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## Downtown

**Bravura Interiors** offers modern Italian design for every room of the house, along with a selection of designer entry-way mirrors, like the simple, stunning Christian Wicha-designed IO from BDI. 534 W. Pender St., 604-872-4880, [bravura-interiors.com](http://bravura-interiors.com)

Say you want a state-of-the-art home theatre but don't know the power switch from your aux. The good people at **Commercial Electronics** can program your remote, offer training and serve it all up with a personalized user manual. 1335 Burrard St., 604-669-5525, [commercialelectronics.ca](http://commercialelectronics.ca)

Expect a top-shelf selection of small kitchen appliances, linens and gadgets at **Cookworks**—and if you can't cook, your purchase goes toward a discount for classes at the Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts. 377 Howe St., 604-662-4918; also 1548 W. Broadway, 604-731-1148, [cookworks.ca](http://cookworks.ca)

**Nespresso**, the home-espresso juggernaut, has finally arrived and Vancouver is home to the first of two North American outlets outside NYC. Discover a full line of machines and capsules. 674 Granville St., 604-681-6211, [nespresso.com](http://nespresso.com)

Get the look of a Parisian apartment at **Roche Bobois**. In each piece, the illustrious French furniture retailer perpetuates the fusion of stylish minimalism with luxurious comfort. 716 W. Hastings St., 604-633-5005, [rochebobois.com](http://rochebobois.com)

## Chinatown

**Bombast's** plush selection



Provide (opposite page)

of sofas, chairs and sectionals proves that modernity and comfort aren't mutually exclusive. We love the model names too: Urban Ease, Big Easy Love and Gondola, to name a few. 27 E. Pender St., 604-678-9123, [bombastfurniture.com](http://bombastfurniture.com)

## Gastown

**The Carriage House** stocks consignment furniture of the William Switzer variety in its 10,000-square-foot warehouse. Find deals in what owner Cinde Stevens describes as

this city's "high-end castoffs." 505 Railway St., 604-215-0187, [carriagehouse505.com](http://carriagehouse505.com)

Those seeking authentic Eames, Platner, Saarinen, Aalto and more should proceed to **Inform Interiors**. Owner Niels Bendtsen's own furniture line, Bensen, is a highlight. 50 and 97 Water St., 604-682-3868, [informinteriors.com](http://informinteriors.com)

At the new **Koolhaus** location score reproductions of modern classics like Charles and Ray Eames's bentwood chair, and fabulous mirrors, wall

clocks and statement pillows. 1 Water St., 604-875-9004, [koolhausdesign.com](http://koolhausdesign.com)

**Nest Interiors** showcases modern furniture in a multitude of sleek designs, made to order. Accessories run more local, with free-form wooden vases and lamps evoking the image of a driftwood-strewn beach. 522 Beatty St., 604-737-4704, [nesthome.ca](http://nesthome.ca)

New Zealand's answer to IKEA, **Nood** has original wares and designer knockoffs that are big on style but small in price.

Get your bamboo towels—and, hey, isn't that an Eames rocker for only \$299? 151 Water St., 604-684-9008, nood.ca

Robert Quinnell and David Keeler have created a striking lifestyle store, **Provide**, on this once-bleak block of Beatty Street. Cast-resin vessels by noted local artist Martha Sturdy mingle with seashell-like bowls by Rina Menardi. 529 Beatty St., 604-632-0095, providehome.com

## Yaletown

**The Cross Decor and Design** pays homage to Paris, with its pastel-hued inventory of vintage finds, original artwork and home furnishings and accessories. Great hostess gifts too. 1198 Homer St., 604-689-2900, thecrossdesign.com

**Design House** is a one-stop shop for all manner of design curiosities, from cleverly disguised sleeper sofas to collapsible kitchen funnels to XL cube speakers that play—while they dwarf—your iPod. 1110 Mainland St., 604-681-2800, designhouse.ca

**EntreNous** offers classic contemporary furniture for the whole home, but it's the selection of ultra-modern occasional pieces that get our vote. For those with the budget, order up the interior decorating services. 1088 Homer St., 604-688-4424, entrenousinteriors.com

For almost ten years **Fine Finds** has been a haven for fashionistas looking for standout frocks. On the home front, its wares include Spiegelau stemless wine glasses and a photoclip "spider"—great gifts for a friend, or yourself. 1014 Mainland St., 604-669-8325, finefindsboutique.com

Half of **Inhabit's** high-concept lifestyle store stocks super-cool things for little ones; the other half appeals to their equally stylish parents (George Nelson wall clocks and notNeutral tableware). 1188 Hamilton St., 604-662-7408, inhabitshop.com

The iconic Finnish graphics of the **Marimekko Concept Store** are here in the form of bags, bath towels, clothes, dishes and fabrics cut to suit. 1233 Hamilton St., 604-609-2881, marimekkovancouver.com

**ODI Gallery** handcrafts unique contemporary items like entertainment centres, dining tables and platform beds in solid lumber. Each piece is signed and dated by the individual cabinetmaker. 883 Hamilton St., 604-683-6220, odigallery.com

**Vancouver Wine Vault's** custom cellars begin with a preliminary site visit after which the client receives a 3D computer rendering of the future space. Its selection of EuroCave products provides ready-to-use solutions for wine and cigar storage. #311-1008 Homer St., 604-805-4725, winevault.ca

**Zwada Home** blends modern design with old-world pieces to create a living space that is both contemporary and timeless. Picture the elegant minimalism of antique Asian imports offset by the gallery's bespoke line of plush furnishings. #110-1228 Homer St., 604-568-7677, zwadadesign.com

## False Creek

Granville Island is home to a number of artisan's studios and **Jasna Sokolovic's** is a

standout. Her ceramic tiles in watery hues (\$40 to \$55) make lovely gifts. 1375 Railspur Alley, Granville Island, 604-684-5327, jasnart.com

**The Wood Co-op** on Granville Island is the go-to place for locally designed, sustainably made furniture and home decor items. Find exquisitely crafted pieces, such as Francis Lemieux's Frank Smith line of nesting tables. 1592 Johnston St., Granville Island, 604-408-2553, thewoodco-op.com

## South Granville

Discover **Atkinson's** collection of fine old-world housewares like crystal from Baccarat, Lalique and Daum; silverware from Ercuis and Puiforcat and luxurious Egyptian cotton bed and bath linens from Pratesi. 1501 W. 6th Ave., 604-736-3378, atkinsons.ca

**Bacci's at Home** is where you can pick up Claus Porto soaps and cashmere throws from Designers Guild. Fun tabletop items from Kiss That Frog provide a playful backdrop for dinner parties. 2788 Granville St., 604-733-4933, baccis.ca

If you're feeling lost in a sea of modernist design, **Country Furniture** provides a refreshing breather with classic leather sofas, iron-framed beds and rustic dining tables. 3097 Granville St., 604-738-6411, countryfurniture.net

A departure from the contemporary-design aesthetic that dominates Vancouver, **Divano** has the glittering crystal chandeliers, art pieces from Currin and upholstered settees that conjure up the elegance of a distant time. 2213 Granville St., 604-733-9823

**East India Carpets** is not your standard import rug shop, as evidenced by its Calvin Klein and Liz Claiborne home collections. But it also stays true to the classics with silk and natural vegetable dye carpets. 1606 W. 2nd Ave., 604-736-5681, eastindiacarpets.com

The flagship store of **18 Karat** is a mecca for the design-conscious. Look for oversize vessels, balcony-friendly stone planters and beautifully tex-

Epoque Interiors carries paint in Le Corbusier's palette (page 83)

