

SIX GREAT PLACES TO BUY ABORIGINAL ART AND CLOTHES

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Aboriginal culture is the foundation of Vancouver's identity. Our city is located on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people and this is evident throughout our streets, parks and shops.

Whether you love the totem poles in Stanley Park, the Aboriginal art murals found all over the city or places with First Nation names like Capilano Suspension Bridge or Whey-Ah-Whichen or Siwash Rock, there is no mistaking local First Nations role in shaping Vancouver's multicultural mosaic.

How better to share this vital part of our city's cultural character with friends and family, than buying a piece of art, clothing or other gift made and/or designed by an Aboriginal person from Vancouver or B.C.?

A few years ago, Inside Vancouver featured a collection of **must-visit Aboriginal art galleries and shops**. This updated list is meant to compliment the previous collection and highlight some of the new and seasoned places to 'Shop Aboriginal'.

Urban Aboriginal Fair Trade Gallery @ Skwachays Lodge

Opened in 2012, the striking **Skwachays Lodge** is one of Canada's first Aboriginal Boutique Hotels. Located in on the edge of Gastown and Chinatown, Skwachays is home to the Urban Aboriginal Fair Trade Gallery. If you want your dollars to go directly into the hands of an Aboriginal artist, this is the place to shop.