

far from ordinary

At **Only Human**, partners Christina Stack and Chris Rothery promote fun, high-end decor with an emphasis on personality and quality. In their new showroom in historic Market Square, you'll find investment pieces, like Moooi lighting (from \$635) and the infamous Smoke Chair (\$4,710), along with affordable furnishings from Gus Modern and "wow factor" Bocci 14 series pendant chandeliers (from \$308).

BISECTIONAL SOFA \$3,499 Gus Modern Jane, Only Human, 616 Yates St., 250-383-6659; onlyhuman.ca.



IN OUR ROLODEX

THE NEW LOOK OF CONCRETE



WHO Nolan Mayrhofer of Szolyd Development

BEST FOR Custom concrete countertops, fireplaces, furniture.

HIGHLIGHT Their product G-ROC rocks! Recycled glass is used to fabricate heat- and stain-resistant concrete that's polished to reveal glass in an array of colours.

THE 411 Szolyd Development
426 William St., 250-888-7447;
szolyd.com.

ROUTE TO THE SOUL

Inspired by the ancient trading route of the same name, **Silk Road Tea** offers exceptional loose teas (my fave is Angelwater; try a mini-tin for \$3.99), flowering teas, organic body care products, unique pots, and Silk Road tea-infused Roger's Chocolates "High Tea Bars" (\$3.99) - to die for. An in-store spa offers a range of on-theme services, including a Green Tea Facial (\$55)!

Silk Road Tea, 1624 Government St.,
250-704-2688; silkroadtea.com.



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customized luxury

With 16 years of experience, **Luxe Home Interiors** is the go-to store for custom upholstery and furnishings in every style from top North American manufacturers. Hot now are Bernhardt's Pinella end tables (from \$450) in striking zebra wood. The staff are all designers, trained to help with space planning, colour and narrowing down the endless fabric choices.

Luxe Home Interiors, 2655
Douglas St., 250-386-7632;
luxevictoria.com.



THE TEMPLE OF CHIC

A one-stop boutique, **Bernstein & Gold** offers a unique combination of spa, lifestyle and home design products. Cosmetics (try the Bergamot Citrus Soap, \$15), Roost home accessories, and one-of-a-kind Michele Varian cushions (from \$160) offset exclusive women's fashions and jewelry for a beautiful shopping experience.

Bernstein & Gold, 608 Yates St., 250-384-7899; bernsteinandgold.com.