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Welcome

A lack of space can be a problem, especially if you're sharing it with little ones who like to spread out their toys and activities. Sometimes it's easy to feel like your home is being taken over by their belongings. My son daily Blu-tacs his personal artworks to every available wall in the house, and constantly curates what's on show in our home. I enjoy giving him the freedom to add his own personal touch... after all, it is his home too.

In this issue, Australian photographer, Hallie Burton shows us what's possible with small-space homes. On page 11, she takes us on a tour of a loft-style apartment in New York. She beautifully captures this colourful home that's been especially created for four lucky children. As you'll see, a little imagination can go a long way!

Janet Morales and Stu Eli join us this issue as contributing editors with their new column 'Show & Tell'. They run Three Potato Four, a wonderful online emporium of modern and vintage pieces. They collect so many beautiful products and objects for their store, we thought it would be fun to have them share some of their finds with us each issue. Welcome guys!

Louise Eveston of weheartbooks.com also joins us this issue. Louise and her partner Katie are passionate about children's literature and their blog helps parents all over the globe choose great books for their kids. Go to our library on page 39 to read Louise's review of Michelle Knudsen's exquisite book, 'Library Lion'.

Speaking of blogs, we review some of LMNOP's favourites on page 38. These sometimes very personal online diaries can be very addictive to read! We launched our own official LMNOP blog late last year, which has been receiving a wonderful response. Go to lmnop.com.au/blog/ to subscribe for a daily dose of fun.

Enjoy our fall issue.

Jenny Lacey
Editor-in-chief

HOMEGROWN THREADS



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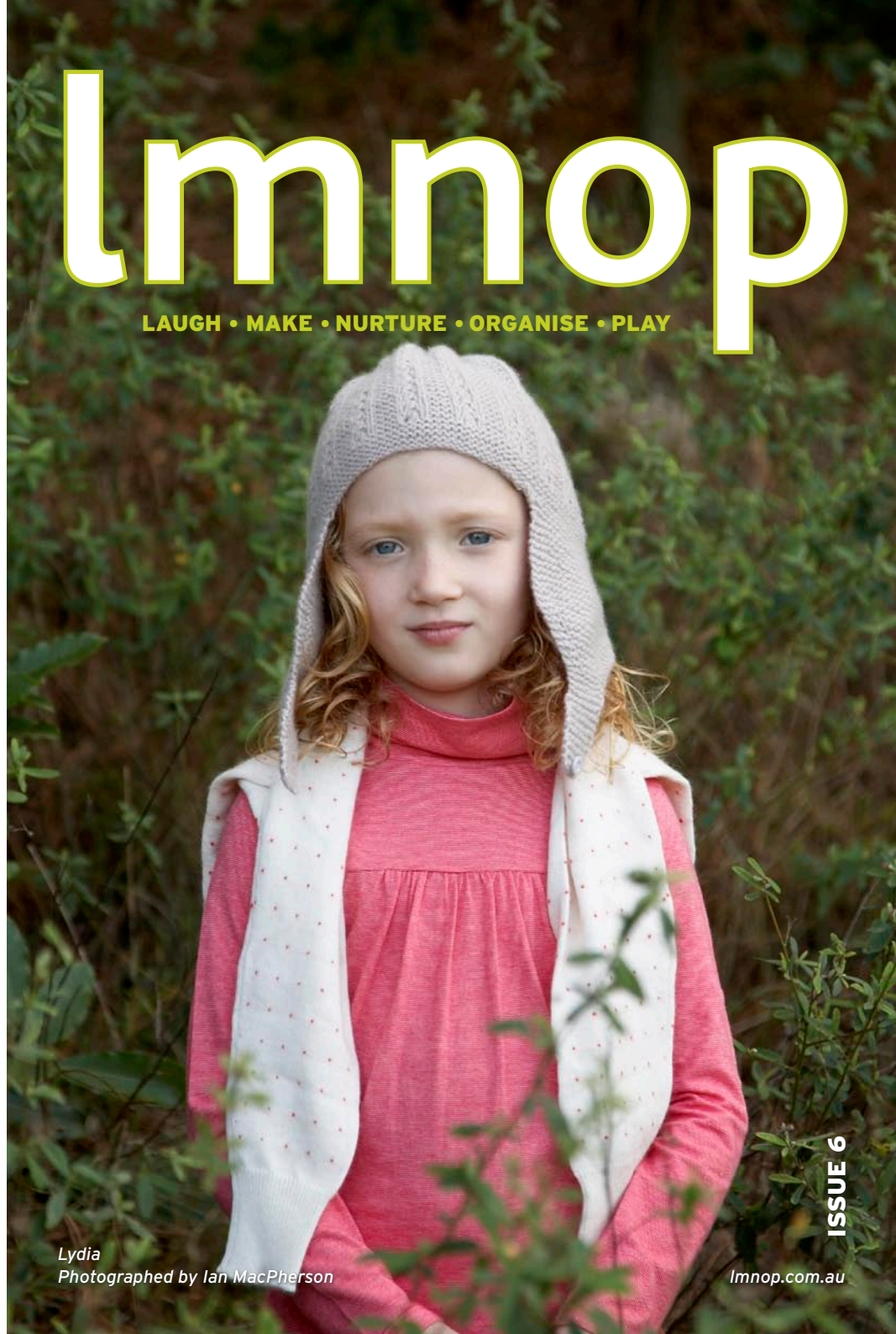
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12 new toys to tickle your child's imagination. pg 9



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Lydia
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HALLIE BURTON

PHOTOGRAPHER

Name a favourite childhood game.
Cludo.

