



BEST OF TORONTO

SHOPPING



KATHRYN GAITENS

Best kids' stuff

ELLA + ELLIOT

188 Strachan, 416-850-7890, www.ellaandelliot.com

Moms and pops who don't want baby's arrival to mess with their impeccable knack for modern decor will find cutesy kids stuff relief at Ella + Elliot. Bugaboo strollers, Dwell sheets and other style-conscious toys and trinkets will school junior early in design.

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life. She curates a diverse sampling of creative, done-it-themselves clothing and accessories while making sure every seam is high-fashion quality.

Best eco fashion

HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

61A Bellevue, 416-999-2197, www.heartonyoursleeve.ca

We can't stop showering this Kensington Market boutique with planet-conscious praise. Owner Natalie Stephenson should be proud of her sustainable and stylish shop, which proves fashion never has to suffer for eco-awareness.

Best posters

TELEGRAMME PRINTS

1103 Queen East, 416-463-8998, www.telegramme.ca

Telegramme's walls of vintage lithographs, concert bills and modern

graphic posters (and a ceiling pinned with limited-edition Cuban film prints) elevated the poster art selection this year. Whether you're hunting for a super-sized Houdini print for that wall above the sofa or a Belle and Sebastian concert announcement to kitsch up the kitchen, we're happy to now have options beyond fruit-bowl oil paintings and Van Gogh reproductions.

Best denim

BODY BLUE

201 Danforth, 416-778-7601 and 724 Queen West, 416-703-7601

East- and west-end outposts serve up designer denim labels like Diesel and Citizens of Humanity and jeans from more budget-friendly lines like Mavi and Fidelity. The undeniably hot collection of Fly London boots and shoes are sure to offset any savings.



MICHAEL WATIER

Best up-and-coming shopping strip

THE JUNCTION

No stretch has slowly but steadily made its way onto our shopping map like the Junction. The strip along Dundas West from Dupont to Runnymede is filling up nicely with home decor stores and other indie 'hood staples, and we can't wait to see who arrives next to fill in the still-abundant blank storefronts.