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Lukas Peet

The Vancouver designer studied and worked around the world; now, he's making a name for himself as one of Canada's brightest design stars.

LIGHT FANTASTIC Designer Lukas Peet prototyping sleek and stylish lamps in his Vancouver studio.

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Design is a family affair for 26-year-old Lukas Peet, who is making a name for himself worldwide with his smart and simple lighting. Growing up in Banff, Peet had free rein over his father's goldsmithing workshop, which sparked the "beginning of making things." Both Peet and his older brother headed to Design Academy Eindhoven in the Netherlands after high school. After spending his college years learning architecture as well as industrial, interior and fashion design, Peet returned to Canada. "My 18 years here made me who I am," Peet explains.

After just a few months of prototyping back home in his father's workshop, Peet was delighted when his projects—the glossy Spotlight pendant lamp and a collection of curvy cutlery—caught the attention of *Wallpaper* and *Dezeen*. Further experiments with lighting resulted in an elegant, looping brass pendant lamp that he named Rudi, after his dad, which was snapped up for production by contemporary lighting manufacturers Roll and Hill. Collaborations with Umbra followed. Today he makes Vancouver his home, where he's launching Andlight in collaboration with Matt Davis and Caine Heintzman, two former LightForm staffers. The trio traffics in sleek, bold lamps with an environmental bent. "We want to be forward-thinking and efficient, both in the design and with materials and energy consumption," Peet explains. Next up, the young designer is tackling the interior design of Live-

stock, a Gastown shoe store—though he doesn't see the project as being different from his other work. "Designing a space instead of a product is just a matter of scale."

—Stacey McLachlan

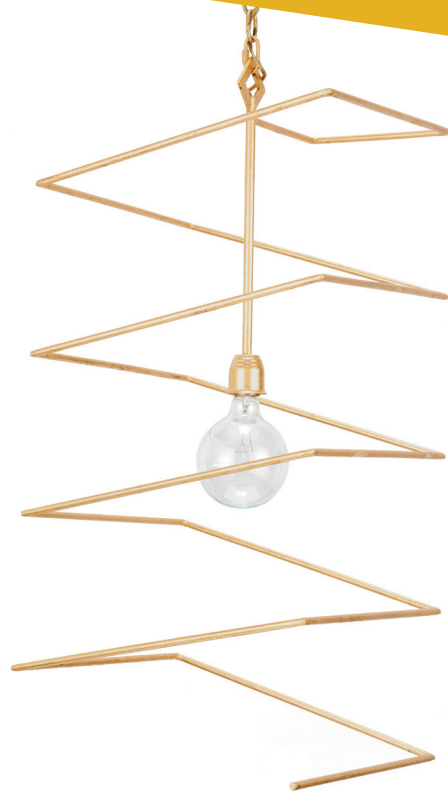


Simply Cool The sleek and minimalist Table Light Spectacular (above); Peet's rustic Hanging clock.



Hot Buys

New in stores across the West



Seeing Clearly

Houndstooth is forever in style, but the **Zuo Modern Vision armchair** (\$763) puts the classic pattern on the cutting edge by pairing it with a future-cool polycarbonate frame. zuomod.ca

Linear Thinking The **Valentina pendant lamp** (\$3,255) eschews a shade in favour of daring angles—a concept so crazy it just might work, juxtaposing of raw and the glam. shinebysho.com

The Graduate The **Modern Satchel Dylan bag** (\$388) embraces collegiate cool with its buttery soft, vintage-finished Italian leather. roots.com



Pretty Pillows The hand-printed Studio Bon **Fandango collection fabric** (\$300 per yard) is a vintage-y take on the ubiquitous chevron—whip it up into a few statement-making throw pillows. studiobontextiles.com

ONE-QUESTION INTERVIEW

Laura Dempsey

Featured designer at Calgary's *Make Fashion* event (March 1, 2014)



What's the future of fashion for Western Canada?

Technology will affect it both directly and indirectly. Hopefully, we'll move away from "fast" fashion, using advances to reduce waste, make clothing more customized to our bodies and needs, and re-engage people in the art of making what they wear. Clothing has always been a tool for expression—technology will take this to the next level. makefashion.ca

Openings

Hot new rooms we love

Vancouver

Ecochic Lifestyles

The beachy pieces from Ecochic Lifestyles—now open on South Granville—utilize reclaimed wood salvaged from sea-side buildings and ships in Indonesia, bringing summery warmth to the home year round. ecochiclifestyles.ca

Calgary

LightForm

They've been a mainstay for Calgarians for more than five years, and now LightForm is moving on to bigger things: specifically, to even larger digs in the Ninth Avenue design district. The 3,000-square-foot space showcases architectural lighting—with expanded selections of favourite brands like Flos, Bocci and Moooi—against a backdrop of cool concrete and rustic millwork. lightform.ca

Edmonton

Two new restaurants from Corso32

Chef Daniel Costa, the innovative owner of acclaimed restaurant Corso32, is doubling down with two new restaurants (unnamed as of press time) in the heart of his hometown. That's two new settings to enjoy elegant spuntini (Italian tapas, to the uninitiated) at a romantic long table, or traditional pasta dishes done right in a lively trattoria. danielcosta.ca —Chervelle Richards



Wood Works Each Ecochic Lifestyles chest is unique, built from salvaged wood.



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Star Bangles Style dilemma: do we embrace the punk-chic trend with an arm of Alex and Ani's **Metallic Daze** (\$298) bangles, or celebrate colour with their cool cobalt **Midnight Equinox** set (\$158)? Good news: the mix-and-match collections allow us to have it all. alexandani.com

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The coolest events

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Winnipeg

Kitchen, Bath and Renovation Show
January 10–12

With nearly 100 exhibitors under one roof, attending this event may be the easiest part of your next reno. Peruse the Flo Form countertops, then pop over to Elegance in Stone's station to muse over granite options. And for those who have never touched a paint swatch, the decorators at Inclusive Design Group will be running "Ask a Decorator" sessions all weekend long to answer your burning questions. kitchenandbathshow.com

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Victoria

Victoria Whiskey Festival
January 16–19

The complex smokiness of Ardbeg whiskey comes from equally complex decisions made about the grain, peat and type of barrel. Get acquainted with the spirit in one of more than two dozen master classes offered at this grand weekend tasting. And on Sunday, whet your appetite as you wet your whistle, pairing classic single malts with superb local offerings by Hotel Grand Pacific executive chef Rick Choy at the Distillers Dinner. victoriawhiskeyfestival.com

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Regina

Valentine's High Tea
February 9

Nothing says romance like flowers, and no one does flowers like the Regina Floral Conservatory, so it's the perfect spot to enjoy a pre-Valentine's High Tea with your sweetheart. Enjoy delectably dainty sweets, live music by a local string quartet and (of course) hot cups of fragrant tea while nestled in the lush greenery of tulips, daffodils, roses and orchids—all before the snow's even melted. reginafloralconservatory.ca – Gary Lim



Through the Wire So it may not hide the clutter, but the **Wire-frame coffee table** (\$850) is still a stylish spot to stow it in plain sight. The powder-coated frame takes a page from mid-century design, but a fabulously functional table is always in style. gusmodern.com