Were you a tree climber or a reader?

Reader.

A childhood activity you wish you could still do.

My favourite thing was riding a bike off a diving board into the pool... strange I know.

How would your parents describe you as a child?

My mother would tell you I was the cleanest child she ever did see... she could put me in the dirt to make mud pies in a white dress and I would not get a drop of dirt on me.

Favourite childhood toy? And do you still have it?

Yes I do! It was a little bear called Ted, and it was my mothers before me.

Favourite book growing up?

My mother is Scottish and used to give me a Scottish cartoon book called *Oor Wullie* and it was my all time favourite.



SUNITRA MARTINELLI

STYLIST

Your favourite letter of the alphabet?

S for Sunitra.

Name a favourite childhood game.

Building cubby houses with my brother Matthew's security blankets - in our bunk beds, behind the lounge, under the dinning table.

Were you a tree climber or a reader?

Reader who dreamed of tree climbing.

A childhood activity you wish you could still do.

Craft and have someone pack it all up afterwards!

How would your parents describe you as a child?

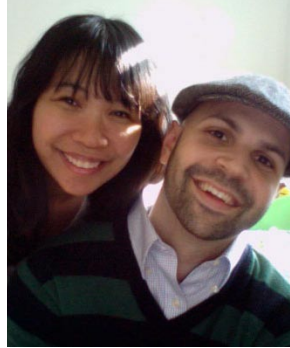
A handful.

Favourite childhood toy? And do you still have it?

A Holly Hobby sewing machine. I begged for it for a year straight, and had it for two days. My little brother sewed through his finger with it. Then it disappeared.

Favourite book growing up?

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery.



JANET MORALES & STU ELI

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Your favourite letter of the alphabet and why?

J: G because it's so fun to write.

S: Gotta go with S.

Name a favourite childhood game.

J: Colouring-in. S: Nintendo.

Were you a tree climber or a reader?

J: Both. S: Tree climber, but I was actually more of a fort made out of a cardboard box kind of boy.

A childhood activity you wish you could still do.

J: Have someone read me a book and sing me a song right before bed. S: Go to the grocery store in my one-piece zip-up pyjamas.

How would your parents describe you as a child?

J: Imaginative - always playing with my imaginary friend, Abus.

S: Always busy.

Favorite childhood toy? And do you still have it?

J: Record player and my "Little Red Riding Hood" LP. Might still be in my parents' basement. S: Lego Fire Station 6382. Still have it.

Favourite book growing up?

J: *Ten Apples Up on Top* by Dr Seuss.
S: *Haunted House* by Jan Pienkowski (absolute best pop-up book ever).



ON THE COVER

Lydia wears raspberry red turtle neck, *Country Road*, countryroad.com.au Cashmere cardigan, (worn over the shoulder) *Mor Mor Rita*, \$325. Tutu skirt, *Mamapapa*, \$80. Cashmere beanie, *Mor Mor Rita*. *All Manon et Gwenaëlle*, 02 9114 6242.

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ODDS AND ENDS



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HUMMING ALONG

Frances England originally created her debut CD, *Fascinating Creatures*, as a fundraiser for her son's preschool and never thought anyone outside of her own circle of family and friends would hear it. But thanks to the Internet, the power of word-of-mouth and some great reviews, the CD began making its way into family homes across the globe. With music titles like *Fast Train to Grandma's*, *Daddy-O*, *Busy as a Bee*, and *Digging in the Dirt*, it's no wonder the pre-school set relates to her alluring, original music.

The songs on Frances' new album, *Family Tree*, were written around the birth of her second son and retain the same warm, intimate, indie-folk feel that so many of us connected with on *Fascinating Creatures*. Her airy voice and soulful lyrics will have you humming along, too.

Visit francesengland.com for stockists and information on upcoming shows.



Sleepy children won't have to be afraid of the dark anymore. 'Bonne nuit' bulb stickers are a great way to leave a little light on in a room. This phosphorescent sticker set includes two bulbs with cables and twinkling stars. Made in Paris, France and measuring one metre long, these bulbs are easily applied to any smooth surface. Now everyone can sleep with the light on.

Bonne Nuit bulb sticker,
Lola et Moi, 02 9810 1391



Left: Frances England with her son Rowan.

Image by Bonnie Berry



Off weego

Weego Baby's modern and stylish store front on Main Street in Santa Monica, is pure eye-candy. Step inside, then be amazed by the array of decor ideas that present themselves as you walk through this beautifully styled boutique.

Weego Baby's eclectic arrangement of products will inspire you to create a modern nursery or unique kids' room. Their collection includes one-of-a-kind pillows from Aunt Bucky, stylish furnishings from notNeutral, and letterpress posters from One Thread. Definitely worth a visit if you're in the neighbourhood.

Weego Baby, 2447 Main Street, Santa Monica,
California, 866 650 8333, weegobaby.com

ODDS AND ENDS

Canvas shoes are making a bold comeback! Spanish brand, Conguitos have released a soft canvas, vintage style shoe that will combo perfectly with a denim jean. Available in a wide range of vibrant colours for Spring/Summer 09. grupoillice.com



Miniature threads

Threadless.com, the world's first and largest community-based t-shirt design company, opened its first Threadless Kids retail store in Chicago last November.

Threadless is an online community where artists and designers from around the world are able to submit t-shirt designs and vote on which are selected for sale. This popular and very successful t-shirt company caters to the design conscious and began dressing kids in miniature versions of their best-selling adult tees on Threadless.com in 2006.

