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THE HOLIDAYS ARE ALL ABOUT GIVING:  
GIFT A NIGHT AT THE NEW RONALD  
MCDONALD HOUSE (\$75) TO HELP  
A FAMILY STAY WITH THEIR WEE ONE  
(Rmhbc.com)

# Tick-Tock, Tick-Tock

While the kids are all snug in their beds, we've got visions of last-minute gifts in our heads. But time's running out so let it be said, quick, it's time to forge ahead!

BY AMANDA ROSS



← You won't see monogrammed logos plastered all over Hermès's leather; you will see exquisite craftsmanship with the silk-scarf-inspired **Bride de Gala calfskin boot** (\$3,795). 755 Burrard St., 604-681-9965. [Hermes.com](http://Hermes.com)



↑ Scarf and jewellery specialists A Peace Treaty scour remote corners of the globe to rediscover the artistry of the world's masters in an effort to preserve the age-old techniques and traditions of the fashion trade. To wit: H Project's **Asgar Houndstooth Knit scarf** (\$395). Holt Renfrew, 737 Dunsmuir St., 604-681-3121

→ Kate Spade New York's **Holiday Stripe silk caftan dress** (\$378) works party magic both on and off the dance floor. 2002 Park Royal S., West Vancouver, 604-921-1234. [Katespade.com](http://Katespade.com)



**TANGERINE DREAM**  
Wish upon this oatmeal heather intarsia **cashmere sweater** (\$588) by Chinti + Parker. Orange stars add holiday sparkle. Oliver + Lilly's, 1575 W. Sixth Ave., 604-736-7774. [Oliverandlillys.com](http://Oliverandlillys.com)



← Eyeholes are knitted right into the hem of this putty/neon yellow **merino wool Original Balaclava hat** by Hunter (\$90). Wear it up or down; both ways guarantee incognito gift-delivery. Includes exclusive Hunter gift box (overnight delivery available). [Ca.hunterboots.com](http://Ca.hunterboots.com)



↑ Arriving mid-November, the Gap's **Long Crazy Stripe wool-blend gloves** (\$29.95) keep your hands warm and ready for the cookie jar. 650 W. 41st Ave., 604-264-7723. [Gapcanada.ca](http://Gapcanada.ca)



↑ Rubber boots are for little kids: the new water-resistant **Converse Chuck Taylor All Star Rubber kicks** (\$75) are built to withstand snow, slush, and rain in black, pine-needle, red, wild honey, white, and navy. 3683 Main St., 604-873-8874. [Eugenechoo.com](http://Eugenechoo.com)



↑ The **Chantaco bag** (\$295) by Lacoste takes its cues from the links with dimpled leather that channels a golf ball all dressed in holiday red. Available only until January. 779 Burrard St., 604-678-8794. [Lacoste.com](http://Lacoste.com)



↑ The legendary shirtmakers at Eton know how to add flawless finishing to an easy-to-care-for checked cotton **dress shirt** (\$285) with a **tie** (\$130), **pocket square** (\$75), **cufflinks** (\$198), and **tie bar** (\$175). Harry Rosen, 700 W. Georgia St., 604-683-6861

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UNTIL THE NEW YEAR, EVERY TOM'S FOR TARGET GIFT MEANS A DONATION OF A BLANKET, MEAL, OR PAIR OF SHOES; YOUR PURCHASE OF THIS GREY THROW (\$30) SENDS A SECOND ONE TO SOMEONE IN NEED (Target Metrotown, 4545 Central Blvd., Burnaby, 604-678-6680. Target.ca)



← Think of this third release of Ardbeg Supernova's peatiest whisky not as a \$248 bottle of Scotch but as a solid investment. (The first two iterations are pricey treasures these days.) *BC Liquor Stores. BCLiquorstores.com*

↓ Fresh off his return from France, where he was the first chocolatier in Canada to blend his own chocolate at the Or Noir laboratory, Greg Hook of Chocolate Arts serves up the **Brownie Bouche** (\$56), 48 chocolate cakelettes on a dark-chocolate cone, perfect for a centerpiece—or a midnight snack. *1620 W. Third Ave., 604-739-0475. Chocolatearts.com*



↑ Since 1980, L'Occitane's shea line has been produced through a sustainable program (now recognized by the United Nations) with women in Burkina Faso. Its limited-edition **whipped shea butter** (\$30) is on shelves now. *1000 Robson St., 604-681-4408*



