

California jewelry designer Michele Baratta offers heartfelt gift ideas like picture frame jewelry and picture frame key rings as well as delicate layering necklaces and funky metallic bangles. Visit shopmichele.com METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Spanish-inspired shades

Nails take a dramatic turn this fall with OPI's new Colección de España, 12 on-trend shades inspired by the colors of Spain. Colours include Here Today ... Aragon Tomorrow (pictured, far left to right), Pink Flamenco and Give Me Moor! The collection will be available Aug. 5 at professional salons and spas across Canada (\$10.95). For a location nearest you, visit opi.com.

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Old world meets new

First-Nation fashion melds the past with the present

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Perhaps in First Nation culture more than most, historical influences in modern design are about identity, preservation and celebration.

Ancaster-based fashion designer Angela DeMontigny (angelamontigny.com)

works with traditional motifs and traditional materials such as suede, beads and leather hides, all of which pay homage to her Chippewa-Cree-Métis background and serve as a reminder to the world that the First Nations is more than old westerns. "It's a living, breathing culture," she says.

Signature DeMontigny

Focus On First Nations

pieces include fitted leather blazers, tiered goat-suede skirts and now handbags. Distributed in boutiques and galleries throughout North America and Europe, her work has received attention from media such as

Flare, Chate-laine, Women's Wear Daily and CTV.

Celebrities such as singer/songwriter Susan Aglukark, actor Adam Beach and actor/singer Tamara Podemski have worn DeMontigny's garments for events including the National Aboriginal



AYA Accessories sunglasses, \$35, and Esme reading glasses, \$60.



Achievement Awards.

Manitobah Mukluks (manitobah.ca) is a Winnipeg-based company that produces high-end beaded and fur-trimmed leather and suede footwear. These



are inspired by the mukluks and moccasins Métis owner Sean McCormick and his family

Angela DeMontigny Aspen Weekender bag, \$545.

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