

A GUIDE TO MONTREAL

ARTIST-RUN CENTRES + FIBRE AND ART MATERIALS + CHEAP EATS + OTHER RESOURCES

About getting around Montreal

Note that street directions with *Ouest* and *Est* means West and East on a map, with the city being divided by St. Laurent Street.

Also a hardware store in Québec is called a *Quincaillerie*. If you are looking for a hardware store close to you, try to google words like quincaillerie, Ace Hardware, Réno Dépôt, Rona, as these places may have locations or condensed neighbourhood shops near you.

Around Concordia

The Concordia VA Arts Store, the VA Building on René Lévesque

Omer DeSerres A large arts and crafts supply store with several locations.

The closest location is in basement of the Concordia EV building, across from "The Gym".

This following store is larger yet specializes in mostly scrapbooking stuff. 1500 McGill College Avenue (Metro McGill, in the basement of the shopping mall, next to a Dollarama) t - 514 938-4777

The Local Church Bazaar

The bazaar is located in the church basement on the north side of Ste Catherine, just across rue Mackay from the EV. They have a lovely assortment of used clothing and goods. Open Wednesday from 10-5pm.

Peoples Potato Offers delicious vegetarian meals in the Hall building on the 7th floor for a donation of \$2. People start lining up at noon, the window opens at 12:30.

Dollarama Next to Concordia in the *Faubourg*, 1616 Ste-Catherine West

Rubiks

Printing services. 2055 Bishop Street, t – 514-845-8444 w - www.rubiks.ca/EN e - bishop@rubiks.ca

Garnitures Dressmaker Ltée

They have a large selection of most fibre related sewing goods you make need to buy. *Sadly they are closing down this spring 2013, so you may want to call first. Note that you can shop online and their website will updated regularly with any changes.

2186 Ste Catherine West, t - 514-935-7421 or (800) 461-7421

w - www.trimmingsdressmaker.com e - infos@trimmingsdressmaker.com

NEW HOURS: Tues-Thurs – 10h-5pm Fri 10-7pm Sat 12-5pm

Fabricville

Fabric and accessories including embroidery floss (they may have other locations).

354 Sainte-Catherine Street West, t - 514-866-1821

Armée de Salut (The Salvation Army) Thrift Store. 1620 Notre Dame Ouest, t - 514-935-7425

Rona

Great service and selection, especially in the basement where they have a wide variety of hardware.

2371 Notre-Dame Ouest, t - 514-932-5616

AND TO BUY WOOD GO TO THEIR SISTER RONA STORE ACROSS LACHINE RIVER. You can order it to Concordia for a small fee: 2400 Rue Saint Patrick, t - 514-932-5616

Canadian Tire 1500 Avenue Atwater (Metro Atwater in the Alexis-Nixon shopping mall) t - 514-939-1820

Home Depot

This location has everything you may need in terms of hardware and construction materials. They can cut wood for you, however their chop saw at this location is less accurate. They rent vehicles and / or can deliver materials to Concordia for a fee. 4625 Rue Saint Antoine Ouest (Metro St. Henri) t - 514-846-4770

Mouliné Fils De Qualité

Yarn Shop (good selection of wool yarns with some yarns of camel and llama hair)
5317 rue Sherbrooke Ouest, t - 514-935-4401 w - www.moulineyarns.com

Burritoville Try the sweet potato burritos! 2055 Bishop Street (Next to Hall building) t- 514-286-2776

papeterie nota bene*

Contemporary European Stationary Store
3416, ave du parc (and rue sherbrooke st, metro Place des Arts)
t 514-485-6587 / 877-993-2527 w: www.nota-bene.ca e: info@nota-bene.ca
mon - fri 11-7pm, sat - 11-5pm, sun – close

Central Stamp

A store that custom makes and sells stamps! Make your one design and just bring it in.
3418 Parc Av (and rue sherbrooke st, metro Place des Arts) t - 514-861-7731 w - www.centralstamp.com

