

## Reach the Beach

Sunglasses? Check. Towel? Check. How about **everything else necessary for a long, lazy day at the beach?** Don't forget these warm-weather essentials.—*Sheri Radford*



Beach umbrellas provide shade from the hot summer sun, but if gusts of wind make them go airborne, they can cause serious injuries. Fortunately, the ingenious Noblo Umbrella Buddy ([www.thenoblo.com](http://www.thenoblo.com)) **stops accidents before they happen.** Simply fill it with sand, Velcro it to the umbrella and relax.



Not everyone has the curves of Kate Upton. That's why local gal Julia Church created Nettle's Tale ([www.nettlestale.com](http://www.nettlestale.com)). Thanks to a successful Indie-gogo campaign, the online store now stocks **real bathing suits for real women.** Or visit the pop-up shop, Jul. 29 to Aug. 1 at Heritage Hall (3102 Main St.).



The perfect beach tote must be **large, sturdy, tip-proof and easy to clean.** Kim Vaccarella couldn't find such a bag, so she invented one. Available in three sizes, the Bogg Bag ([www.boggbag.com](http://www.boggbag.com)) is made from durable EVA material and has a non-slip bottom. Best of all, it can be cleaned with a hose.



Plastic bags harm the environment, while reusable fabric ones never truly smell clean. The solution? The Spbang snack bag ([www.spbang.com](http://www.spbang.com)). Available in fun colours, this **environmentally friendly creation** contains no BPA and no phthalates. And when it's time for cleaning, it can be tossed in the dishwasher.



No one wants to slather on full make-up for a day at the beach. A practical alternative is Sheer Tint from Dermalogica. In light, medium and dark shades, this **SPF-20 tinted moisturizer** provides some colour while protecting against UV rays with a broad-spectrum sunscreen. At Spruce Body Lab (page 38).



Show your true stripes in a pair of swim trunks from The Bay (page 31). The **iconic HBC multi-stripe pattern** can also be found brightening up beach towels, tote bags, deck chairs, hammocks and Swiss Army Knives. For the ultimate day at the beach, there's even a striped canoe with matching paddles.

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