

Weather Forecast

April showers us with fresh new picks that put spring in our step

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→ Made from century-old brass and copper chains, these pretty Collage turquoise earrings (\$84) by local designer Hailey Gerrits are both delicate and bold at 10 centimetres long. *BeautyMark, 1268 Pacific Blvd., 604-642-2294. Beautymark.ca*



↑ We're really bugged about Crate + Barrel's quirky new insect dishes (\$7.95 each) by Jane Dixon, where each porcelain plate features a green, yellow, or blue beetle or a lucky ladybug. *650 W. 41st Ave., 604-269-4300. Crateandbarrel.ca*

→ Hudson's Bay and Lord & Taylor introduce their new private label, 424 FIFTH, offering upscale sportswear pieces—like the stretch cotton Photoreal printed long jacket (\$199)—that mix and match well (but leave the yoga pants at home). *Thebay.com*



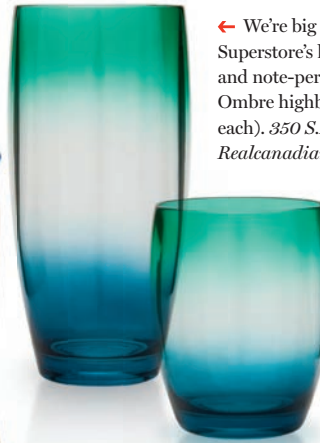
← If there's one thing you should invest in, it's an Hermès scarf—the Index Fund of the fashion world. The new Cheval Phoenix (\$665) offers a bold dividend in silk. *755 Burrard St., 604-681-9965. Hermes.com*



↑ There's no risky business involved in the new Hunter sunglasses by Aya (\$45), which channel a classic Wayfarer (with polarized lenses) with bamboo arms designed by Corinne Hunt (the designer behind the 2010 Olympic medals). *Vancouver Art Gallery, 750 Hornby St., 604-662-4706. Vanartgallery.bc.ca*



→ Icebreaker's Transit jacket in black (\$179.99) looks zippy with a light blue closure, while its lightweight, breathable merino/Lycra mix (98 percent the former) works high-performance magic to keep heat in and stink out. *2089 W. Fourth Ave., 778-329-2710. Icebreaker.com*



← We're big fans of the Real Canadian Superstore's homewares for their affordability and note-perfect design. To wit: these PC Ombre highball glasses in blue acrylic (\$4 each). *350 S.E. Marine Dr., 604-322-3702. Realcanadiansuperstore.ca*

← Channelling the classic patterns of blue and white porcelain in 100 percent silk, the Nellum China Blue Print maxi dress (\$595) by Ted Baker London offers a modern sartorial take on the Orient. *Tedbaker-london.com*



↑ Known more for old-school folding deck chairs in snappy fabrics, Gallant & Jones introduces its Little Campers Hold Your Horses tent (\$356) for a *Moonrise Kingdom* meets *Cirque du Soleil* shelter for the under-three-foot crowd. *Gallantandjones.com*



PRETTY IN PINK
The Mokuren Graphite pillow by Tricia Guild of Designers Guild (\$200) re-creates inky painted artwork on satin with delicate hand-painted fuchsia blooms and silk trimming in moss. *Chintz & Co., 950 Homer St., 604-689-2022. Chintz.com*

→ The most recent edition of See by Chloé Eau Fraîche (\$75 for 50 mL) layers pretty, feminine notes of hyacinth blended with apple blossom and jasmine as created by perfumer Michel Almairac. *Sephora.com*



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