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Dazzling paper hat creations to wear this summer. pg 25

Welcome

It's Christmas, and in our neck of the woods, it's also the start of a long, hot summer. Here at Imnop though, we're celebrating for another reason too – it's our third birthday! Thanks for supporting us, however long you've been reading.

Speaking of Christmas, we know how hard it is to find memorable presents. So check out our Ultimate Holiday Gift Guide on page 10 – there really is something for everyone. For bathtime fun, you can't go past the Tugboat from Green toys (pg 13). Rainbow Blocks (pg 11) are a cool update on a classic. And the Kimmel Kids stencil set (pg 12) offers imaginative tools to help kids create amazing art all by themselves.

Kids love giving gifts as much as they like receiving them. What better gift than something they made themselves from scratch? Joel Henriques shows us how to make a handmade album (pg 21) that showcases their favourite activity or hobby. Next, we show you a neat way to wrap them, using stamps, string and post tags to evoke the excitement of receiving a parcel in the post (pg 8).

In the spirit of giving, I would also like to draw your attention to our special online eBay auction of Jennifer Vallez's wonderful designer dolls (pg 33). Each unique figure has been created using a look supplied by five of the world's best kids outfitters. And proceeds of the auction go towards helping children through the Make a Wish Foundation. Find out how you can bid on page 44.

Wishing you and your family a merry holiday season.

Jenny Lacey
Editor in Chief

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Billi in Melbourne
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GAIA CORNWELL

DEAR SANTA ..., PAGE 29

Your favourite letter of the alphabet and why?

'G'! For 'Gaia', of course. (And now, for 'Gerald', my fiance, as well.)

Name a favourite childhood game.

I grew up without a television, but my sister and I would play 'TV' quite a bit. It involved forcing someone to watch us act out various shows. They would change the 'channel' and we had to keep up. Kind of odd, but now that I think about it, really fun!

Were you a tree climber or a reader?

I climbed the occasional tree, but I would have been described as a reader. I fell asleep in a pile of books every night.

A childhood activity you wish you could still do.

Conversations with my stuffed animals.

How would your parents describe you as a child?

A silly goose!

Favourite childhood toy?

Sealie, a life-sized, baby seal stuffed animal, that yes, still lives with us.

Favourite book growing up?

Outside Over There by Maurice Sendak and anything by Roald Dahl.



JENNIFER VALLEZ

LIVING DOLL, PAGE 33

Your favourite letter of the alphabet and why?

The letter S – aside from the way it looks, it's also for Sophie (my daughter).

Name a favourite childhood game.

I was a pretty avid Ms Pacman player.

Were you a tree climber or a reader?

I guess a reader, but I was always busy drawing.

A childhood activity you wish you could still do.

I used to spend hours making miniature foods out of clay for my dollhouse. I wish I had that kind of time these days.

How would your parents describe you as a child?

Probably as their little artist. I was constantly making them look at my artwork.

Favourite childhood toy? And do you still have it?

Fashion Plates!! I WISH I still had them.

Favourite book growing up?

Shel Silverstein's *Where the Sidewalk Ends* was a favourite.



STU MCLACHLAN

HAT PARADE, PAGE 25

Your favourite letter of the alphabet and why?

'W', because it's 'M' when you turn it upside down and a double 'V' when you split it. It's also a zig-zag line when it's joined. Very versatile.

Name a favourite childhood game.

Playing soldiers or exploring the quarries, bush and streams in the Adelaide hills.

Were you a tree climber or a reader?

A tree climber.

A childhood activity you wish you could still do.

Climb trees and spend days making model planes.

How would your parents describe you as a child?

He loves drawing, painting and exploring and above all being silly.

Favourite childhood toy? And do you still have it?

My yellow 'Standish' chopper (push bike), it took me many places and gave me many great memories but sadly it was well worn out a long time ago.

Favourite book growing up?

Animal Farm by George Orwell.



ON THE COVER

Billi wears: **Tutu Du Monde** My Lucky Star Tutu in Jade, A\$149, tutumonde.com; **Stuart McLachlan** Dove Crown, POA, stuartrex@inet.net.au

Photographed by Alexandrena Parker

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Home Beautiful

Newly listed, the Emerson Dollhouse by innovative designers Brinca Dada is sure to steal the show come Christmas Day.

It features six, light-filled rooms, including a kitchen, library and a sleek bathroom. And brace yourself for the fixtures: working solar panels, sliding glass doors, two fireplaces and recessed LED lights.

This obsession with detail extends to the practical. The clamshell design opens the house up so that kids, friends (and you) can play at once. And non-toxic, lead-free stains and paints give it the green light for youngsters and the environment. And wait till you see the furniture you can collect to bring your dream home to life. Admit it – you'd like to be a doll owner right now.

Inspect today at raspberrypkids.com

lickety split

Need to cool off your sweltering brood in a hurry this summer? The ingenious Zoku Quick Pop Maker freezes all kinds of popsicle flavours right on your benchtop in just seven minutes – without electricity. The kit includes six reusable plastic pop sticks with special drip guards so you're not spending more time cleaning up than you are making them. It's also BPA and phthalate free, which is good to know.

Zoku Quick Pop Maker. urbanbaby.com.au



Gussy up gifts with colourful, easy to use MT Tape from Japan. Available at uponafold.com.au



SPECIAL DELIVERY

There's no bigger news than the birth of your new baby. And there's no bigger platform than the Web. Thanks to Nursery Notice, you can quickly and easily create your own designer website to tell everyone you know about the event that rocked your world.

Founder and designer Liz Haldeman has created a range of chic, modern design templates to get you started. Once you've chosen your 'look', you can personalise it with your baby's first photos, vital statistics and more. The interactive guestbook feature lets your well-wishers post their congrats.

Even better, you can create a recipient list so the news is delivered direct to their inboxes mere moments after your baby is delivered to your arms.

Want more info? Visit www.nurserynotice.com

ODDS AND ENDS



Photo: Sam McAdam



wild about bed

Lure them to the Land of Nod with the fantastic new Urban Jungle duvet collection. They're made by the lowercase, an ultra-cool design outfit whose mission is to create beautiful and sustainable everyday products.

The collection, made using 100% Egyptian cotton percale, includes three intricately embroidered motifs that make a comfortable launchpad for stories, adventures and dreams.

Urban Jungle Duvet Sets, A\$186 each,
thelowercase.com.au

FUNNY FACE

So much more than a photo, Gaia Cornwall's endearing custom portraits of children are the perfect way to cherish little personalities forever. Prepared on 13 x 19 inch paper, you can choose a colour or patterned background and multiple prints are available. Five *Imnop* readers had their portraits done for this issue on page 29.

Visit gaiacornwall.com/portraits for details.



Sew Easy

Itching to create your own handicrafts but don't know where to start? Pip Lincolne's new book shows you how. *Sew La Tea Do: 25 Favourite Things to Sew* offers practical, easy projects, like these arty animal bags to hold your PJs.

Each project is designed for people who barely know how to thread a needle and comes with a basic pattern and a list of materials. With step-by-step instructions on a range of simple sewing techniques and stitches, as well as variation tips, you'll be filling your life with beautiful, handmade things in no time at all.

Sew La Tea Do, A\$49.95, readings.com.au

Text by ELIZABETH BENTLEY



Photo: John Laurie



Pillow talk

Who says you can't host a slumber party on a school night? These fab vintage fabric cushions make the perfect pal to whisper secrets to at bed time. Choose one for each child or collect the set and start a secret society.

Girl/Boy head pillows, Vintage Jane, US\$19 each, vintagejane.etsy.com

Scarlett wears: **4funkyflavours** top, €39,95, 4funkyflavours.eu



Meet Andrea Rembeck

ALYNA'S MUM

Feathers, fills and sparkles – with a daughter who only dressed like a princess, Andrea Rembeck had no choice but to make it her business.

PHOTOGRAPHED BY Ian MacPherson



Above: Handmade, hand-dyed, old world style – Rembeck's gorgeous cotton tulle tutus in dusty pastels get more durable with age, she says.

LMNOP: How were you inspired to start your business?