The Threadless Kids store in Chicago, Illinois, showcases their entire kids range, as well as onesies and tees for babies. The space houses a special colouring corner, where small, budding t-shirt designers can colour on large wall-mounted art pads while mum and dad try to resist buying the entire shop. If you can't make it to the retail store, threadlesskids.com is always open to take your t-shirt order!

Threadless Kids, 1905 W. Division Avenue, Chicago
773 698 7042, threadlesskids.com

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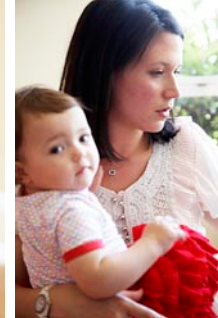
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Meet Daniela Minns

ALLEGRA'S MUM

With a mum who owns one of Australia's most popular stores for kids and babies, it's no wonder this baby's got style.

PHOTOGRAPHED BY Ian MacPherson



Left: Allegra with the family's dog, Chloe. Top right: Daniela & Allegra get ready for a day out together. Bottom right: A customer's order gets packaged up to be sent out.

LMNOP: How were you inspired to start your business?

DM: I was working as a stylist and struggling to find interesting things for bubs and kids to include in magazine spreads that were easily accessible for a national audience. Realising I couldn't launch a chain of national baby stores, I decided that online was a perfect place to offer my unique and interesting finds. We launched Baby's Got Style in October 2004.

LMNOP: What are some favourite items that you've carried at BGS over the years?

DM: Alimrose's stripe red monkey rattle is on of our original products and is still very popular today, 4 years down the track. Little Horns Pavalova skirt created a 'frou-frou frenzy' and I have always had a soft spot for Flatout bears.

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

DM: Allocate a business only day and a kids only day - where that's all you do. Be realistic in your expectations on your capabilities to grow a business while doing so much. There's no point being a great business woman if it turns you into a grumpy mother, irritable wife and a lousy friend.

LMNOP: How do you juggle your business with motherhood?

DM: I'm in the office a few days a week and like any mum, I use Allegra's naptimes and evenings to do the rest.

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

DM: Letting go of my need to do everything perfectly! Also to accept that there is no 'right' way to raise a child.

LMNOP: What do you and Allegra like to do together?

DM: Playing in the park, swimming, blowing bubbles, reading, singing in the car, walking our dog Chloe, playing tickling and lots of cuddles.

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

DM: Be grateful. A life lived in gratitude will always be happy because you're not constantly yearning for something other than what you have.

Baby's Got Style, babysgotstyle.com.au



I couldn't live without

Email. And lip gloss!



What we're reading at the moment

Buddhism for Mothers by Sarah Napthali for me and Nancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor for Allegra.



When I have 30 minutes to myself

I pop on a face mask, make a cup of tea and read a mag.



Chalk it up

These cheeky tees let your littlies start the day with a clean slate. Each one comes with a picture chalkboard across the front - perfect for drawing a picture or writing your name. Easily erasable with a damp cloth and made in the US with 100% cotton, these fun tees come complete with a handy pocket to carry chalk in. Finally the kids have every excuse to draw on themselves!

Chalkboard tees, Class, US\$35, redpoppy.ca

WORD from Chicago

Text by **SONYA CHOE MILLER**

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Brentwood Country
Mart, 225 26th St
Santa Monica
310 260 4777
poppystores.com

**Il Ristorante di
Giorgio Baldi**
114 West Channel Rd
Santa Monica Canyon
310 573 1660
giorgiobaldi.com

bellamaterna.com

DESTINATION BABY SHOWER. One pregnant friend is an opportunity for an afternoon tea party; two pregnant friends are a perfect excuse for a girls' weekend in sunny Los Angeles. With sunglasses and frothy lattes over brunch at Le Pain Quotidien, we skipped the games and went straight to the gifts.

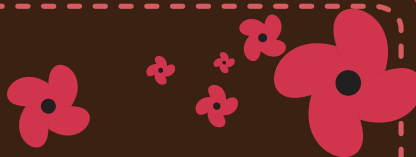
Baby showers are all about the mom, right? I gave each pregnant girlfriend the Sexy Lounge Dress from Bella Materna. I hope my girlfriends enjoy their gift as much today, as when they are in that little talked about 4th trimester.

We spent the rest of the day celebrity spotting and shopping at the Brentwood Country Mart. I found lip gloss rings to

take home to my own girls at Poppy Store. We took a long walk to Malibu; treated ourselves to the new pomegranate flavor at Pinkberry; and ended the day with a perfect meal at Il Ristorante di Giorgio Baldi.

Perhaps not a typical baby shower, but it possessed all of the critical elements of any meaningful one. The expecting mothers undoubtedly received more advice than they wanted. There was ample speculation on the sex of the babies. Long lists of names generated and debated. The war, (I mean labor) stories were all repeated with gusto. And of course, lots of showering all around of admiration and friendship.

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BYO imagination

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Bilibo encourages them to create their own fun – in countless ways! Fill it with toy cars, or carry sand and water. Stack them or join them. Or simply sit inside and take a spin. Cradle your baby to sleep or flip it over to make a noisy bongo. You'll be amazed at the different ways your child will use the Bilibo to recreate a world of their own. Why not sit inside and take a spin?

Bilibo, \$39 each, *Active People*, metromum.com.au



MAGNETIC PICTURES

Geoforme will inspire your child to create masterpieces in a jiffy using these bold, magnetic shapes. Featuring 42 wooden pieces of various shapes and sizes, along with 24 picture cards. All easily packed away in to a beautifully presented wooden box.

