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Where to buy locally-made hand sanitiser in Sydney right now

Stay safe, keep clean, buy local

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This entire year has been somewhat of a plot twist, but here's a sub-twist that threw us for a loop recently – suddenly we're lusting after flannel face masks like we once did shoes, and coveting boutique, distillery-made hand sanitiser in the way we once did Korean skincare products. If we've got to use hand san, we might as well support local businesses while we're doing it – so we've rounded up some of our favourites. Looking for masks? We've got you(r face) covered.

Archie Rose, a Sydney-based gin-maker, was one of the first distilleries in the country to pivot towards creating high-alcohol grade sanitiser, infusing their 65 per cent mixture with its gin botanicals. Archie Rose's first release sold out in a matter of hours, but you can get yours online here. A 500ml bottle costs \$20.

Further north, <u>Manly Spirits Co</u> also makes a gin-based sanitiser featuring native botanical goodness. Smaller quantities are currently sold out, but you can grab some hand san in bulk <u>here</u> (it'll set you back \$65 for five litres).

The Surry Hills creatives at <u>Brix Distillers</u> have also repurposed their distilling facilities to create a 70 per cent ethanol rum-based hand sanitiser. They're selling twin packs of 300ml bottles for a discounted \$20 – <u>nab yours here</u>.

It's clear that there's no shortage of distillery-made sanitisers, but <u>Unexpected Gin</u> isn't exactly one of those (yet). Due to launch in March 2020, the duo behind the Unexpected brand pivoted their business before it'd even taken off, into making boutique sanny with 75 per cent alcohol and infused with lavender. Its formulation has 25 per cent aloe vera, too, so it's not drying like many others can be. <u>Get yours online</u> for \$19 for 500ml.

Now, Orange's <u>Parrot Distilling Co</u> isn't exactly Sydney-based, but its gin-based sanitiser has gained a huge following in its hometown for its refreshing scent and aesthetically pleasing bottles – it's the kind you want to show off. <u>Find yours here</u>.

For an eco-friendly option, <u>Koala Eco</u> is owned by a Sydney-based husband and wife duo who are committed to minimising their impact on the environment – all their plant-based formulations are derived from Australian essential oils. Get your tea tree leaf-based sanny <u>here</u>.

Speaking of sanny, a boutique Australian brand actually called <u>Sanny</u> is making chic, pocket-sized tubes of sanitiser in three colours ('matte black', 'rosé' and 'blue steel') that'll go with any outfit – plus, the formulation is 80 per cent alcohol, and it dries in a flash. Get one 20ml spray bottle for \$19.95, or all three to swap out for \$59.95 <u>online</u>.

Oh, and remember to stick to physical distancing guidelines when you're going out and enjoying the city.