AR: Since turning two four years ago, my daughter refused to wear pants and just wanted to dress in fairy, ballerina and princess dresses. I couldn't find anything in the market that was in line with my aesthetic and environmental ethos other than hot pink polyester. So I decided to make my own. The result was so good that friends begged me to turn it into a business.

LMNOP: What advice would you give to other parents trying to start a business?

AR: Be prepared to put in the hours and make sure you keep your day job until you can draw money from the business.

LMNOP: How do you juggle your business with parenthood?

AR: It's a matter of being organised, efficient and having routines so I can spend quality time with my daughter after school and on the weekend. If I have to work outside my dedicated schedule, she will happily 'work' alongside me making her own design boards and sketches.

LMNOP: What's your biggest challenge as a parent?

AR: Being a mother, a wife and running a business all at the same time in a way that keeps everyone involved happy – including myself!

LMNOP: Describe your ideal family day?

AR: Turning off the phone and the computer and having no commitments! We might start with breakfast in the garden, maybe wander down to the beach – and finish off with a lovely early dinner at a favourite restaurant.

LMNOP: The best piece of advice you'll ever give to your daughter?

AR: Be your own person and pursue your dreams with passion.

Tutu Du Monde, tutudumonde.com



Favourite family destination

Formentera – a neighbouring island of Ibiza.



Best bedtime read

Anything that involves fairies.



My daughter looks forward to...

Gardening in our organic vegetable garden.



Neighbourhood watch

You've barely said hello all year. And now your neighbours are treating you to a magnificent light display, free of charge. Now that's what we call the spirit of giving. So take a walk together one evening and enjoy the show. Your biggest reward will be watching your child's face light up at the same time.



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www.itchdesign.com.au



PARCEL PRESSIES

Who doesn't love receiving a parcel in the post? Here's how you can craft your own for some Christmas mail magic.

PHOTOGRAPHED BY IAN MACPHERSON
STYLED BY JENNY LACEY
TEXT BY ELIZABETH BENTLEY

Christmas is the busiest time of year for the post office. And for most of us, there's nothing quite like receiving a fat, brown paper parcel stuck over with airmail stamps and tied with string. This year, why not make your own? Recycle old stamps from letters, or buy a few of the beautifully designed ones available. It's a fun craft activity to do with the kids and it will make your gifts extra exciting.

A. RED TWINE

Brown paper packages just aren't the real thing unless they're tied up with string. Twine in a Box, A\$7.95, kikki-k.com

B. MAILING LABELS

A clever way to address your gift. Letterpress-printed Mailing Labels, stylist's own, lunalux.com

C. VINTAGE LABELS

Even better, hunt down some old fashioned labels for a touch of old world charm. Assorted Vintage Labels, US\$13.50, amazon.com

D. HOLIDAY STAMPS

Littlies will love choosing their favourites and sticking them all over the parcel. Try stamp collectors and post offices for your material. Holiday postage stamps, stylist's own, shop.ups.com

E. LOVE MAIL STICKERS

This booklet is chock-full of sticker stamps and postmarks to lend a touch of authenticity. Love Mail Stickers, A\$19.95, kikki-k.com

F. CHRISTMAS STAMPS

These attractive foam stamps make a festive furbelow. Foam Christmas Stamps Set, A\$20, tresdivin.com.au

G. COLOURED TWINE

Spice up your pressie with some coloured twine. Twine Sampler Pack (whole set not shown), US\$14.95, thewinery.com

H. INK PAD

Take turns being the Postmaster with this great ink stamp set. Archival Pigment ink pad, A\$19.95, tresdivin.com.au

I. AIR MAIL GIFT TAGS

These air mail gift tags lend an air of adventure and intrigue. Christmas Letter tags, stylist's own, phoenix-trading.com.au

J. POSTAL STAMP TAGS

Deliver the final touch with an old-fashioned post tag. Postal stamp tags, A\$1.50each, tresdivin.com.au

K. BROWN PAPER

Simple, cheap and filled with promise. Brown paper, A\$7 per roll, tresdivin.com.au



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MOUNTAIN RAILWAY

Kovap, A\$198,
kidostore.com

CAMERA SCHOOL BAG

Bobo Choses, A\$59,
bobochooses.com

THE RED SHOES

AMMO Books, US\$16.95,
ammobooks.com

YELLOW APPLE SOCKS

Bobo Choses, A\$26,
bobochooses.com

KNITTED PENGUIN

Eveline McGrath, A\$44,
kidostore.com

ALPACA FLOWER NECKLACE

Oeuf, US\$44,
oeufnyc.com

COLOUR KUBE SETS

Whole set not shown,
Topshelf, from A\$180,
top3.com.au



CITY STAMP SET

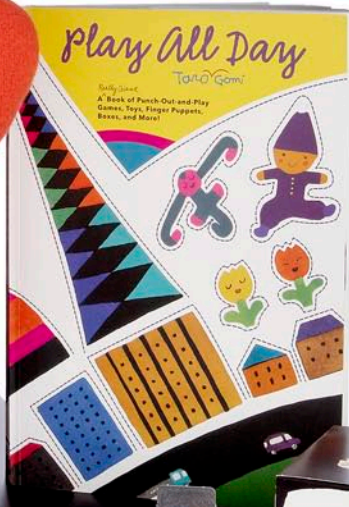
Dwell, A\$35,
top3.com.au

RAINBOW BLOCKS

Glücksküfer, A\$82.95,
monkeypuzzletoys.com.au

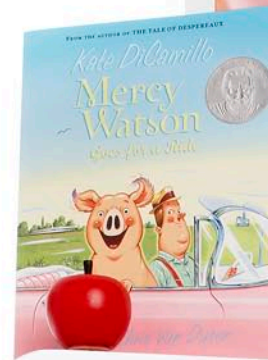
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Topshelf, from A\$180,
top3.com.au



PIERRE TOY
Donna Wilson, A\$79,
kidostore.com

PLAY ALL DAY
Taro Gomi, A\$27.95,
monkeypuzzletoys.com.au



BARBATIRELIRE

MONEY BOX
Vilac, A\$51.95,
kidostore.com

MERCY WATSON

GOES FOR A RIDE
Kate DiCamillo, US\$5.99,
amazon.com

WOODEN APPLE STAMP

kikki.K, A\$8.95,
kikki-k.com



ABC ANIMALS DELUXE PILLOW
Mymimi, US\$38,
mymimi.etsy.com

CIRCUS: BABY ELEPHANTS
Playmobil, A\$32.99,
childsmart.com.au

MONKEY SCARF

Amy Bahrt, US\$75,
bluetreenyc.com

COLOURED YO-YOs
Goose Grease, US\$5 each,
goosegrease.etsy.com

MARKER SET
P'kolino, US\$7.99,
aggiehill.com

LA MELA DICE
Mapa, A\$39.95,
monkeypuzzletoys.com.au

ROULAPIC PULL TOY
Dejeco, \$29.95,
monkeypuzzletoys.com.au

COLOUR KUBE SETS
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Topshelf, from A\$180,
top3.com.au



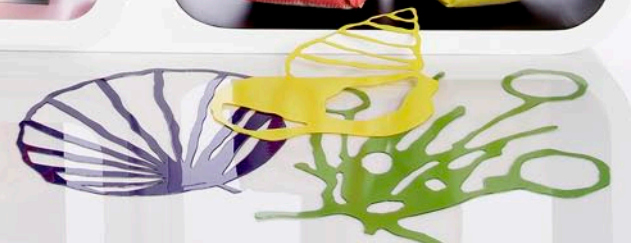
SUNRAY ARCH STACK
Glücksküfer, A\$72.95,
monkeypuzzletoys.com.au

ROSIE BIRD
Donna Wilson, A\$65,
kidostore.com

AIRPORT BOXSET
Tiger Tribe, A\$59.95,
tigertribe.com.au

BLINKY BUGS
Chronicle Books, A\$35,
mymessyroom.com.au

PLAYTIME CUBES
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Ah, quel plaisir!, €37,00,
ahquelplaisir.com