Djeco, \$65, Spoilt Rotten, (02) 9958 8888

SHAPE LOADER

Sort shapes and load them onto this handcrafted semi. With a removable stacking board, you're free to transport whatever you please.

Bajo, \$102, Monkey Puzzle, (02) 9799 7101



PLAY

Toys, craft and stationery to tickle the imagination.

ANIMAL CLASSICS

Brio's new wooden animals are so cute, you'll want to take them all home. The push-a-long turtle has oblong wheels that give him a quirky walk. Hedgehog bobs his head when rolled along the floor. And the stacking toy owl has soft-to-touch ears and wings.

Brio, From \$19.95 each, Monkey Puzzle, (02) 9799 7101



DELICATE TEETHERS

These all-natural teething rings, made from Beechwood and Maple make lovely gifts for babies. The delicate design allows tiny hands to grip them with ease.

**Drei Blätter, \$18.95 each
Monkey Puzzle, (02) 9799 7101**

SILLY SAUSAGE

Alice Apple hand crafts toys and accessories from her home in South Devon, England. Her sausage dog is made from original vintage fabric and he has a felt nose and hand-stitched eyes.

Alice Apple, \$46.95, mymessyroom.com.au



HOUSE OF CARDS

Design duo Charles & Ray Eames first produced their Small House of Cards deck in 1952. Now available in a medium size, this set includes 32 die-cut cards, each with six slots which interlock to build a multitude of fun structures.

Charles & Ray Eames, \$64.95
Museum of Contemporary Art,
(02) 9245 2458

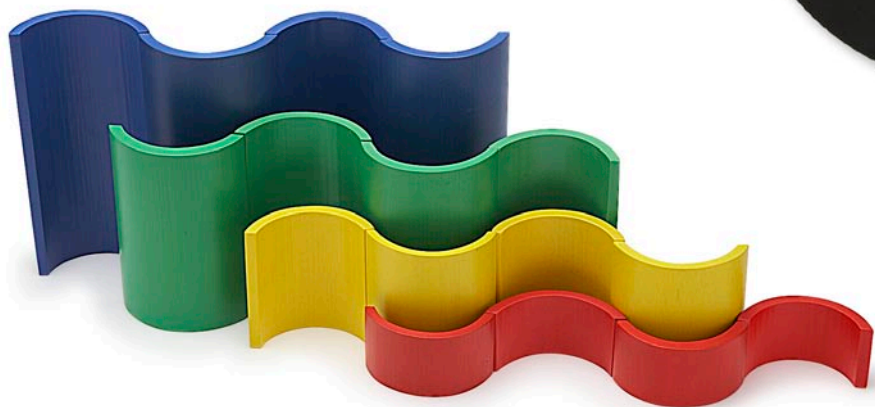


PLAY

CREATA ANYTHING

Creata is a game of possibilities. The bamboo pipes come in various sizes and colours, and can be constructed into many different designs. They make great troughs for water and also form tunnels to roll or push other toys through. Perfect for ages 4 – 99.

Hape, \$29.99, [Learn4fun](http://Learn4fun.com), (02) 9889 3160



DIY TIME

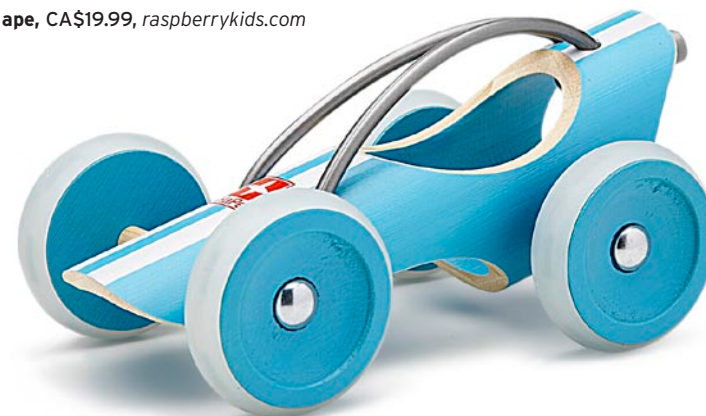
Any time is playtime with this blackboard clock. It's made of light plywood and measures 22cm round. Keeping time has never been so much fun.

Blink Designs, \$84.95, kidostore.com

ECO RIDE

Fly to the finish line with this eco-friendly racer. Crafted from natural bamboo, featuring 4 extra-large wheels with a rubber coating, and an aerodynamic curved frame that's easy to grip, this cool car is bound to win the race everytime.

Hape, CA\$19.99, raspberryykids.com



Atticus, Arlo and India love to sit at the kitchen bench and colour.



raising kids in the big apple is as easy as

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Photographed by **HALLIE BURTON**

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NEW YORK is the place Hanne Larsen and her family now call home. They moved from their native Australia three years ago, in search of a new life and the perfect family-sized apartment. A one-storey, loft-style space in downtown Manhattan soon presented itself and a nine-month renovation followed.

Hanne worked together with interior designer, Ghislaine Viñas, who helped plan a range of child-friendly, fun, but functional features for the space, including a mezzanine playhouse accessed by ladders, grass-motif floor tiles for the children's bathroom and pod-like bunk beds for the boy's bedroom.

The result was well worth the wait and the apartment now functions as their ideal family home. The clean and colourful interiors boast a combination of open spaces, along with

some closed-off areas which come in handy for sleeping children. The perfect haven for India (eight), Atticus (six) Arlo (four) and Banjo (18 months).

