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WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS

Vancouver is known for its stunning scenery, eco-friendly ethos, plethora of outdoor activities all year round—and rain. Lots of rain. Before you lament the abundant liquid sunshine, consider it an excuse to buy a fancy new umbrella. Jonathan Bonder, a Vancouverite who was fed up with boring brollies, started Pluvio to create well-constructed, limited-edition bumbershoots. He partnered with various artists to build these cool creations. End result? Umbrellas so eye-catching that you'll be looking forward to rainy days. Buy online at www.pluvioumbrella.com.

MADE IN CANADA

Seeking a special souvenir? Circle Sep. 24 and 25 on your calendar, because that's when The Etsy Vancouver Market: Made in Canada (page 22) returns. Newly expanded to two days, and now taking place in the spacious Pipe Shop Building, this year's marketplace is bigger than ever. Browse all the quirky creations by local artists and artisans, including wooden coasters from Reclaimed Print Co., cozy toques from Woolvan Knits, sweatshirts from My Cat Is People and pocket squares from Vancity Squares.

TRUE STORY

Once upon a time, there was a Vancouver company that decided to make fun but durable clothing for children, using quality fabrics selected from around the world. It may sound like make-believe but it's true, and Redfish Kids (page 25) has been thriving ever since it started more than a decade ago. Prepare to fall in love with the fall collection, which was inspired by fairy tales.

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