BATHTUB BABY
Petitcollin, A\$29.95,
kidostore.com

FAVA RATTLE
Mastro Geppetto, ¥2,700,
mastrogeppetto.jp

KIMMEL KIDS ULTIMATE SET
Whole set not shown,
Kimmel Kids, US\$108,
kimmelkids.com



BATH GOODS
 Whole set not shown,
 Boon, A\$33.95,
urbanbaby.com.au

**LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD
 MINI EPHEMERA BLOCK SET**
 Whole set not shown,
 Suzanna Scott, US\$58,
sushipot.etsy.com

SQUILLO PHONE
 Mastro Geppetto, ¥1,500,
mastrogeppetto.jp

LITTLE BITES POPSICLE MOLDS
 Kinderville, CA\$24.99,
raspberryykids.com

SAILOR BOY PRINT ON WOOD
 Petit Collage, US\$15,
petitcollage.com

ZOO ABECEDAIRE/DOMINO
 Ah, quel plaisir!, €38,00,
ahquelplaisir.com

TUGBOAT
 Green Toys, HK\$275,
hocusadabra.com

COLOUR KUBE SETS
 Whole set not shown,
 Topshelf, from A\$180,
top3.com.au

**NATURE ULTIMATE
BUG VIEWER**

Small Scientists, A\$15.95,
monkeypuzzletoys.com.au

**TWS HARLEQUIN
FELT SLIPPERS**

Camper, A\$95,
campershoes.com.au

BUILD A HOME PLAY SET

Whole set not shown,
Dejeco, A\$48,
thetribestore.com.au

PLYWOOD ANIMALS

Whole set not shown,
Ferm Living, A\$71.50,
fermliving.com.au

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Topshelf, from A\$180,
top3.com.au



MINI BAMBI
Trousselier, A\$34.95,
kidostore.com

CIACK! CAMERA
Mastro Geppetto, ¥3,800,
mastrogeppetto.jp

**CHARLES HARPER'S BIRDS & WORDS
LIMITED EDITION**
AMMO Books, US\$100,
ammobooks.com

PATRICK HRUBY MEMORY GAME
AMMO Books, US\$15.95,
ammobooks.com

MAKE 'N' BREAK
Ravensburger, A\$44.95,
monkeypuzzletoys.com.au

MEG PLATE
Donna Wilson, A\$49,
kidostore.com



WOODEN MAGNETIC NUMBERS
Mudpuppy, CA\$19.99,
raspberryykids.com

ART TOWER

Whole set not shown,
Toetum Kids, A\$19.95,
toetum.com

MOOSE & FAWN FIGURES

Bajo, from A\$11.50,
kidostore.com

LUCCA

Mapa, A\$169,
monkeypuzzletoys.com.au

**HAND CROCHET
ALPACA BUTTERFLIES**

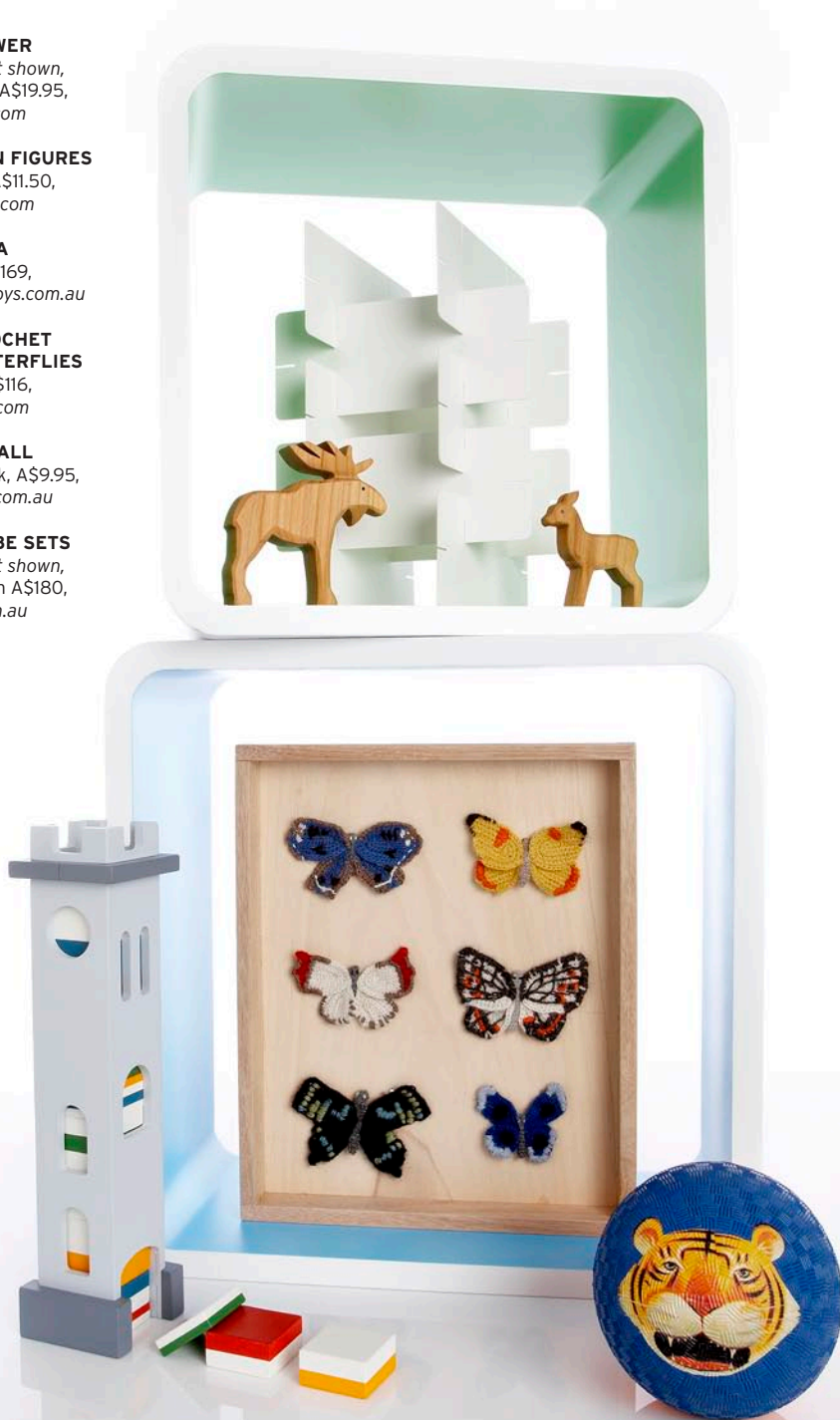
Oeuf, US\$116,
oeufnyc.com

TIGER BALL

Crocodile Creek, A\$9.95,
childsmart.com.au

COLOUR KUBE SETS

Whole set not shown,
Topshelf, from A\$180,
top3.com.au



FAMILY DUCK

Ambi Toys, A\$27.95,
monkeypuzzletoys.com.au

FARM MULTI CUBE PUZZLE

Tiger Tribe, A\$39.95,
tigertribe.com.au

**WOODEN APPLE TREE
& FRIENDS**

Holztiger, HK\$620,
hocusadabra.com



FAIRY DOOR
Tadaa!, A\$40,
thetribestore.com.au

**HANNO JR:
THE WOODEN GORILLA**
Areaware, A\$119,
kidostore.com

CIRCUS: HORSE DRESSAGE
Whole set not shown,
Playmobil, A\$64.99,
childsmart.com.au

ANIMAL BLOCKS
Micki, A\$56.95,
monkeypuzzletoys.com.au

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merry christmas



happy holidays



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charmed, i'm sure.



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Cockpit capers

Swooping over backyard skies and making an emergency landing on a verandah near you – the fantastically plastic-designed Mimmo Aeroplane comes in a range of adventurous colours and is virtually indestructible. Which is a good thing, because their pilots aren't always the gentlest operators...

Mimmo Aeroplane, Playforever, A\$89.95, monkeypuzzletoy.com.au



a family christmas

They've made their mark in areas as diverse as interior design, children's fashion, art and cooking. But they still find time for family. We ask these influential mums what they love most about Christmas.

FLORENCE ROLANDO

pirouetteblog.com



where will you be spending the holidays?

