

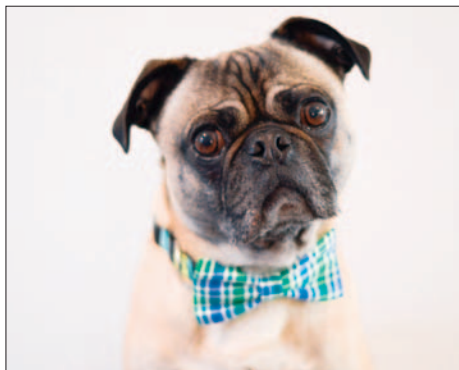


ART & SOLE

Seeking an unusual souvenir that comes with a side of philanthropy? Look no further than Six Hundred Four (page 22). This new boutique in Gastown partners with Vancouver artists to produce limited-edition footwear. Each artist creates a new piece of art, which is then digitally printed onto 604 pairs of hand-crafted shoes, spread across four unisex styles. These cool kicks are guaranteed conversation starters. And visiting the sneaker gallery is less like a typical shopping trip and more like an excursion to a funky underground gallery. Bonus: 6.04% of each sale is donated to a charity chosen by the artist, which means you can look good and feel good at the same time.

A GEM OF A STORE

Whether your budget veers more toward the Average Joe or the Kim Kardashian end of the spending spectrum, you're sure to discover the perfect piece of jewellery at Lao Feng Xiang (page 23). Located right downtown, on high-fashion Alberni Street, the only LFX store in Canada sells jadeite, nephrite, pearls, coloured stones and diamonds, all set in stunning white or yellow gold. Find the perfect gift for a wedding, birthday, anniversary or (our favourite) no occasion at all.



TOP DOGS

Pampered pooches and well-heeled hounds get outfitted by Danes and Divas. The local company crafts stylish bowties, collars, leashes, bandanas and more for dapper dogs (and good-natured cats). Shalla Black established the business in 2012 because she saw a need for accessories that went beyond basic nylon or leather. Designed and manufactured in BC, Black's creations express each pet's personality. Outfit your own precious pup at Barking Babies (page 23) or online at www.danesanddivas.com.