General Bearing Service Inc. (GBS) has the best caster wheels with bearings and brakes in town for a fair price (around 15\$ each). All your work can now go mobile, you just need to get there...! I'd use the bikepath past Atwater market. Bring cash, as they usually only deal with registered businesses otherwise.
3700 St. Patrick, Local 114, t – 514-937-7423, w – www.gbs.ca

***ALSO VISIT ARTE** (Artisan Renouveau Transformation Écologique) in the same neighbourhood as GBS to discover a world like no other with everything under the sun (windows, doors, chairs, trophies, treasure boxes, rolls of old 8mm film, etc.) The best-recuperated objects place around, now you need to negotiate prices. 4865 avenue Dunn, Montreal (coin Anger), t - 514-605-0016

Around Berri-UQAM Metro

Coop UQAM : Boutique des arts

Art Supply Store and Stationary
For 5\$ you can become a member of this coop. The UQAM Coop basement art store that is linked to the underground metro circuit has very affordable prices for art materials, great hands-on service and a lovely store manager! The coop has 3 different locations (one for art, one for stationary and one for computer related services, all fantastic!) Local J-M100, Pavillon Judith-Jasmin, 405, rue Sainte-Catherine East
t : 514-987-3000 ext 1862 e : arts@coopuqam.com w - www.coopuqam.com/3-librairies-Arts.html

Bureau En Gros at Place Depuis

Stationary and Office supplies. 845 Ste Catherine East, t – 514-843-8647

Omer DeSerres

A massive arts and crafts supply store.
334 Rue Sainte-Catherine East (If googling the address gives you problems, trust that you will find it on the south side of St. Catherine inbetween rue Sanguinet et rue St. Denis.)

The Bibliothèque National de Québec à Montréal

The largest public library in Montréal. 475 Boulevard de Maisonneuve Est, t – 514-873-1100

Café L'escalier Vegetarian food for an eclectic soul. 552 Rue Sainte-Catherine East (up the stairs)

The Mile-End - Between Laurier Metro and Parc Avenue

Diagonale

Artist-run Centre supporting fibre-based practices.
5455 Avenue de Gaspé, Espace 203 (2nd floor) t - 514-524-6645 w - www.artdiagonale.org

Goodman Fabric store with large selection, 5333 rue de Casgrain

Au Papier Japonais

Japanese paper store that sells over 500 kinds of unique paper and offers workshops in making paper items that are both decorative and practical. 24 avenue Fairmount Ouest, t - 514-276-6863
w - www.aupapierjaponais.com

Articule Artist-Run Centre 262 Fairmount Ouest, t - 514-842-9686, e - info@articule.org

Unique flower and basket shop (without name or address)

This friendly place sells an assortment of flowers and baskets.
It is on the northside of Bernard Street between 161 and 157 Bernard. It is hard to miss as birdcages, baskets, bicycles and flowers are usually flowing out onto the street! Open early until very late each day.

The Mile End Mission

This is a non-profit community organization that has a very affordable thrift store boutique a few days a week. Every Tuesday the shop is completely refurbished with new donations!

99 Bernard Rue Ouest, t - 514-274-3401
tue-wed 10-12 and 1-3, thurs 10-12

Canadian Tire Home and Hardware and paint goods. 6275 Boulevard St. Laurent, t - 514-273-2428

L. Villeneuve & Cie – Cour à bois

This place is across the street from Canadian Tire and has a large selection of quality wood.
6199 boul. St-Laurent, t - 514-274-2446 w - www.lvilleneuve.ca

Home Depot

This location has everything you may need in terms of hardware and construction materials. They can cut wood for you with good accuracy. 100 Rue Beaubien Ouest, t - 514-490-8030

The Plateau**La Bobineuse de Laine**

This shop carries a variety of yarns for knitting, crocheting and weaving.
2270 Avenue du Mont-Royal Est (get out at Metro Mont-Royal and catch the Mont-Royal bus heading East.) t – 514-521-9000 w - www.labobineuse.com

Bidz Downtown bead shop. 3945A St-Denis, t – 514-286-2421

Around Rosemont Metro**CTCM – Le Centre des Textiles Contemporains de Montréal**

The Contemporary Center for Textiles in Montréal is Québec Cegep school that is a great place to take affordable courses on a variety of fibre arts. They also have an exhibition space.