"We'll spend the holidays in Sri Lanka, and we will stop in Dubai on our way."

what's at the top of your children's christmas list?

"They've asked for Santa to bring them a little sister, but I know that he won't deliver! One of their real obsessions is Ancient Egyptians so the Playmobil Pyramid and Royal Ship of Egypt will make them super happy."

what's on yours?

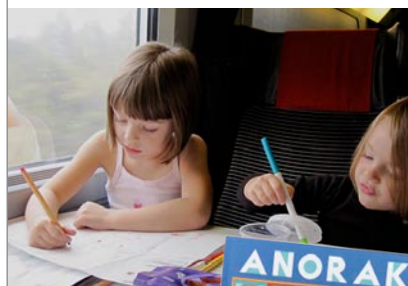
"The Playmobil Egyptian Family – to be sure I am accepted in the children's fun games."

Left & above right: Playmobil Pyramid and Egyptian figures, childsmart.com.au



when travelling with kids, the first thing I pack is...

"... a good selection of crayons, drawing pads, as well as copies of Anorak Magazine. In the train, in the plane, at restaurants, they are constantly with a crayon in hand, and we as parents, have peace."



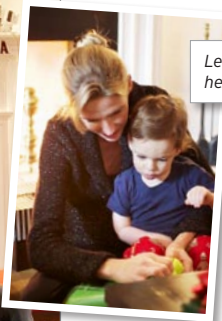
Right: Anorak Magazine, anorak-magazine.com.uk



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Left: Catherine with her son, Kenya.

Right: Tegu 52 Block Set in Mahogany, US\$100, tegu.com



what's at the top of your children's christmas list?

"Wooden Blocks!"

christmas isn't christmas without ...

"Christmas isn't Christmas without decorating the tree together and singing holiday songs. Silly, but true!"



Left: Holiday CD, A\$17.99, shop.abc.net.au

where will you be spending the holidays?

"We'll be spending Christmas in Los Angeles at home."



Right: Zingo!, US\$13.99, amazon.com

when travelling with kids, the first thing I pack is ...

"Zingo! to keep everyone busy on the plane."



name your favourite holiday tradition.

"Our favorite holiday tradition is baking cookies as a family on Christmas Eve and opening presents by the fire, toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate."

CATHERINE McCORD

weelicious.com



christmas isn't christmas without ...

"People you love."

KAREN KIMMEL

kimmelkids.com



Right: Wollman Ring, Central Park, NY.



Above: Kimmel Kids Composition Book, US\$24 each, jcrew.com

name your favourite holiday tradition.

"When I was young my mom used to take me to The Nutcracker at Lincoln Center in New York every year. We also visited the tree at Rockefeller Center and saw the holiday store window displays at Saks Fifth Avenue and Bergdorf Goodman's. Even though I now live in LA, this is a tradition I am unwilling to mess with. Every year my daughter and I go to New York for five days in December to soak in the Holiday vibe and spend time together."

what's at the top of your children's christmas list?

"For Ace anything sports related and for Jersey, a puppy. Any toys that inspire creativity are huge favorites. As a family we also like to get gifts from Creative Growth and The 1st Street Gallery. Both centers have extensive art programs for artists with mental and physical disabilities. My personal favorite this year is the artwork of Helen Rae."



Right: Kimmel Kids Mini Stencil Kit, US\$12.50, lostandfoundshop.com



what's on yours?

"Not to be corny, but with all this working, I am coveting some kick back time together as a family and well, since you asked, a sewing machine and some new Copic markers would sure make me smile."

where will you be spending the holidays?

"Home. We have tried traveling during the holiday and honestly, to quote Dorothy (from The Wizard of Oz) "There is no place like home."

lmnop.com.au



Above: PlayShapes, £74.95, millergoodman.com Left: D&G by Helen Rae.

Creative Growth Art Center creativegrowth.org

1st Street Gallery 1ststreetgallery.org

christmas
isn't christmas
without...

"Without the
whole family."

Photo: Tim Kearney



CORTNEY NOVOGRATZ

sixxdesign.com

where will you be
spending the holidays?

"We always spend the Christmas holidays at
our home in the Berkshires, where it's cozy, our
family can come to visit, we can enjoy the
snow, and we can ski!"



Right: The
Novogratz's
holiday home in
The Berkshires.

when travelling with kids,
the first thing I pack is...

"Disinfectant wipes! When you have seven kids,
that is really important! Secondly, snacks. We
love Goldfish Crackers."

what's
at the top
of your
children's
christmas
list?

"Our son Breaker really
wants a drum set, and if
he is good, Santa might
be bringing them!"

Right: Ludwig
Junior Drum Set,
guitarcenter.com



Above: Radio City
Christmas Spectacular
starring the world-famous
Radio City Rockettes.

what's
on yours?

"I would love to see a great
Christmas show with the
whole family."

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Christmas Spectacular
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radiocitychristmas.com

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handmade activity albums

made by joel



Kids love creating things. So why not make a record of their favourite activity or hobby with these handmade activity albums?

CREATED BY JOEL HENRIQUES

materials

photos of your child
and their activity

Just a few photos will do.

stiff paper

hole punch

craft knife

double-sided clear tape

glue

string



how-to

Photograph a project – a LEGO building, puzzle or painting from start to finish. Then create a book of the experience together using the following simple materials. They make terrific Christmas gifts and kids love the feeling of accomplishment they get. You will too.

one. Collect the photos.

two. Using a stiff paper, cut out pages for the book that are slightly larger than the photos.

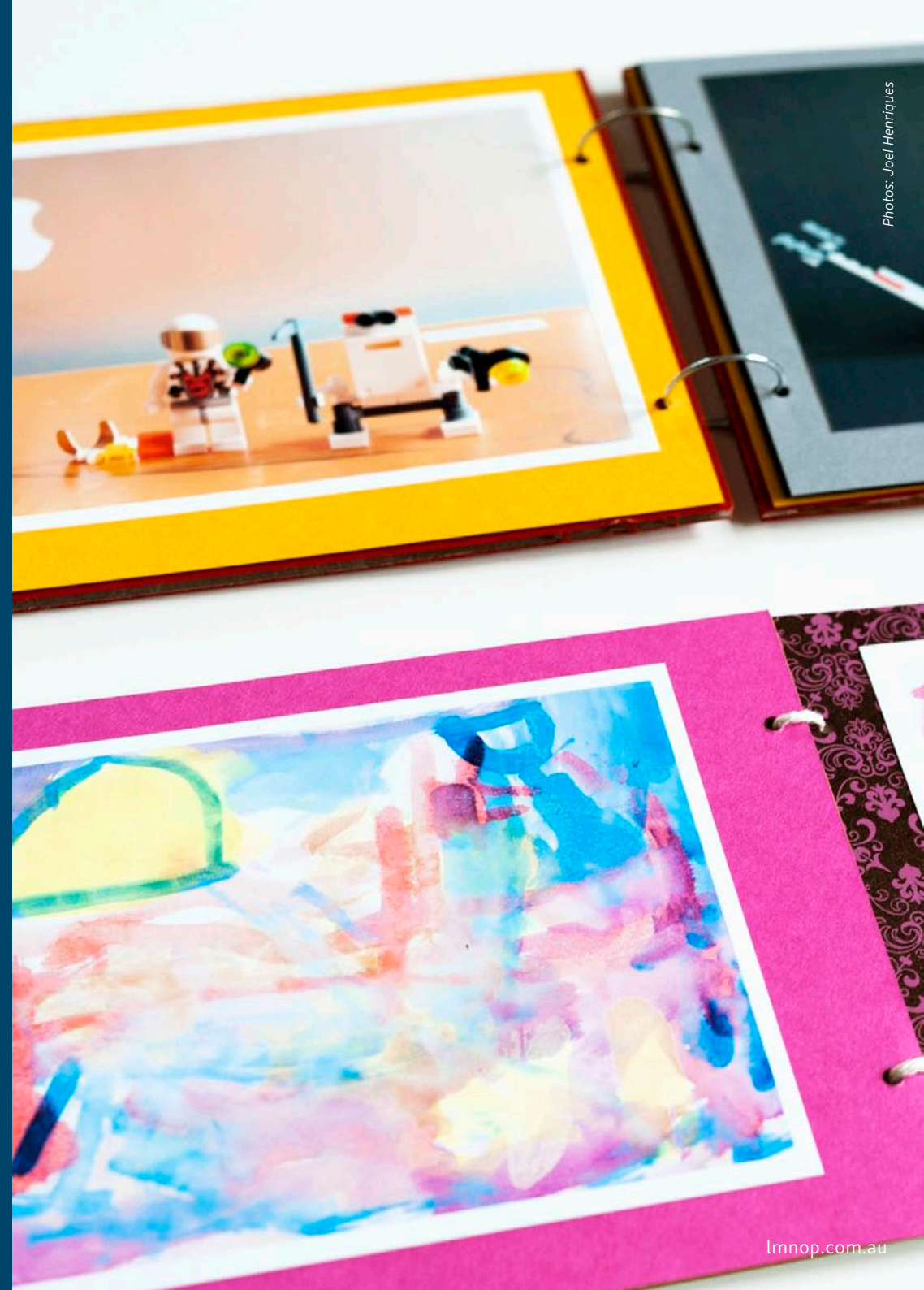
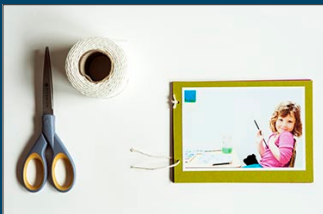
three. With a hole punch or craft knife, make two holes on one end of each page for the binding.

