

Well & good

Little things that make life more liveable.



AM I FRENCH YET?

Realise your true chic potential with this Joella trench coat — the ultimate timeless, transeasonal, dress-it-up, dress-it-down essential. From Ingrid Starnes' Winter 2020 collection, it's classic with ruched belt and voluminous cape twists, and sewn to order just pour vous. ingridstarnes.com



UP YOUR GAME

When you've played enough Monopoly to last you a lifetime, it's time to deal a more sophisticated hand. These cards are illustrated exclusively for Fourth St by Guy Oscar Brock, whose work you might have admired hither and thither, including on the walls of Auckland eateries Chinoiserie and Kiss Kiss. Keep them close to your chest or on display as mini artworks in their own right. fourth-st.com



BOOT SCOOTIN'

We bet you could muster up a little soft-shoe gentle sway in these slippers, which promise to take your comfy 'home uniform' from grotty to groovy in two seconds flat. With all of the snug but none of the ough of less artisanal fleece-lined boots, they're made in Napier from local sheepskin and wool in sizes for adults, children and babies. blackbirdgoods.co.nz

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LIGHTER FOOTPRINTS

Athletic shoes are typically made out of plastic, the global production of which emits enough carbon every year to cover 25 million football fields. Gross, thought Allbirds, and opted instead to craft their first running shoes, Dashers, from wool, sugarcane and eucalyptus, for a carbon output of 9kg of CO₂ per pair, nearly 30% less than your average kicks. allbirds.co.nz

SMOOTH-AS SILK

Fine art for your head, hair, neck, wrist, bag... Walker & Bing's lovely scarves are an easy, elegant way to accessorise that you really must look into. The local label's debut hers-and-his collection is inspired by the beauty of our world despite the destruction we've wrought on it, and created using paint, ink, drawing and print-making techniques. One of five styles in two sizes, pictured here is Moira, which is crafted from hand-rolled silk crepe de chine. walkerandbing.com



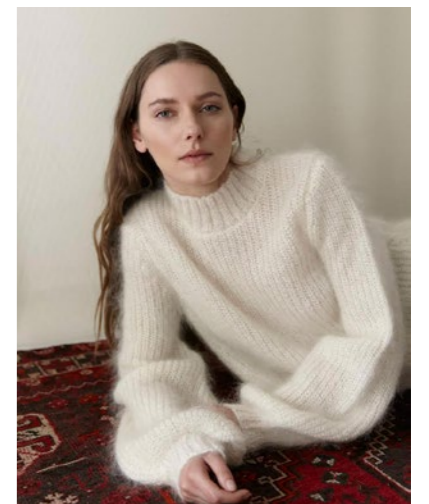
ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Kids aren't included with this 25-piece set of Apartment blocks by Raduga Gréz, produced in Russia by third-generation toy makers from responsibly supplied lime wood and stained with non-toxic colours that will make you crave lolly cake. And you don't need 'em, either — we've been using these ourselves to create geometric still lifes for the grown-ups in the house to admire. tessuti.co.nz



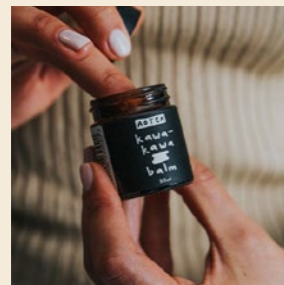
LOAFING AROUND

Recently proven to be an excellent way to make use of otherwise idle time, baking is the best — and even the domestically challenged can get amongst it with the oven-less Freedom Loaf Mix from The Midnight Baker. In intolerance-friendly oat and buckwheat versions, it makes fresh bread as effortless as adding oil, water and sugar. themidnightbaker.co.nz



ONE & ONLY

'Buy well, buy once' is a mantra and a mood and embodied in the Mimi jumper, one of Mt Maunganui label Marle's stalwart styles since 2017. Comprised of 70% mohair and 30% wool that's Oeko-Tex certified and wears ultra-well, it never goes out of vogue and is back for 2020 in fisherman's-rib and honeycomb-stitch versions, both with a cosy high neck and oversized balloon sleeves. marle.co.nz



KAWA CHAMELEON

This three-ingredient remedy turns kawakawa into a potent multi-purpose salve. One of several products sustainably made by Aotea at their Great Barrier Island base, its formula is informed by both the principles of Māori medicine and scientific research into the superpowers of plants. aotemade.co.nz