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## Travelling totes

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If you've ever asked a man to hold your purse, you may have noticed him awkwardly clutching the handle, refusing to throw it over his shoulder.

Can we blame him? Purses are made for and designed for women. But times have changed and women aren't the only ones looking for a stylish place to stash their essentials.

It used to be the only option for men was the traditional briefcase or "murse," the metro man's favourite man purse – that is, until now.

For stylish professionals looking for something a little classier, Dussault Apparel has recently introduced a line of leather messenger and carry-on bags that blend high-fashion with high-function.

"I wanted to create a laptop bag, carry-on bag and wallet that exemplified the same quality as brands such as Louis Vuitton, Coach, Fendi or Tumi, and enhance it with our own unique edge," said North Vancouver's Jason Dussault, founder and head designer of Dussault Apparel.

Made from 100 per cent Italian, cowhide leather and embellished with gold, silver or black chrome hardware and logo tags, these handcrafted pieces are practical and stylish and won't be mistaken for any other carry-on. The Dussault Messenger Bag is perfectly sized for a 17-inch laptop and is insulated to protect your computer from damage. It provides several pockets inside to organize everything from your Blackberry to your business cards (prices range from \$119 to \$275).

The Dussault Carry-On Bag offers convenient features such as an extending handle and wheels, detachable shoulder strap and handles.

A variety of pockets, both inside and out, make this an ideal bag for travel, while its spaciousness and durability will enable you to avoid airline luggage fees (prices range from \$309.99 to \$700). Both the Dussault Carry-On Bag and the Dussault Messenger Bag are available with a small or large skull or clover print. And the Dussault Carry-On Bag with clover print is also available in white – perfect for complimenting summer fashions.

Every bag features a "Limited Edition" plaque to indicate its number out of the 1,000 pieces made throughout the world, making them a hot commodity with men who appreciate exclusivity.

"These pieces are beautiful and unique in form and design, and I am proud to have my name attached to these limited edition pieces of art," said Dussault.

In addition to the messenger and carry-on bags, Vancouver-based Dussault Apparel also designs and manufactures high-end quality apparel including designed hoodies, jeans, jewelry, T-shirts, hats and leather goods.

Dussault Apparel and accessories are available for purchase at [www.dussaultapparel.com](http://www.dussaultapparel.com).



Money bags - Above: Dussault Messenger bag. Below: Carry-on bag in white. Submitted photos

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