four. Mount the photos by taping or gluing them onto the paper pages. Make sure to keep the binding holes aligned together.

five. Cut two short lengths of string and thread them through the binding holes and secure each string with a knot. Keep the loops a little loose so the pages may turn freely. You could also use ribbon or yarn. On one of my books I even used old metal key rings.

six. Enjoy their activity all over again!

Visit madebyjoel.blogspot.com to see more great craft ideas made by Joel.



Enjoy staying
at home a little more

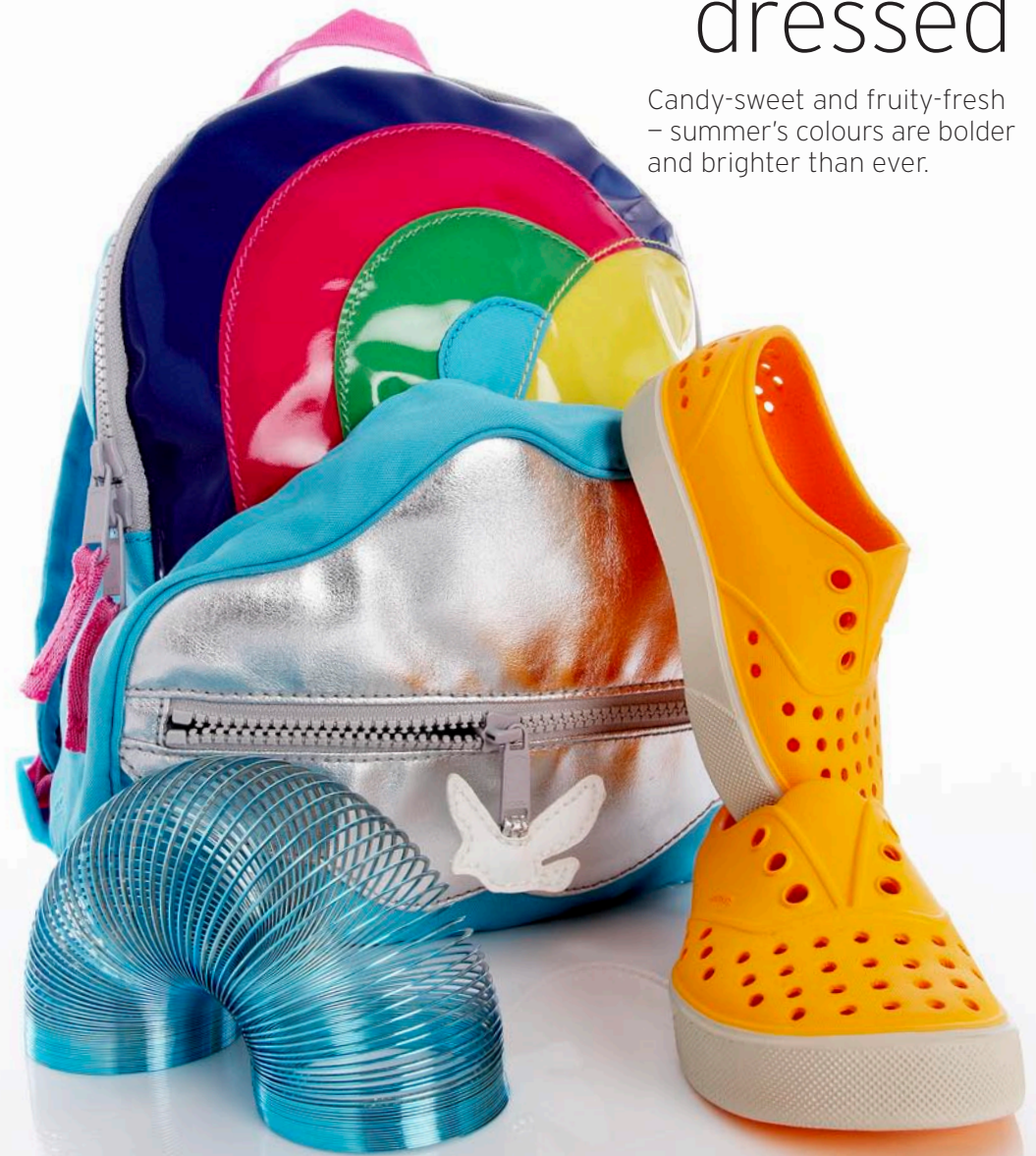
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Gap, Rainbow backpack, A\$44.95, gapaustralia.com; **Native**, Miller shoe in Pencil Orange, A\$59.95, kidostore.com; Metallic slinky, stylist's own.

Photo: Ian MacPherson; Styling by: Jenny Lacey.

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Topped by Stuart McLachlan's dazzling paper hat creations, these lively summer fashions are odds-on favourites for Best in Show.

PHOTOGRAPHED BY *Ian MacPherson* STYLED BY *Sunitra Martinelli*



*Erin: Stuart McLachlan
Banner Hat, POA,
stuartrex@iinet.net.au;
Trelise Cooper Hop, Skip
& Jump dress, A\$160,
bucketsandspades.com.au*

*Bailey: Stuart McLachlan
Cowboys & Indians Hat,
POA, stuartrex@iinet.
net.au; Gumboots Walk
the Plank shirt, A\$39.95,
gumboots.com.au*

Chloe: Stuart McLachlan
Swing Hat, POA,
stuartrex@iinet.net.au;
One Red Fly emerald frill
dress, A\$89.95, call 0421
216 264 for stockists.

Max: Stuart McLachlan
Space Hat, POA,
stuartrex@iinet.net.au;
Lucky Fish Mother of
Pearl Moon print tee,
US\$38, soluckyfish.com



*Lily Boo: Stuart McLachlan
Pony Show Hat, POA,
stuartrex@iinet.net.au; Tutu
Du Monde Swirl top in purple,
A\$65, tutudumonde.com*

*Bailey: Stuart McLachlan
Circus Strong Man Hat,
POA, stuartrex@iinet.
net.au; 4funkyflavours
stripe singlet, €24,95,
4funkyflavours.eu; American
Apparel suspenders, A\$25,
americanapparel.com.au*



Horseplay

CAN'T AFFORD THE REAL THING FOR YOUR LITTLE GIRL? THESE HORSEY TOYS AND ACCESSORIES SHOULD HELP KEEP HER DREAM ALIVE.

