

Ho Chi Minh City

# ASIA LIFE

The guide to life

A black and white photograph of a man and a woman. The man on the left is wearing a dark fedora and sunglasses, looking to the left. The woman on the right is wearing a large, light-colored woven sun hat that covers her eyes. She has bright red lipstick on. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

FASHIONS FADE,  
STYLE IS ETERNAL

# All the Small Things

Though the design collaborative at Villa Anupa create vastly different pieces—from wooden toys, eco-friendly stationery and children's apparel to intricately embellished gowns and leatherwork—they share a common thread. That is, precise attention to detail and a desire to create high-end, one-of-a-kind works unavailable anywhere else in HCM City. Photos by Fred Wissink.

## Rana

Women's wear

Rana Abodeely experiments with explosions of colour (think bright orange and rainbow hues) that are painstakingly embellished with a signature detail: a band of sequins, or a royal blue slip that peeks from underneath a black sheath. Her creations are elegant and chic, and completely transportable from daywear to evening attire.

[www.ranaabodeely.com](http://www.ranaabodeely.com)



## *Anupa*

Leatherwork & jewellery

Born in London, of Indian descent, Anupa Horvil (whose first name means unique in Sanskrit) fashions an amazing array of bags and accessories from leather—each with a bespoke tourmaline, said to ward off evil. Anupa also crafts jewellery, set with glittering and colourful precious stones in intricate castings of silver dipped in white gold.

[www.anupa.net](http://www.anupa.net)





## *Em Green Office Essentials*

### Stationery

Wayne Lewis' range of eco-friendly stationery—notebooks and pens made from sustainable materials like recycled paper and plastic, bamboo and jute—may look simple, but they have a big agenda: to reduce HCM City's carbon footprint. The cut-out cyclic symbol on the front of each notebook is a reminder of Wayne's goal and the part, however small, we can play in achieving it.

[www.emmagazine.com](http://www.emmagazine.com)



## *La Majeste Bebe*

Children's apparel

Elisa Lan Bui created her label La Majeste Bebe, with her mother Luce, to fill a gap and provide chic and timeless baby wear that before was unavailable in HCM City. The results are luxury, handmade pieces spun from 100-percent cotton that mingle French design and Vietnamese spirit.

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Open Monday to Sunday from 9 am to 8 pm

\* *Villa Anupa will feature other guest designers in the future, who embody the boutique's philosophy of sustainability meets sophistication.*