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WHAT'S HOT AND HAPPENING ACROSS CANADA THIS MONTH, PLUS INSIDER PICKS FROM OUR LOCALISTS-AT-LARGE



Gracie Carroll

TORONTO

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Maman is the latest hot spot drawing local gastronomes away from the west side and into [gasp!] the downtown core. Located in the heart of the Financial District, this French bakery and café is brimming with rustic charm (mismatched chairs, blue-and-white toile, reclaimed wood tables shipped in from France) and a daily menu of house-baked nibbles (lemon-and-thyme madeleines, perfectly crusty baguettes, the butteriest croissants) by legit Michelin-starred chef Armand Arnal. [mamantoronto.com](#)



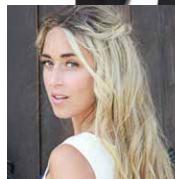
For Your Best Friend

VICTORIA

If you've got a bestie who negates all #squadgoals, go ahead and put a pendant on it with Covet + Keep's necklace set for badass BFFs. Each one spells out "best" and "bitches" in Braille, because what would a best friendship even be without a secret code? —NANCY WON



COVET + KEEP
necklace set, \$159,
[covetandkeep.com](#)



Cara McLeay

VANCOUVER

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This fall, two of my favourite Vancity brands, Good Husbands Apparel and Brunette Is the New Black, have teamed up to create a limited-edition "I Got You Bae" sweatshirt that puts a millennial slant on an old-school catchphrase.

GOOD HUSBANDS APPAREL x BRUNETTE IS THE NEW BLACK
sweatshirt, \$75, [goodhusbandsapparel.com](#)

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Gabrielle Lacasse

MONTREAL

dentellefleurs

Local leather label Matu combines minimal, modern fashion with serious function in everything from messenger bags and backpacks to wallets and document holders. I'm personally crushing on the wire holder—it may look simple, but it constantly saves me from untangling my earphones.



MATU wire holder, \$9, and card holder, \$45, matumtl.com

GRANTED sweater, \$385, Simons Park Royal



Simon Says

VANCOUVER

The retail race continues to heat up in Vancouver with the arrival of Quebec-based heritage department store Simons. Located in Park Royal Shopping Centre, the new 100,000-square-foot space highlights the best of West Coast talent, including installations by local artists (Jody Broomfield, Bobbie Burgers, Douglas Coupland) and homegrown fashion via rugged menswear by Wings + Horns, street wear by Reigning Champ and cozy cabin knits from Granted. —N.W.

Get in Line

TORONTO

Now that founders Jennifer Wells and John Muscat have expanded into outerwear, Line—known for its cozy knits—officially has a lock on fall dressing, just in time for its 15th anniversary. “We wanted to approach coats the same way as we do knitwear,” says Muscat. “The pieces are all very lightweight, they’re easy to layer, and they all have that effortlessly cool slouch.” linethelabel.com —N.W.



CRYSTAL BAR soap, \$12 each, crystalbarsoap.ca



Ania Boniecka

CALGARY

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I always feel re-energized and ready to take on the world after a morning shower, so when I discovered Crystal Bar soaps, a new line of handcrafted sudsers containing sun-charged crystals and scented with essential oils, I immediately started collecting my favourites: clear quartz for balance and calm, rose quartz for romance, and violet amethyst for healing and inspiration.