PHOTOGRAPHED BY IAN MACPHERSON
STYLED BY JENNY LACEY

A FINE MOUNT

Vintage book prints, Vintage Prints, from A\$14, vintageprints.com.au



GIDDY UP

Horses Sticker Pack, Peaceable Kingdom Press, A\$14.95, monkeypuzzletoy.com.au



SHOW PONY

Handmade pony, Astulabee, A\$149, kidostore.com

PUREBRED PUZZLERS

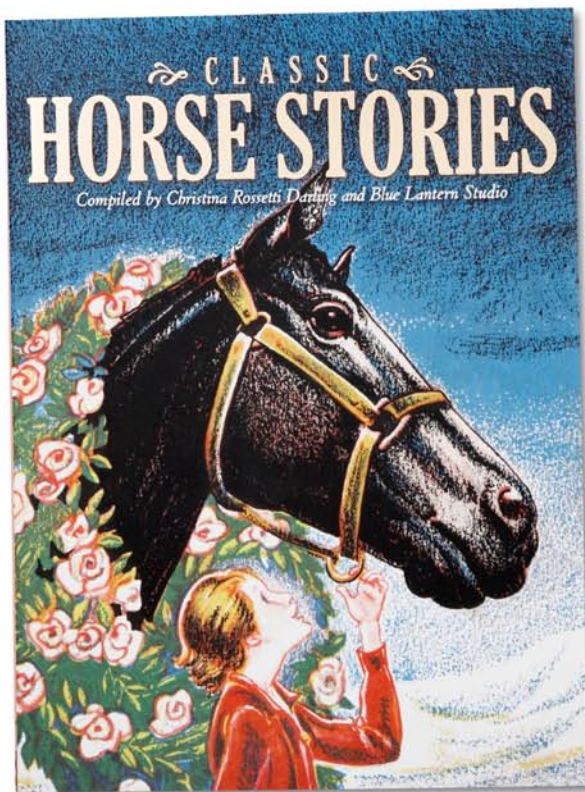
Matchbox Puzzles, Crocodile Creek, A\$2.95 each, childsmart.com.au

Text by ELIZABETH BENTLEY



LAP IT UP

Ponies on Gold drink bottle, Alex&Ant, A\$16.50, alexandant.com.au



DAINTY DRESSAGE

Horse Garland Leggings, Paper Wings, A\$60, paperwings.com.au



PHOTO FINISH

Horse #2 Photo Box, Elizabeth Soule, A\$119, kidostore.com



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Illustrations by GAIA CORNWALL

Dear Santa...

We asked five *Imnop* readers to tell us what they'll be asking Santa for this Christmas. Here's what they said, accompanied by Gaia Cornwall's charming custom portraits of each child.



"...I want a pony that lives in my backyard and that I can ride everyday.
And a Cinderella dress." Sydney, age 4.



"...I would love a robot stegosaurus dinosaur that can play with me when daddy is at work. Please." *Ebi-Kun, age 5.*



"...I would like a stripey-coloured hot air balloon to fly in with my imaginary pet owl." *Olly, age 4.*



"... for Christmas, please turn my sister into Dora the Explorer."
Jacinta Rose, age 2.



"... for Christmas, I would love to go swimming in the ocean with Nemo!"
Ava, age 2.

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Make any Christmas table utterly captivating for kids.

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Craft Buckets with turntable, A\$29.95, urbanbaby.com.au



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LIVING DOLL

Five top designers give Jennifer Vallez's unique character dolls a makeover from their latest collections. And there's something special up their sleeves – more on page 44.

DOLLS BY *Jennifer Vallez* PHOTOGRAPHED BY *Ian MacPherson* STYLED BY *Jenny Lacey*



MABEL

Mabel wears: **STUN** Bathing
Cap Graphic Tee with Soft Strip
Full Skirt, stuncollection.com



STACIE

Stacie wears: **4FUNKYFLAVOURS**
Glacier Dress, 4funkyflavours.eu



JULIA

Julia wears: **OLIVE'S FRIEND POP**
Agnes Pinafore Dress worn with Ava
Short Sleeve Shirt, olivesfriendpop.com



SALLY

Sally wears: **LUCKY WANG Umi**
Blouse in Pink Picnic with Short Skirt
in Denim Blue, luckywang.com



JOSIE

Josie wears: **BOBO CHOSES**
Apple Dress, bobochooses.com



See page 44 for details on how you can own one of our lovely doll models – and help sick children too.

Text by ELIZABETH BENTLEY

Happy Feet

Easy to wear and easy on the eye too – your kids won't want to take them off.



Photo: Ian MacPherson

If you've ever had trouble keeping shoes on your kids' feet, then here's the answer: Canadian brand Native Shoes has just released their latest collection of super-light, super-comfy footwear. There are three styles to choose from – Corrado, Miller and Jefferson – and loads of brilliant hues like Gossip Purple, Jiffy Black and Parachute Green. Oh – and they won't leave much of a carbon footprint either.

Native Shoes, A\$59.95, kidostore.com

frillstyle

Make a splash down at the local in this season's coolest poolside looks.

PHOTOGRAPHED BY *ian macpherson*

STYLED BY *sunitra martinelli*



Mini Rodini Draped-frill one-piece swimsuit, A\$59, kidostore.com;
Gumboots flower clips, A\$6.95 each, gumboots.com.au; Stylist's own necklace.



Gumboots Frill trim bathers,
A\$29.95, gumboots.com.au



Stella Cove September maillot,
US\$70, stellacove.com; **Sudo** hat,
A\$49.95, **Biird** +612 9665 8885.
Escapario bracelet, A\$24.95, **Biird**
+612 9665 8885; Woven bracelet
with balls, A\$9.95, kidostore.com



Zimmerman Purl Knit one-piece swimsuit, A\$59.50, kidostore.com;
Frankie Ray Coast sunglasses, A\$29, shorties.com.au;
Gumboots Flower necklace worn as bracelet, A\$12.95, gumboots.com.au

Gumboots Frill front one-piece bathers, A\$29.95, gumboots.com.au; **Frankie Ray** Sassy sunglasses, A\$39.95, **Biird** +612 9665 8885.



Seafolly Sherbet Ruffle Tank
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Gumboots Ice Flower bracelet,
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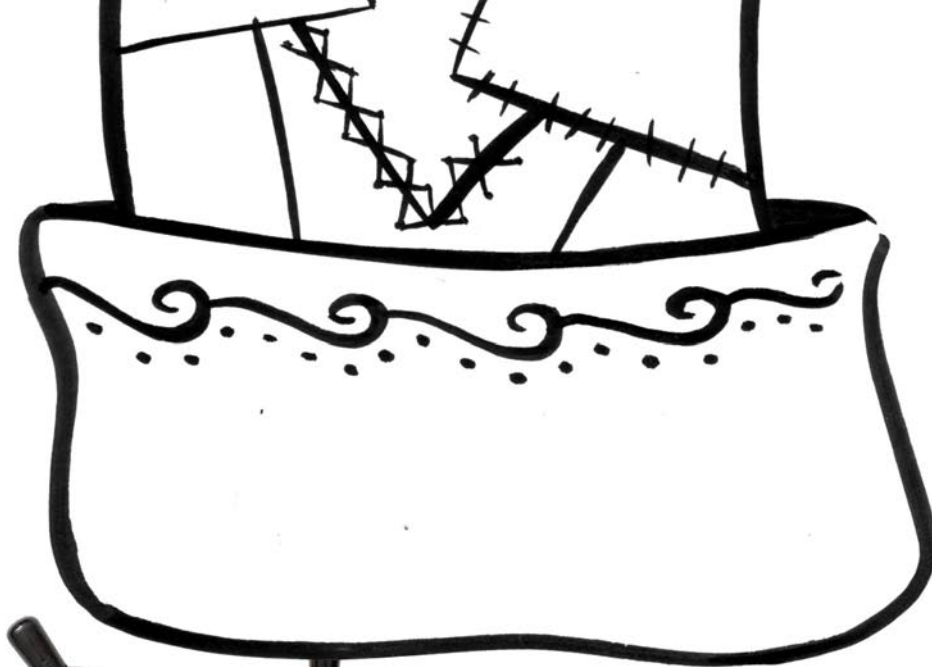
A. 3D Dinosaur Puzzle, A\$2.99, riotstores.com.au B. Mini Kit Wood Stamps, A\$4.95, urbanbaby.com.au
 C. School Eraser Set, A\$4, lmnopmagazine.etsy.com D. Magnifying glass, A\$2, monkeypuzzletoys.com.au



PICCOLO PRESENTS

Small sized but big on fun – tiny treats like these make excellent stocking stuffers.

