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Wellies at GumDrops, with owner Shanda Jerrett. She has nine pairs of boots she likes to lounge around in at home.

Owner intends to have her own boot creations some day

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spread the fun.”

For Jerrett, in fact, it’s more a case of “move over, Manolo Blahnik.” She confesses to luxuriating at home in not one but nine pairs of boots, which dominate her 630-square-foot condo. Her favourite design? A turquoise boot that laces up the front by Ilse Jacobsen, a Danish designer whose line she has secured for her store.

Jerrett, who also interior-designs and handmade the puddle-shaped white Ottomans in her store, intends to create her own boots in the future.

“People always commented on my own colourful boots so I knew I could fill a gap in the market with this store,”

she continues. “I would like to franchise out and have a wet weather boutique in every rainy city.”

Leaving a life running a fine-dining restaurant in Termeil for a spot of travel, Jerrett was drawn back to her B.C. roots three years ago. “I love it here,” she says.

And the early rush of customers must be helping fuel that love too. “I projected [the turnover] and did my business plan, but I could never have predicted to sell out in a week,” Jerrett says, adding (thankfully) that new stock has now arrived.

It’s hard to imagine, as we approach winter, but what happens to GumDrops when the sun eventually returns?

“I’ll branch out into gardening clogs,

parasols and beach umbrellas,” she says, punctuating the sentence with a rather depressing “but as we know the summer is quite brief.”

Many of us see rain, and think about staying inside. With more than a nod to e.e. cummings, Jerrett likely sees it and thinks “puddlewonderful.”

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