

WALK THE WALK

Plot a route and fill up on the best local talent on view during Toronto's Design Week, from January 21 to 27

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1. Capacity

Gladstone Hotel Art Bar, 1214 Queen St W
Design may still be a boys club, but not at this show: more than a dozen female designers flex their muscles and riff on works by women who have inspired and taught them. Watch for Erin McCutcheon's take on Ange-line Tetrault's teacups that house tiny woodland creatures at their centre. FREE. THU & FRI 11-8, SAT 11-10, SUN 11-6
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2. Come Up to My Room

Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen St W
Marking its decade-long run at this venue, CUTMR overhauls the hotel's exterior and nearby streets with otherworldly exhibits. Inside nine transformed guest rooms, you'll find such awe-inspiring installations as sensor-controlled pendants that light up in response to the size of a crowd – the work of Tomas Rojick and Andrew Lovett-Baron. FREE. THU 6-8, FRI 11-8, SAT 11-10, SUN 11-5
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3. Not Forkchops

Loop Gallery, 1273 Dundas St W
Eight local stars compete to have their new industrial designs manufactured and nearby streets with otherworldly exhibits. Inside nine transformed guest rooms, you'll find such awe-inspiring installations as sensor-controlled pendants that light up in response to the size of a crowd – the work of Tomas Rojick and Andrew Lovett-Baron. FREE. WED-SAT 10-5, SUN 12-5
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4. Manufacturers + Designers Connect

Milk Glass Co., 1247 Dundas St W
M+DC is a matchmaker and task streamliner – a business that helps local creative types get their products to wider markets. This exhibit highlights the results when home-grown design is paired with the right manufacturer. On offer: an aluminum shaded floor lamp drafted by Maiwenn Castellon and built by a sand caster pro. FREE. THU 7-10, FRI & SAT 11-11, SUN 12-5
MPLUSDC.COM

5. Shiny Pretty Things

Cooper Cole Gallery, 1161 Dundas St W
A gallery is a fitting venue for this group show. A stellar lineup of 18 talents – with such names as Jeremy Hatch, Rob Southcott and Joy Charbonneau – displays custom mirrors, stereo speakers, lighting, and other new works. Fresh faces include Kirsten White, who shows killer barware, and Alissa Coe, with her metal-based lamp topped with a ceramic shade. FREE. THU & FRI 1-7, SAT & SUN 11-7
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6. Do Design

Dundas St W (between Bathurst St and Grace St)
Along hipster-haven Dundas Street West, more than a dozen storefronts – including restaurants, a pharmacy and a lumber yard – are transformed into designer window displays featuring furniture and accessories by Jade Rude, Orest Tataryn and other local talents. Kristen and Fiona Lim Tung's pint-sized ceramic houses are on view at Barbarella (891 Dundas St W). FREE. HOURS VARY
DOWEST.CA

7. Interior Design Show Jan 26 & 27

Metro Convention Centre, 255 Front St W
Design Week revolves around IDS, an annual bonanza where 300-plus established manufacturers launch home furnishings and accessories. Stroll the aisles to discover the latest trends in sofas, tiles, kitchens and more. And don't miss Studio North & Prototype, where emerging local talents show off their innovations. \$22. SAT 10-7, SUN 10-6
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8. Well Done To Apr 14

Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay W
An intriguing and all-Canuck exhibition spotlighting designers who incorporate traditional skills in their creative processes. Among the works on view is a metal and rawhide tray, by Montreal design collective Samare, made with babiche – a weaving technique normally used on snowshoes. FREE. WED 12-8, THU-SUN 12-6
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