

# Shopping & Style

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## 1. Pomch bags

If you're looking for an edgy industrial bag with a post-apocalyptic minimalist feel, then drop by Pomch and check out its series of goods that are made from recycled leather.

For the mechanic who's into adding a bit of flair into his or her daily attire, go for the Pliers Pouch (\$400) and the Wrench Pouch (\$450), which can help you carry your accessories, iPhone, wallet and other necessities in style.

For those who like working with their hands, the local brand also offers workshops so you can make your own unique bag with any tool you want pressed into it. Classes start at \$540. S204, 2/F, Block A, PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St, Central, 2546 9419; pomch.com.

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## 2. Oldies leather jackets

Owning a classic leather moto jacket is a must, but it's difficult to find one that really hones the timeless James Dean look. Enter Oldies. This brand sticks to what it knows – and it definitely knows black, well-tailored and detailed lambskin leather moto jackets (\$4,780). In fact, these pieces are all Oldies stock, although they do come in a few different classic styles. If you're looking for a staple piece and you want to be a modern-day 'rebel without a cause', then come here. 1/F, 28 Yiu Wa St, Causeway Bay, 2575 8775; oldiesleather.com.

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## 6. Mr Fat holster

As institutions go in Hong Kong, Mr Fat is top of the pile when it comes to homemade leather products. If you're a leather lover, then you can't miss the shoes, bags and jackets offered at his cosy workshop in TST. He carries a range of vintage jackets and leather shoes that he makes himself. Drop by for a bespoke experience or purchase a ready-to-wear pair. Lately he's been working on holsters – not for guns but for tools and other handy items you may use every day. The larger 'wide pouch' (\$1,280) and the 'tan classic holster' (\$980) add a bit of fun and nomadic flair to any outfit. 339 Rise Commercial Bldg, 5-11 Granville Circuit, Tsim Sha Tsui, 2367 9338; bit.ly/mrfathk.

## 3. Linjer suitcase

Look smart, chic and professional with Linjer's soft leather briefcase (\$3,790) inspired by classic Scandinavian designs. The brand was born on crowdfunding website Indiegogo when Jennifer Chong and Roman Khan decided they wanted to create quality leather wallets, totes, briefcases and portfolio bags at affordable prices. A year later, the duo have been splitting their time between Oslo, San Francisco and Hong Kong to promote the brand and produce products made from the smoothest full-grain vegetable-tanned leather. It's unlikely you'll find this kind of quality and design at such a reasonable price anywhere else in Hong Kong. There's no store so order online. linjer.co.

## 4. Rare by Oulton leathers

Founded by British luxury furniture designer Timothy Oulton, Rare is a Hong Kong antiques boutique showcasing home décor pieces that have been carefully procured for their distinctive qualities and timeless designs. The curated merchandise is continually rotating and includes pieces such as vintage Louis Vuitton and Goyard travel trunks, Victorian silver-plated meat trolleys, 1980's barber chairs and Japanese military binoculars – but there are also classy leather products by the bucketload here, like the leather cigar holders that are detailed with heritage craftsmanship. Encompassing two floors in the heart of Central, the boutique is decked out in rich mahogany floors and brass hardware fixtures, immediately eliciting an ambience of elegance. Shop for leather in style! 19 Gough St, Central, 9016 3965; rarebyouulton.com.

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# Hell for leather

We may not be the leather capital of the world but Hong Kong still has a top range of local brands and shops that tout quality cases, shoes, bags and jackets, keeping us from flying out to the Mediterranean to get our leather fix. Arthur Tam picks out some of the best hides in the city. Art direction by Phoebe Cheng. Photography by Calvin Sit on location at Rare by Oulton