→ Inspired by the love padlocks on the Pont des Arts, Chloé's **Love Story eau de parfum** (\$100/50ml) marries neroli, orange blossom from Tunisia, and *Stephanotis* jasmine—the flower of happiness. *The Bay, 674 Granville St., 604-681-6211. Thebay.com*



← This season, De Beers introduces its **Aria Collection white-gold women's watch** (\$56,180) with full pavé rays of conflict-free, natural, and untreated diamonds. *1088 Alberni St., 604-235-5555. Debeers.com*



← Lush's **liquid no-smudge vegan eyeliner Fantasy** (\$18.95/5g) is all gold glitter and good times in a bottle. *1020 Robson St., 604-687-5874. Lush.ca*



← The limited-edition **Seaberry moisturizing face oil** (\$22) from Fresh comes ornament-ready and packed with moisturizing omegas to keep skin smooth and hydrated—all without parabens, sulfates, or phthalates. *Sephora, 701 W. Georgia St., 778-331-3942. Sephora.com*

↓ Whether you're looking for **antlers**, cougar rugs, or puffer fish (\$15 to \$350), Stepback serves up a well-curated menagerie of vintage critters and taxidermy, along with a host of other new and eclectic home décor treats. *2936 W. Broadway, 604-731-7525. Stepback.ca*



↗ Because the holidays require good scents: Crabtree & Evelyn's new **Hollyberry candles** (from \$12.50) evoke crimson berries, red currants, figs, coriander, nutmeg, and frankincense. *2002 Park Royal N., West Vancouver, 604-925-8956. Crabtree-evelyn.ca*



**THREE INTO ONE**  
Jordan Tomnuk's solid **walnut trivets** with beeswax finish [\$100/pair] can also be handily pressed into holiday service as coasters or food vessels. *Provide, 529 Beatty St., 604-632-0095. Providehome.com*



↗ The sister duo behind Bolt Vancouver certainly knows its market with these handmade, bicycle-friendly **growler crates** (\$50). Made for two two-litre growlers or three one-litre growlettes; custom also available. *Bolt Vancouver Design Co. Boltvancouver.com*

→ From instant nut butters to sorbets and hot soup (the friction delivers ready-to-serve heat), the new **Boss super blender** from Breville (\$700) offers commercial-grade performance for the home kitchen. We haven't tried Christmas pud, but the one-button Green Smoothie function inspires hope. *London Drugs. Londondrugs.com*





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FROM ERDEM TO ALEXANDER WANG,  
FIND 40 PERCENT OFF AT THE  
ROOM'S ANNUAL SALE STARTING  
NOV. 28; BY BOXING DAY, IT'S  
60 PERCENT OFF (*Thebay.com*)

↓ It's strictly monkeying around with these cotton blend **Army Sock Monkey mittens**. *Chapters-Indigo, 2505 Granville St., 604-731-7822. Indigo.ca*



↑ The Running Room's Extreme technical **soft shell jacket** (\$179.99) delivers warmth and mobility with a built-in balaclava, sleeve cuff extensions, reflective detail, and strategic ventilation for thermal control. *Runningroom.com*



← A day at the spa and a night at the **Shangri-La** is all you need to recover from the holiday crush. Gift certificates start at \$30 (for an aromatic steam shower), one-night stays from \$225. Peace on earth and goodwill toward husbands and wives? Priceless. *1128 W. Georgia St., 604-689-1120. Shangri-la.com/vancouver*



## MICHELLE ADDISON

PERSONAL STYLIST

→ "A LITTLE BIT GRANOLA, a whole lot of city" is how Michelle Addison, stylist at The Bay's The Room, would describe her signature look. "I like wearing Céline heels during the week and hiking boots and wetsuits on the weekend—it's Vancouver's answer to West Coast fashion!" Either way, this creative sartorialist is our guide to this month's holiday party circuit: "Comfort and fashion can coexist—confidence will help any outfit succeed."

**How do you mix high/low?** I love pairing Topshop pants with Vince silk shirts and Margiela boots.

**One item you couldn't throw away?** Cashmere sweaters. I just can't do it.

**Top three items every fashionable woman must own this season?** A leather pencil skirt, oxblood ankle boots, and a bucket bag.

**Best style advice?** When in doubt, choose quality over quantity.

**Your most recent home splurge?** We live in Vancouver. Can you really have a great wardrobe and a great house? I choose wardrobe. The contents of my house are a work-in-progress.

**On your nightstand?** Dental floss; many unread, expensive magazines; and a whole collection of *Fancy Nancy* books that I read to my daughter.

**How do you handle holiday shopping anxiety?** I try to imagine walking in someone's shoes—what would they most appreciate? **VM**