared to fall head over heels. Visit www.shereenderousseau.com for more info.

TONY TOTS

Think designer duds for kids are out of your price range? Think again. A new GapKids and babyGap collection by Diane von Furstenberg offers petite chic without sticker shock. This second collection by the iconic American designer for the popular clothing chain promises to be as eve-catching and colourful as the first. Visit Gap (page 75) to outfit your pintsized fashionista. Sheand your wallet—will thank you.





Go Green and Go Home

Here on the West Coast, we have a reputation as tree-huggers passionate about saving the planet. It should come as no surprise, then, that two of the homes featured in Julie Torres Moskovitz's *The Greenest Home: Superinsulated and Passive House Design* (Princeton Architectural Press; \$52) are located in BC. Read all about Austria House and Rainbow Duplex, both in nearby Whistler, along with more than a dozen other residences around the world that are beautiful and energy-efficient. At local bookstores (page 72).