5800, rue St-Denis, studio 501 (on the 5th floor)
t - 514-933-3728 w - www.textiles-mtl.com (you can switch the website to English)

Around Metro Beaubien

Note, you will find a large variety of dollarstores with odds and ends as you walk north up St. Hubert until you reach Jean-Talon.

Rotin Oriental

Basketry supplies only if in desperate need (rattan reeds that very expensive, nearly three times the price than at **L'Oiseau bleu**.) 6001 St Hubert, t – 514- 278-2650 *Note the store is only open 1-4pm daily.

Effiloche

Quality yarns, spun silk, nice fleece sold in ½ lb quantities, felting tools, fabrics also offers courses, sewing/knitting bees. 6252, Saint-Hubert, t – 514- 276-2547 e - www.effiloche.com/English.html

Rona Hardware and Paint Store, 6524 rue Saint-Hubert, Montréal

Fripe-Prix Renaissance Thrift Store, 6960 St Hubert, t - (514) 274-9666

Armée de Salut (The Salvation Army) Thrift Store, 7066 rue St-Hubert, t – 514-276-0349

Los Planos Affordable delicious El Salvadorian Cuisine. 531 Bélanger East, 11am-10pm daily

Bure & Linon

They have everything you want regarding fleece, spinning, carding, felting, etc. You can either call or email to make an appointment to visit or order their products online via their website.

1129 Belanger, t : 514-509-3723 w : www.bure-linon.com e : info@bure-linon.com

Around Metro Jean-Talon (This is THE location to find fabric and sewing accessories!)

The following locations are near Metro Jean-Talon, exit St. Hubert. In this area there are many fabric and accessory shops north of Jean Talon on St. Hubert. I have chosen to highlight my preferred stores for their kind service and selection.

The common hours these shops are open are:

mon – wed 9-6pm, thurs – fri 9-7pm, sat 9–5pm, sun closed

Ultratext Excellent Selection of Sewing Accessories (thread, feathers, buttons, velcro, sequins, etc!)
7186, rue St. Hubert, t – 514-271-9929

Goodman Tissus Fabric Store (nice selection, can sometimes negotiate prices) 7282, rue St. Hubert

Karidja Couture West African Fabrics, Seamstress (Côte d'Ivoire) 7375, rue St. Hubert, t – 514-816-8934

A.C. Textiles A Mom and Pops Fabric Store. 7300 rue St. Hubert, t - 514-279-6201

Beads Planet Inc.

Large selection of beads. 7318, rue St. Hubert, t – 514-223-1000 w - <http://www.beadsplanete.com/>

Rubans, Boutons

Specialty Ribbon and Button Shop / Theater * The owner is a Button Expert: *un boutonnier passionné*
7363 Saint-Hubert, t – 514-847-3535 w - www.rubansboutons.blogspot.ca e - info@RubansBoutons.com

Accessoires de couture St. Hubert

Large Selection of Sewing Accessories, somewhat vintage
(buttons, Velcro, ribbon) 7454, rue St. Hubert, t – 514-278-9416

Martar Textiles Inc. Older material (some 1980-90's prints) with unique selection and friendly service.
7488 St. Hubert, t – 514-277-6462

C&M Textiles

This store has three floors of nearly every type of cloth yardage you may be looking for including a large selection of silks, organic cottons, ramie (China grass known as one of the oldest fibre crops), hemp, bamboo and linen. 7500, St. Hubert, t – 514-272-4064 w – cmtextiles.com

Kava

Sewing machine accessories, repairs, small packages of dyed felt roving and felting tools, embroidery machine thread, needles, ribbon, etc. 7609, St. Hubert, t – 514-271-2888 w – kavainc.ca

Next to Metro Castelnau

Kama Pigments

This shop carries a wide variety of pigments and painting material. Some pigments like logwood and Brazilwood can be purchased and used to dye clothe.

