

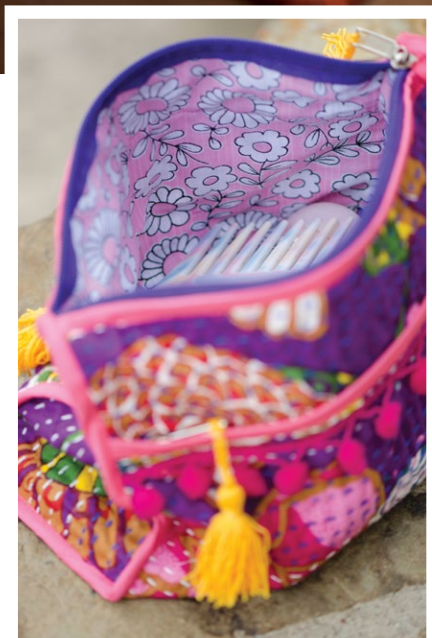


Focus: Mother's Day Delights

Above: For the mom who finds the most happiness in her own backyard, look no further than the bird feeders and birdhouses that are made by J Schatz. For more than a decade, this New York State-based artist has been dreaming up ceramic innovations. (www.jschatz.com)

Right: If your mother's memories often drift back to bygone days in Paris—or if the “City of Lights” is still one of her must-see destinations—treat the Francophile in your life to these gorgeous handcrafted pocketbook/cosmetic bag/accessory sets. Jacques Pierro calls this ensemble “French Meadows,” and the vibrant and vivacious colors emulate a field bursting to life. (www.jacquepierro.com, www.pierrostudios.etsy.com)





Above: Part of Handmade Expressions' sustainable line of women's accessories and travel gear, the Jogi cosmetic bag is at the forefront of fashion and social concerns. Brightly colored, roomy, and made with a fair trade consciousness, the Jogi bag is a find for the open-minded mom. (www.handmadeexpressions.net)

Above: Marina Paper is a globally acclaimed Artisan Papetier. Offering handmade gift sets that honor and unite Nepal's finest traditional crafts, the array of journals, adornments, jewelry, and personal accessories pay homage to the personal reflection that comes with being a dedicated diarist or journal keeper. The Marina Paper collection is perfect for the mother who wants to recollect everything. (www.marinapaper.com)

Right: Cheering you up on even the grimmest of days—that's what a mom does. To say "thank you" to the woman who always dried your tears, there is the lovely, multicolored "Rainbow Summer" scarf from Pamela Mattei. Part of the Metamorphosis Collection, the hand-dyed silk scarf measures 8 x 54 inches. (www.dyesignsbypamela.com)

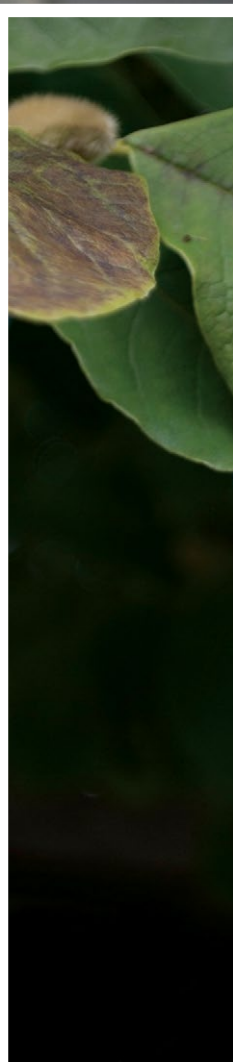




Above: Erin Harris is inspired by the mementos that matter to her customers. The creator of "Vessels for Newly Sacred Objects," Harris is able to make art out of totems that have special significance. "From your grandmother's old buttons to lace from your mother's wedding dress, I'm inspired by sentiment, history, and you!" Her motto is "Wear Your Love." (elmharris.com, elmharris.etsy.com, commemorativejewelry.etsy.com)

Left: Laurie Leonard has been a professional artist for more than 25 years. Initially she attained acclaim from her watercolor paintings. Then, about six years ago, she began to create jewelry utilizing miniature reproductions of her watercolors. The feminine form is celebrated, explored, and investigated in her stellar renderings. (<http://laurie.leonard.home.comcast.net>)

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Right: WorldFinds bills itself as “fair trade with style.” It has enjoyed tremendous success with its jewelry that promotes color-blocking, geometric shapes, and patchwork patterns. Their “Spectrum Cuff” embodies the bright and cheery trend—making it a wearable piece of art. (www.worldfinds.com)

Below: The design team at Mata Traders are over the moon about their “Tassle Moon” earrings: “Our jewelry is the perfect fit for the modern woman of today. It is ideal for the socially conscious and the fashion conscious.” (www.matatraders.com)



Right: The Vincent Peach “Eternity Necklace” features cascading freshwater pearls on a 36-inch premium leather eternity loop chain. The unique design reflects the artisan’s mantra: “My jewelry line makes fashion sense. It is beautiful jewelry you can live in.” (www.vincentpeach.com)