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Marset, Sarrià-Sant Gervasi
Let there be lights

Tucked away behind the ritzy shopfronts lining affluent Carrer de Santaló, this showroom is flooded with bright ideas. It wasn't until the 1970s that Paco Marset produced his first lamps by using his family's manufacturing business as a foundation but he soon transformed the firm into an award-winning pantheon of iconic design.

Marset's mushroom-shaped FollowMe lamp seems to be mandatory in most Catalan households but we also love the innovative design of the swivelling Theia lamp and the striking silhouettes of the Pleat Box hanging lampshades. The latter were designed by ceramic studio Apparatu and cast different hues of light according to the enamel painted on their interior.

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Specialist shops Experts in their fields

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Iriarte Iriarte, El Born
Handmade bags

The owner of this leather-bag shop, Carolina López Gordillo Iriarte (*pictured*), creates each handbag, satchel and purse by hand, tanning the leather, slicing the shapes and stitching them all together. Each creation features recycled clasps and rivets and is the result of an all-natural production process.

The made-to-order approach means you may wait up to five weeks to receive your bag – but it's worth the wait.

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2
La Manual Alpargatera,
Barri Gòtic
Timeless espadrilles

Visiting Spain without snapping up a pair of espadrilles could be considered a form of souvenir sacrilege. Thankfully La Manual is happy to oblige with all colours, styles and sizes.

City folk once shunned espadrilles as the footwear of farmers but then this family-run business opened in 1941. Made from natural fibres – including hemp, jute and esparto grass – and then sealed with cotton and linen, the shoes transcend fashion trends. A similar sandal was found on 4,000-year-old human remains in a cave near Granada, while the Mossos d'Esquadra regional police force wear a blue pair with their dress uniform.

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