85 Rue Jean-Talon-Ouest, t - 514-272-2173 w - www.kamapigment.com/index_en.html

Fripe-Prix Renaissance Thrift Store. 7250 Bd St Laurent, t – 514-906-0804

Gallery : Eastern Bloc Centre for New Media and Interdisciplinary Art, 7240 Clark, t - 514-284-2106

Depanneur Le Pick Up

An alternative depanneur with a small restaurant serving delicious affordable vegetarian food, known for their vegetarian pulled pork sandwich. In the fall they offer canning classes.

7032 Waverly, t - 514-271-8011

Around Hochelega-Maisonneuve

L'Oiseau Bleu Artisanat Inc.

Craft material galore, affordable basketry supplies (a roll of rattan for about \$16/20meters), great selection of felt roving, felting tools and all the colours of embroidery floss you may desire!

4146 Ste-Catherine East, Metro Pie-IX, t – 514-527-2456

Eco Vélo / SOS Vélo

This is a special organization that helps youth at risk learn how to repair and make bicycles. They sell their rebuild quality bikes at a reasonable cost and do very affordable tune-ups on bikes they've build (1st year free). 2085, rue Bennett, t - 514-251-8803 w - www.sosvelo.ca/eacutecoveacutelo.html

* Several thrift stores in this area (i.e. Sally Ann).

Other Useful Things to Know

YES Montréal (Youth Employment Services)

This place offers great workshops and services to artists (i.e. grant writing, assistance setting up a small business, legal services, etc). Call them or check out the website to subscribe to their email listserve. 666 Sherbrooke Street West, 7th Floor, t – 514-878-9788, w - www.yesmontreal.ca

Montréal Artist-Run Centres

You may want to eventually think about becoming a member of an active artistic community. Here are places you can join. Common Gallery Hours: Wed–Thurs 12h–18h, Fri 12h-21h, Sat–Sun 12h–17h

Article – Artist-Run Centre with an additional mandate to support Special Projects, www.article.org

Le Centre Clark – Artist-Run Centre, also runs a woodshop (need to be a member) www.clarkplaza.org

Dare-Dare – Supports site specific and ephemeral art practices, www.daredare.org/en

Diagonale – Aimed at supporting fibre art practices, www.artdiagonale.org

Eastern Bloc – Centre for New Media and Interdisciplinary Art <http://www.easternbloc.ca/index-en.php>

La Centrale Powerhouse Gallery – Centre that works to expand on the history of feminist art practices and provides a platform for contemporary art that is informed by feminist and gender theory, as well as intercultural and transdisciplinary practices. <http://www.lacentrale.org/en>

Centre des arts actuels Skol – Artist Run-Centre (Visit it in the Belgo Building and also discover a variety of Gallery Spaces at 372 Sainte-Catherine Street West, #314) www.skol.ca

Studio XX – A centre aimed at supporting women working in new media art, www.studioxx.org/

OBORO – A centre dedicated to the production, and presentation of contemporary practices and new media art, http://archive.oboro.net/index_2_e.html

Book Shops on Art and Architecture

Check of the **Centre for Canadian Architecture** (the CCA has the best bookshop in town! Next to Concordia at 1920, rue Baile, www.cca.qc.ca/en, Open Wed to Sun 11-6pm, Thurs, 11-9pm).

The **Musée de Beaux Arts** (Next to Concordia at 1380, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Tues. 11-5pm, Wed. 11-9pm, Thurs-Fri 11-7pm, Sat-Sun 10-5pm) and the **Musée d'art contemporain** (185 rue St. Catherine West, Tues-Sun 11-6pm, Wed 11-9pm – free Wed after 6pm) both have shops that sell books too.

Useful Sites and Online Companies to know about:

Dharma Trading Selection on fabrics, silks, etc for great prices. w : www.dharmatrading.com

Maiwa A must-know-company dealing in natural dying and for people from Vancouver. This company has a focus on sustainable practices and fair trade. w : www.maiwa.com

Maurice Brassard Fils inc. A Québec company carrying thread and materials for weaving. You will need to pay a fee (approx. \$7) and set up an account with your first order. w - www.mbrassard.com

Vancouver Yarn For anyone from BC this website is a gem! www.vancouver yarn.com