



SPRING
SUMMER
2014

simple, handmade,
timeless; these are the
trends we follow here at
erin templeton.

for spring we have
introduced a few new
friends to make life that
much simpler, bringing a
little thoughtful design
into your daily life.

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rhombus

a geometrically inspired purse that can turn into a clutch when the mood strikes. we made her with a double zip, so you can open her up a bit...or all the way! she's all angles and sharp lines, but made of the softest of leathers.

shown in black and red



**byob
flat pack large**

*you asked, and
we listened! the
byob flat pack is
now available in a
larger size!*

shown in black



catchall

*this is the
weekender version
of the rhombus.
she works well as a
briefcase, carryall
or large purse.
fill her up with
whatever you want,
whenever you want,
and off you go!*

shown in emerald



**time for a change
ipad | ipad mini**

technically, our time for a change wallet, but larger - and for technology! of course, you are more than welcome to use it as a clutch. She comes with a cute card holder and spot for your charger!

shown in aqua



time for a change

super simple, available in rainbow brights, lined with blue and white striped cotton & featuring a card holder - it's really all you need.

also available in our traditional earth tones, including elk and bison

shown in red, blue, yellow, green, orange, aqua





straight and narrow

this little guy is exactly how he appears, 100% genuine, clean cut and right on track. two large compartments for cash and a smaller one for cards, keeping everything in perfect working order.

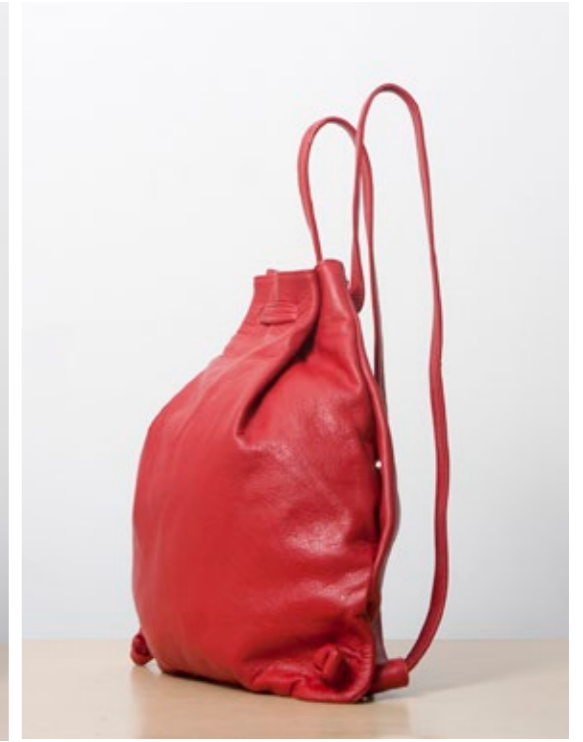
the (optional) shoe lace strap allows the opportunity to go hands free-when you really need to get down to brass tacks...speaking of which, isn't that brass stud as cute as a button?

shown in veggie tan and black

folksy tote

an addition to the mama family, the folksy tote is wide eyed, a tall natural beauty. simple and tidy, she keeps everything private and safe. lined with our blue and white stripes and (as always) with a recycled leather zip pocket inside. you can truly trust her character - she's in it for the long haul!

shown in whiskey

**byob flat pack small**

the byob flat pack has a secret side pocket for easy access to your "water" bottle, or whatever you would like to keep separated and safe from prying eyes.

shown in red



CLASSICS COLLECTION

after careful consideration,
these bags have made it
into our **classics collection**.
sometimes a style needs
a little time to gain
momentum and sometimes
its just got a lot of love to
give!

we hope you enjoy these
timeless pieces and
continue to celebrate who
we are and what we do
here at erin templeton.

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tote

the tote is perfect for everyday. the simple, no hardware design makes it timeless and the strap makes it easy to wear over one arm, or across the body.

*available in four sizes
extra large . large .
medium . small*

*medium available in
recycled leather*

large shown in black



purse tote

one of our most popular styles, the purse tote is a strong, subtle bag that has the confidence not to be flashy. can be worn as a shoulder bag and cross body.

*available in
new and recycled leather*

shown in black



gunny sack

the wide soft straps cushion your shoulders while peddling at break neck speed. transform this backpack into a bucket bag by wearing the knot on top!

shown in black

**mountain mama**

casually rugged, the mountain mama's round bottom is at home anywhere. all mamas are available in medium and large, with a zip or magnet closure.

shown in chocolate



palooka

a fun convertible bag with an outside pocket and drawstring closure. for easy access, she can be worn messenger style with the side strap. her simple, no-hardware look keeps her casual, classy and super lightweight for daily use.

shown in red



pocket pal

the kid sister to the palooka keeps things safe with a drawstring closure. the pocket pal can be worn under the arm or across the body. she's easy, keeping things light and always up for a good time.

shown in aqua



tgif

this little guy will see you through the weekend, discreetly holding everything you may need. short, sweet, and always fun at a party!

made in recycled leather, always 100% one of a kind

shown in recycled red



byob

the byob keeps your secret stash safe, in her magnetized side pocket! she's sure to keep your cold beer on the down low, or whatever else you might want to keep to yourself.

available in new and recycled leather

small shown in whiskey



**good girl**

good girls don't carry a lot of baggage. this unlined, simple purse with magnet closure and gathered sides allow you to adjust & add room when you need it. the tidy inside pencil holder keeps you prepared, and a small zipped pocket on the outside gives you quick access to your lip gloss and bus pass. it's simple and sweet, just like you.