This busy family is rarely indoors and loves life in New York. According to Hanne, New York living offers the best of both worlds. "We love the fact that there's always something fantastic going on for adults and kids. Our local neighbourhood (Tribeca) is like a little village where we know everyone we pass on the street, all the shopkeepers... but you can walk 10 minutes uptown and be anonymous."

At home, you're likely to find the children in the main open-plan living area, enjoying simple stay-at-home activities. "The kids love cooking, drawing, dress ups, dancing on the table and cuddling up on the couch for movies with popcorn and smores!"



Atticus climbs the ladder that leads to the children's mezzanine playhouse.



This page: The bunks in the boys bedroom make use of a vertical space and were designed by Ghislaine Viñas. Interior Design. Right: The skull and crossbones on the wall, painted by a friend.



Hanne and 18-month-old Banjo in their open-plan living area. Seven large windows flood this room with light during the day.



This colourful striped rug in the living area was designed by local flooring company Aronsons Floor Covering.



The kitchen units were designed by Ghislaine Viñas Interior Design. Hanne requested a pink painted-glass splashback.



Atticus, India, Arlo and Banjo stand at the end of the corridor, where a floor-to-ceiling sliding door opens out onto the open-plan living area.



A sink that was originally in the kitchen, now painted green, makes a bold colour statement in the children's bathroom. A grass-motif floor tile was used to complete this playful space for bathtime.

this family's guide to nyc favourite playground in the city.



"Local park, Washington Market Park is great because you can go along any time and the kids will always find some friends there. That's a benefit of everyone living in apartments and needing to get out and run!"

a child-friendly restaurant in NY that you frequent.

"City Bakery on 18th Street is a big bakery with a great buffet of wonderful, healthy food. It's big, noisy and great for lunch. The kids do an African drumming and African dance class up the road, so it's often been a stop on a Saturday."



Drink up Buttercup - Kidrockers

Photo: Marianne Ventrice

describe your ideal NYC weekend outing with the kids.

"There are various groups that organise kids' rock concerts and kids' dance parties in clubs and bars. Such a cool concept. The kids love it and it's a great event for adults as well."

which room of the apartment are the children most likely to be found in?

"In the main open-plan living area. This is where they eat meals, watch TV, draw at the kitchen bench, play lego, move the furniture off the big rug and practice gymnastics!"



Image by Hallie Burton

do you have a favourite toy store in NYC?

"When friends are in town we always take them to Toys 'R' Us in Times Square and FAO Schwarz near Central Park (amazing near life size stuffed toys of all kinds of animals ... thousands of dollars, but amazing to see, and also the "dance on" piano from the movie "Big")."

The City Bakery
3 West 18th St
212 366 1414
thecitybakery.com

FAO Schwarz
767 Fifth Avenue
(Fifth Ave at 58th St)
212 644 9400
fao.com

Babesta
66 West Broadway
212 608 4522
babesta.com

kidrockersusa.com
goodytwoshoesnyc.com

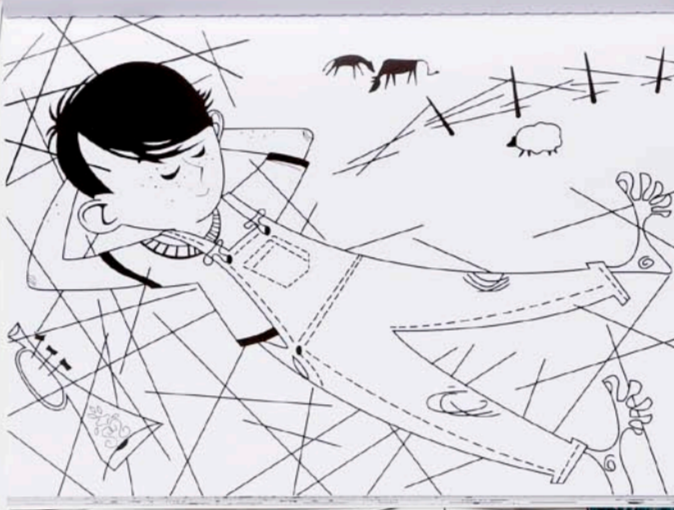
where do you buy your kid's clothing from mostly?

"We often go to a local store called Babesta which has cool clothes and toys."



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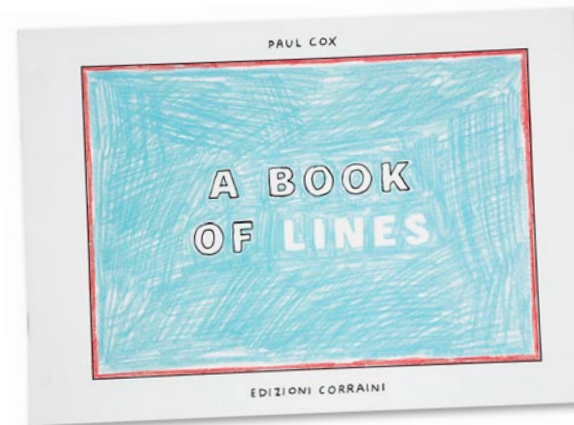
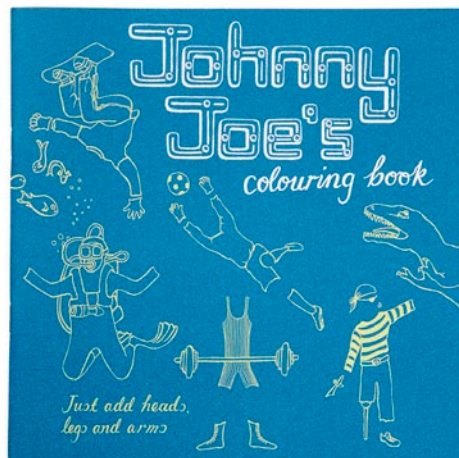
There's a whole new generation of colour-in books available for young artists today. Here are some of our favourites.