ILLUSTRATED BY STUART MCLACHLAN



A. Sumo Spin Tops, A\$3.50 each, monkeypuzzletoys.com.au B. Pencil Pens, A\$4.95 each, monkeypuzzletoys.com.au C. Mini Tapes with dispensers, A\$2.50 for 6, +612 9901 3803 D. Mudpuppy Merry Christmas Sticker Book CA\$6.99, raspberrypkids.com E. Think-ets Fairy Collection, US\$9.99, think-a-lot.com

A. Crochet Heart brooch, A\$15, kidswithcrayons.com.au B. Chocolate Wands, A\$3.25 each, kokoblack.com
 C. Rocket Pen, A\$6.95, bonzabrats.com.au D. Badges, A\$2.50 each, printspace.com.au
 E. Bathtub Baby from A\$12.95 each, kidostore.com



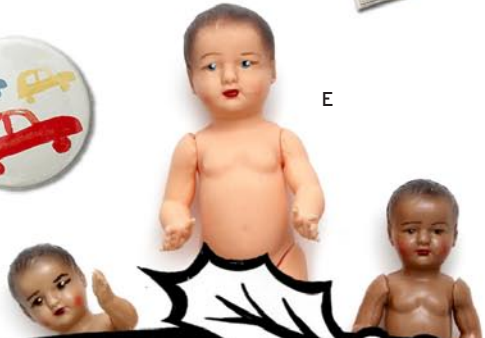
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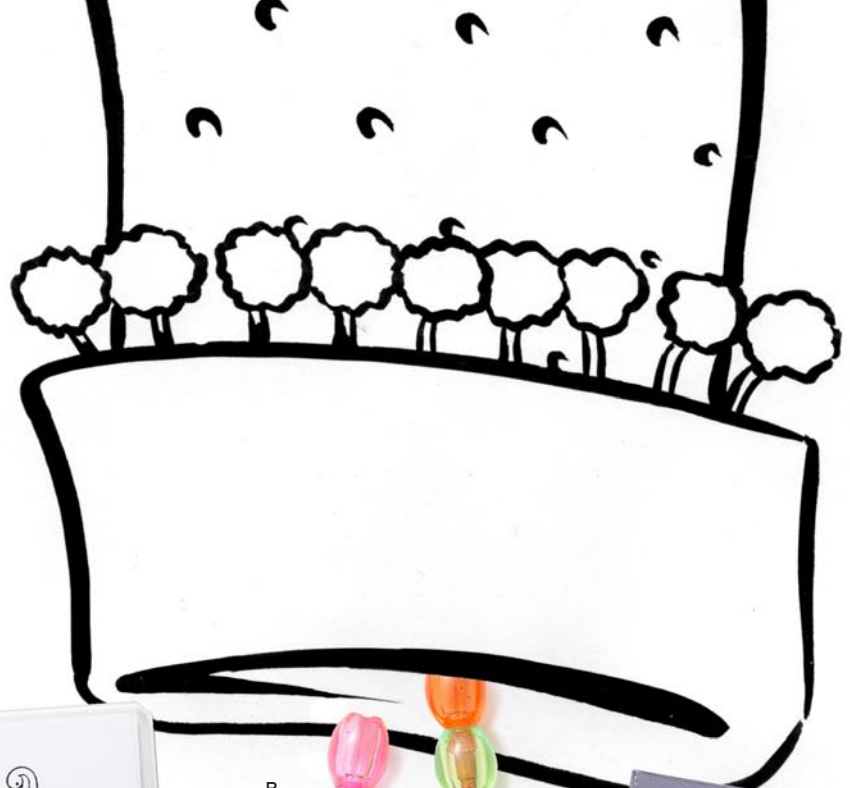
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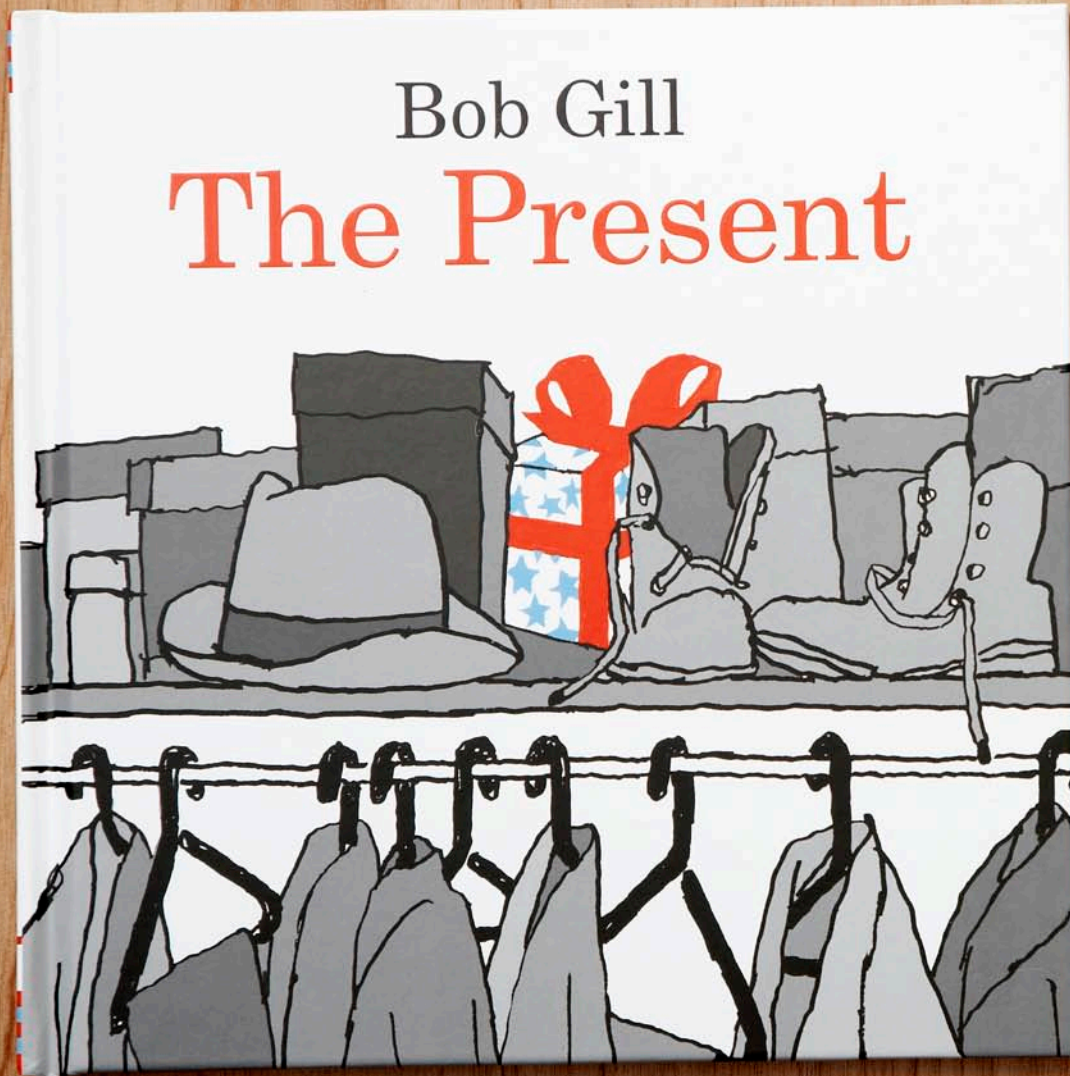


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A. Drawing cards, A\$8, loveloansandlinen.com.au B. Pencil Pens, A\$4.95 each, monkeypuzzletoy.com.au
 C. Mini Lunch Notes, US\$9.95, chronicalbooks.com D. Mini Kit Foam Stamps, A\$4.95 for 2, urbanbaby.com.au
 E. Ring of Chocolate Candies A\$5, lmmopmagazine.etsy.com



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The Present
by Bob Gill
A\$24.95, dymocks.com.au

Receiving a present and not knowing what it is is one of the joys of childhood, matched perhaps in adulthood by the joy of giving a present that you know will be received with delight. The sheer thrill of conjecture is a feeling remembered by all of us who have ever espied a present with our name on it before we are allowed to open it, and this sense of limitless possibility is the subject of Bob Gill's book *The Present*.