**tcb**

the tcb is always taking care of business. strong enough for your laptop, and smart enough to use all the time. the tcb is lined with blue and white striped cotton and comes with a handy business card holder. made with our exclusive elk and buffalo hides which are 100% locally farmed and tanned in british columbia.

**tank tote**

she's a triple threat! once leather pants, now reincarnated as a rockin' tank and one day an ultra chic tote? it's true! you can pop her in the mail, and we'll return her transformed, or support your local shoe repair!

**festival pouch**

the festival pouch was invented for that favourite dress, the one that if born with pockets, would go to a lot more parties. wear the pouch cross body, holding your essentials safe, while tripping the night fantastic - then in a flash - double up the leather lace and you have a handy flask holster, just in case!

half moon clutch

*we're busy enough without
all the busy bags out
there.*

*this soft clutch is
unassuming and dead
simple.*

shown in red



harvest moon

*behold the harvest moon.
let your mouth do the
talking and your bag do
the holding. we're busy
enough without all the
busy bags out there. pull
the straps through and
fold into a monster
clutch.*

*available in
medium and large*

large shown in whiskey



pocket book

the pocket book is all you really need to file your life fantastic.

shown in veggie tan and cognac



kiss and make up

available in new and recycled upholstery scraps; the colours may change, but the function stays the same.



colour co-ordinate your life with these little monkeys. they are always up for a cuddle with your clutter.

shown in orange and blue



tube

the tube is great for sunnies, pencils, etc. - don't let us tell you what to do!

shown in aqua



sandals

the roamin sandals are back by popular demand!

available in cognac, and comes equipped with 3 sets of vintage laces. 100% made in studio.

shown in black



small changes

small changes are tougher than they look. they carry alot of weight while improving our lives!

shown in veggie tan and red and cognac and black

keep it together

the stud keeps your change safe, while tightening up the tiny wallet to fit inside your pocket!

shown in veggie tan and cognac



the writer

a leather cover for your notes, thoughts, dates and memories. fits a large or small moleskin notebook and holds a pencil. i've done all i can do, the rest is up to you!



writer 1 (sm)

shown in recycled whiskey



writer 2 (large)

shown in recycled olive





RECYCLED LEATHER

vintage anything and everything is erin's first love and constant inspiration. when an older recycled leather erin templeton bag crosses her path, it's a marker, a reminder of who it used to be. this is easily her favorite part of making the recycled bags.

even though they are all cut from the same pattern, they are all one of a kind, loved and recognized.

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sorting through and appreciating the character of each one, it is the garment who decides which bag it will be, not us!

occasionally we get the opportunity to make a special bag for families with sentimental pieces, giving gratitude back to those jackets and skirts that served them so well.

it's a lot of extra work, but it's a lot of extra inspiration. we love what we do here!

1. find the pre-loved jacket or pants
2. deconstruct, decide who he's going to be!
3. trace pattern/frankenstein the pieces together
4. cut it out
5. sew and glue and sew and glue
6. add reinforcements, fold and glue some more
7. bonk the holes and trim
8. put your stuff in it
9. live your life!



erin templeton

erin templeton was born and raised in the mountains outside of vancouver, canada. she began making leather accessories in 1999, while studying shoemaking at cordwainer's college in london, england. she continued to study leatherwork in australia, and once home in vancouver in 2003, she began concentrating on handbags.

by 2007, her studio graduated from renting the boiler room of a local tailor shop to the actual tailor shop, where she opened her studio/storefront to the public in vancouver's historic chinatown.

a vintage buyer by trade, erin found the masses of unloved leather inspiring, each piece a reminder of who it once was. all designs are lovingly handmade in-house in recycled leather, imported cowhides, or a selection of exclusive and locally tanned elk and bison. truly the biggest part of the story is recognizing and uniting the elements.

erin's fascination with the past informs designs that aim to defy trends. she uses minimal hardware and simple, strong construction, which allow people to adjust, change, and make pieces their own. it is her hope that each piece is able to mix freely with new and vintage pieces and to become a lifelong friend.



the erin templeton storefront/studio in vancouver's historic chinatown is a collection of everything that make erin's designs her own. her one of a kind, new and recycled leather bags and

accessories are the focus, paired with hand picked vintage clothes and jewelry. the vintage acts as inspiration, and with her studio on site, there is always a couple of very special pieces on display.

we always love meeting new people so please feel free to get in touch or stop by anytime.

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