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Clockwise: THE BIG BOOK FOR LITTLE HANDS. Marie-Pasquale Cocagne & Bridget Strevens-Marzo, Museum of Contemporary Art, (02) 9245 2458. CHARLEY HARPER COLOURING BOOK, Charley Harper, \$13.95, kidostore.com EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS, Edizioni Corraini, \$25, The Gallery Shop, (02) 9225 1718. DOODLES AT DINNER. 36 TEAR-OFF PLACEMATS. Deborah Zemke, US\$8.79, amazon.com BARE BOOKS. Bare Books, US\$1.75, barebooks.com BOOK OF LINES. Edizioni Corraini, \$25, kidostore.com JOHNNY JOE'S COLOURING BOOK. \$14.95, larkmade.com.au ANIMAL DRAWING CARDS. Present & Correct £8, presentandcorrect.com



Hippty hop Baby

No two pairs of these darling bunny booties are alike. That's because they've been handmade with plenty of TLC by artisan Lacey Smith. Her booties are crocheted with 100% premium Merino wool yarn, and then felted using her original patterns, designs and techniques. The result is a soft, durable bootie that's bound to make your heart melt when you see your baby wear them.

Little Bunny felted shoe, Pretty Little, US\$32, prettylittle.etsy.com

minor details



Blue Floral Damask wallpaper, US\$15.99, usawallpaper.com



Mobile photo hanging clip, US\$10, kikkerlandshop.com



Above top: Little Friends duvet set, \$185, Kukunest, cinnamonbear.com.au Bottom: Fun Time Around Town Road Rug, US\$72, csnrugs.com

Eina Twin bed frame, US\$100, ikea.com



White cord kit, US\$14, lunabazaar.com

No matter where you live, what you do, the kind of car you drive, you're probably feeling the sting of the economic crisis. Your hopes and plans get put on hold: renovating the kitchen, buying that new dress, or giving junior's room a facelift. On the upside, times like these remind us to be more imaginative. I began thinking how I could achieve high-priced looks for less. Cheat my way to a chic looking makeover.

As a prototype, I used Zoel's room, designed by the New York-based creative agency, The Apartment. The double long, back-to-back twin bed is from Belgium. The light by Ingo Maurer and that amazing wall-paper are from the UK-based Timorous Beasties. Overall, the room is well-considered and playfully sophisticated space for a 6 year old boy.

I found some great products to create a chic makeover on a small budget. So now we can all get Zoel's look for less.

To read more *Minor Details*, visit Jennifer's blog minordetails.typepad.com

on getting the look for less by Jennifer Ward



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Lydia: Eskimo Princess Faux Fur Vest, \$49.95, Pölka, polkakids.com.au Audrey Skivvy, \$44.90, Sudo, sudo.com.au Pony Club Brown Mini Skirt, \$49.95, Pölka, as before. Striped jersey aubergine scarf, \$44, Paperwings, paperwings.com.au Tights, models own. Brown fur lined Mary Jane, \$49.99, Crocs, crocs.com.au



Lucy: Hannah French blouse, \$79, and Wool Crossover Vest, \$89, both Chalk n Cheese, chalkncheeseclimbing.com.au Grey pant, \$62, Mamapapa, Manon et Gwenaëlle, 02 9114 6242.

Riley: Vest, \$65, Luna Gallery, Manon et Gwenaëlle, 02 9114 6242. Long sleeve tee, \$50. Grey pant, \$62. Scarf, \$25. All Mamapapa, Manon et Gwenaëlle. Canvas shoe, \$60, Bensimon, Manon et Gwenaëlle.





Lydia: Blouse, \$80. Tutu skirt, \$80. Pant, \$60. Scarf, \$25. All Mamapapa, Manon et Gwenaëlle, 02 9114 6242. Canvas shoe, \$60, Bensimon, Manon et Gwenaëlle, as before. Cap, models own.

Riley: Purple French terry cardigan, \$64, Chalk n Cheese, chalkncheeseclothing.com.au Knit Vest, \$72, and sweater (worn over shoulder), \$72, both Bla Bla. Long sleeve tee, \$48, and dark brown pant, both Mamapapa. All Manon et Gwenaëlle. Brown check trainers, \$49.95, Clarks, clarks.com.au

Lydia: Sateen dress with heart pocket, \$176 and red & melange grey strip 100% cashmere scarf, \$77, both Paperwings, paperwings.com.au



Riley: Viper Black Perfecto jacket, \$169 and True red long sleeve tee, \$89, both Finger in the Nose, kidostore.com Suspenders, \$26, American Apparel, americanapparel.net Stretch Rocker cord jean, \$79.90, Sudo, sudo.com.au



Lucy: Cassie Trench Coat, \$84.90, Sudo, sudo.com.au
 Tomek Tetris long sleeve tee, \$49.95, Apron Smock top, \$49.95, and Crochet Ballerina knitted mini skirt, \$49.95, all Pölkä, polkakids.com.au
 Tights, models own. Allie Brown boot, \$69.95, Grosby, grosby.com.au



NO.4:

Text by SHANA ARDEN
 OF ENFANT TERRIBLE

WOVENPLAY

Play clothes

The collection by Wovenplay at Enfant Terrible is composed of make-believe and playclothes for children, made by hand of natural and organic cotton, French tulle, satin and silk, as well as hand dyed and screenprinted.