Little Arthur imagines the present could be anything. Well, not *anything*; it couldn't be a fish in a bowl for a fish wouldn't keep. But it *could* be a dartboard like his cousin Harold's. So when a woman comes to the door collecting gifts for underprivileged children, Arthur is faced with the question: Is he the sort of boy that could give away his present – *without ever having known what it was?*

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BATHING BEAUTIES

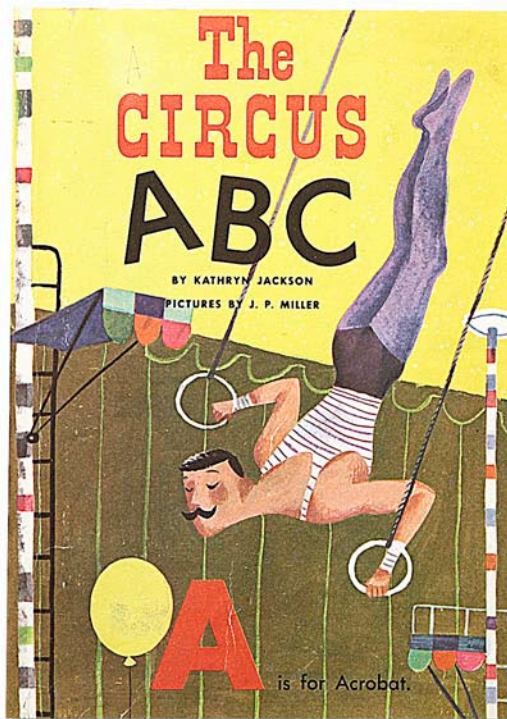
How refreshing – this new swimwear collection from Agnes Valentine draws inspiration from the 20s, 30s and 40s for an innocently lovely beach look. Each piece combines luxury fabrics and finishes with practical, feminine styling. Boy-cut legs are ideal for active girls on the go. Add a demin skirt or a pair of cropped trousers for an easy summer outfit that's ready for anything.

agnesvalentine.com



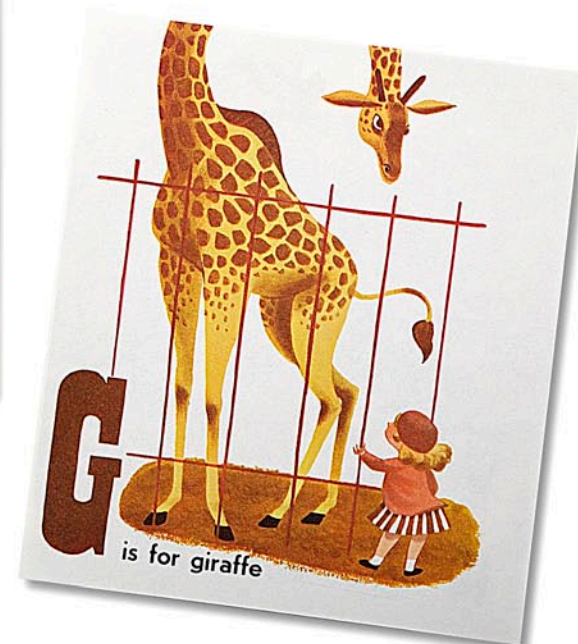
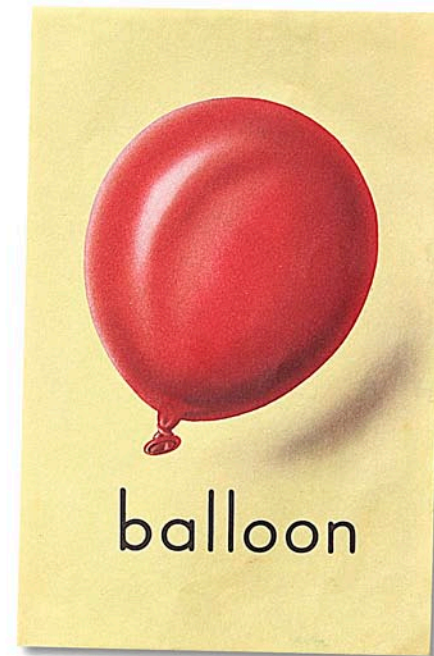
F is for Frame It

And B is for a Brilliant Way to decorate your child's room. Check out Martine and Drew Booth's clever idea – they scour old children's books for illustrations and create vintage prints out of these forgotten gems. Choose from themes including cowboys and indians, letters, numbers, maps and more. You'll receive a description of where the illustration comes from and the date of publication with your print.



Ask nicely and Martin and Drew will even do a customised search for you if you're looking for something in particular. Good hunting!

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Doll out for Kids

Here's your chance to secure one of the five unique dolls created by Jennifer Vallez (page 33) – and help out real life kids in need at the same time. Simply visit ebay.com and type 'Sophie & Lili LMNOP Auction' in the search field.

Proceeds of the winning bids go to the *Make a Wish Foundation*. The auction begins on Monday 13 December, 2010 and runs for seven days. Good luck!

Sophie & Lili limited-edition dolls, ebay.com



Photo: Ian MacPherson

LEFTOVERS



No Ordinary Fundraiser

It just warms our cockles when the big end of town rolls up their sleeves and decides to do something for the community. In this case, it's some of Australia's most celebrated chefs, whose fine restaurants are located along Darlinghurst's vibrant Crown Street. They have contributed recipes to a beautifully photographed cookbook to raise money for the local Crown Street Public School, which was first established in 1849.

Beyond the 200 mouthwatering recipes, there's another agenda – encouraging a love of fresh, sustainable eating in youngsters. Who could argue with that?

Just A\$29.95, we think it's going to find its way under more than a few Christmas trees this year. And to share the joy just a little more, \$1 from each sale will be donated by the school to the Salvation Army's Oasis Youth Support Program, another Crown St fixture.

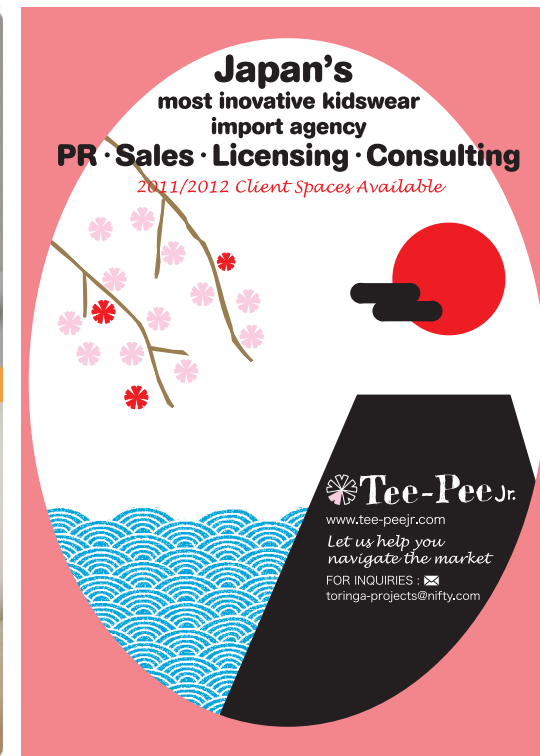
Crown Street Cooks, A\$29.95, crownstreetcooks.com.au

Text by ELIZABETH BENTLEY

circus dreams

There's no doubt that tots can make life a three-ring circus. So why not go all the way and let them sleep in this circus-inspired crib? Made by innovative LA-based sustainable design company Kalon Studios, the Caravan Crib marries classic design with bold pop colours for a fun, friendly and ultra-safe sleep vehicle. It's practical too, converting to your toddler's first bed when the time comes.

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