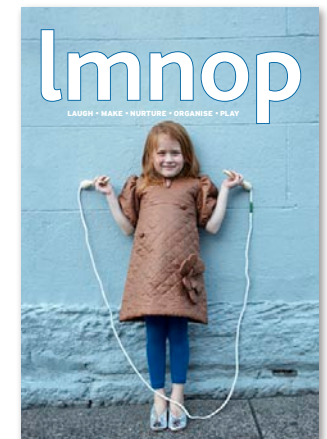
The organic lion cape is a part of a collection in a palette exclusive to and reflective of the understated aesthetic and quiet elegance of Enfant Terrible.

The collection truly nurtures the sense of wonder unbridled in all children and honours the power of make-believe.

Wovenplay organic lion cape,
 C\$176, enfantterribleshop.com



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SHOW & TELL



Our daughter loves to collect things. Peculiar, small items seem to be her specialty: acorn tops, ticket stubs, beans and even banana stickers. As parents, we try to do our best to foster her collecting – it is, after all, the basis of the family business.

janet + Stu



We take the opportunity to practice counting, sorting and organising the items and to teach her to appreciate a collection as it grows.

One of the best things about collecting is finding an interesting and fun place to store your small treasures. We love these vintage and vintage-inspired coin banks. They encourage little collectors to gather coins and learn good savings habits at the same time. There's no reason why the coin bank shouldn't be as precious as the coin inside it.

Dutch House Coin Bank

We'd love to open up the front door and have money come pouring in. Vintage wooden coin bank.

Van Money Box

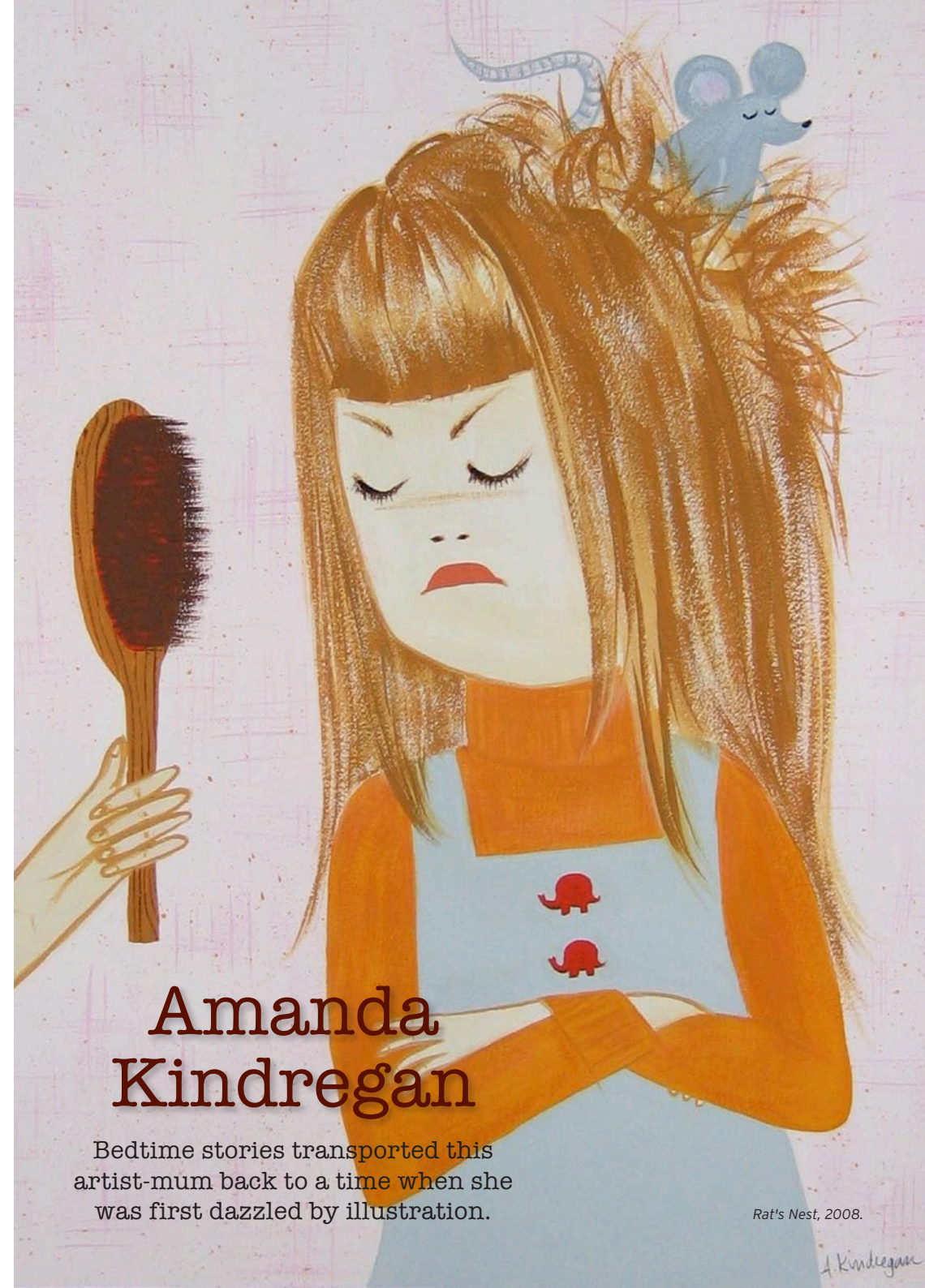
Not since Scooby-Doo have we seen a van this super-cool! Made of silkscreened wood, and manufactured in the Netherlands by Pakhuis Oost.

French Money Box – Owl

This was actually the first coin bank we bought for our daughter. Made in France, this owl is handpainted with a slot on his back for all your coins and token treasures.

Visit *Janet & Stu's online store, Three Potato Four*, to purchase these coin banks.

threepotatofourshop.com



Amanda Kindregan

Bedtime stories transported this artist-mum back to a time when she was first dazzled by illustration.

Rat's Nest, 2008.

A Kindregan



Text by JENNY LACEY



Amanda's mediums of choice are gouache on paper or illustration board, and screen and block printing. Far left: Knock out Mermaid, 2007. Left: Beatnik Ballerina, 2008. Above: Matchbox Cars Case, 2008. Below: Matchbox Boys, 2008. And Forest Fairy Ring, 2008.



Amanda Kindregan

In past years, painter and printmaker, Amanda Kindregan admired a variety of artists such as Alex Katz, Andy Warhol and Mike Kelley. But it wasn't until she had children that she re-discovered her love of 1950's Children's book illustration. And it is now a constant source of inspiration for her artwork today. "Having children changed my focus," she says. "Reading to my daughters, Sophie (six) and Molly (three) every night, brought me back to a place where I was first impressed by artwork." Some of her favourite illustrators then were Maurice Sendak, Gyo Fujikawa and Hilary Knight. "I loved their artwork as a child and now my own children love them as well ... it's very resonant."

Visit amandakindregan.etsy.com to purchase prints of her artworks.



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set the table

Set tonight's table with some child-friendly utensils and tableware, and make dinner time fun again for your fussy eater.



invite some animal friends

Sharing a meal with friends is always good fun. Designed in Sweden by Karin Mannerstål for children 1-4 years, this cutlery set features rounded edges and a special 'pusher' utensil for clearing your plate clean! Made from matted steel and dishwasher safe. **Gense Animal Friends cutlery set, \$96.95, kidostore.com**



serve up a pinch of colour

Bring bold statements to the table with these bright melamine bowls. Durable, dishwasher safe and the perfect size for small serves. **Melamine bowls, French Bull**, \$9.95 each, babysgotstyle.com.au



add a cupful of fun

Mealtime's a blast with your own robot to watch over you. Made from durable melamine and available in 4 different robot designs. **Robot Cups, French Bull**, \$9.95, babysgotstyle.com.au



fly food in

In-flight meals never tasted this good. **Airfork One**, Fred & Friends, \$15.95, babysgotstyle.com.au



keep mess to a minimum

Serve up an all-in-one meal on this groovy interlocking plate and bowl set, along with a set of ergonomically designed toddler utensils. **Groovy Plate and Bowl Set**, Boon, CA\$15.99, and **ModWare Toddler Utensils**, Boon, CA\$6.49, raspberryykids.com



serve snacks in a snap

These stackable utensils lock together for handy storage and mealtime fun. **Snack & Stack Utensils**, Fred & Friends, \$26.95, babysgotstyle.com.au

make a statement

A super strong mug, designed to make you smile at it's face, and ear handles.
Dombo Children's Mug, designed by Richard Hutten, \$30, hubfurniture.com.au



eat on organic

100% organically-grown bamboo bowls that are almost too beautiful to eat off. **Low Bowl**, **Bambu**, \$63.95, and **Mini Me Bowl**, **Bambu**, \$21.95, hubfurniture.com.au **Kids Utensil set**, **Bambu**, CA\$9.99, raspberryykids.com

be constructive

Sometimes it takes a bit of work to clean a plate. This equipment should help. **Front loader spoon, Fork Lift fork, and Bull Dozer pusher**, Constructive Eating, US\$19.95, constructiveeating.com



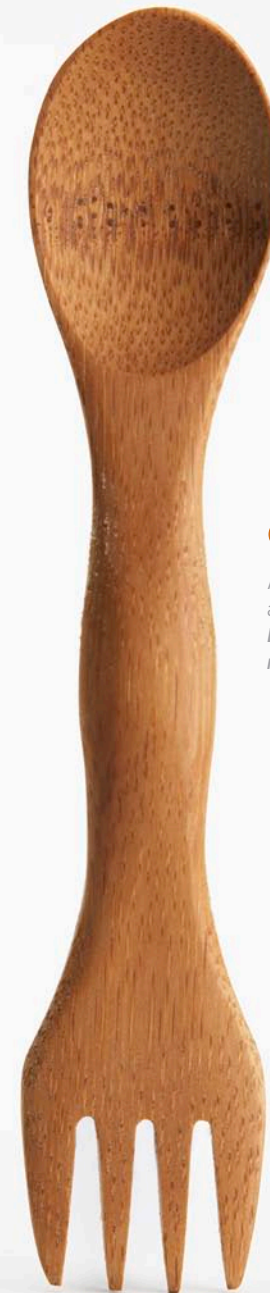
make feeding a work of art

Prepare a perfect palette of finger food for babies learning to feed themselves. **Palette Plate, Skip Hop**, \$49.95, urbanbaby.com.au



double helpings

An all-in-one utensil, that's safe, sturdy and as fun as dinner time conversation. **Kids Spork, Bambu**, CA\$4.99, raspberryykids.com





splash out

Add a splash of class with these pretty coloured glasses.
Carved glasses, Rice, \$26 each, kek.com.au for stockist.



dress to impress

Spruce up your table setting with some flouncy scalloped-edged bowls.
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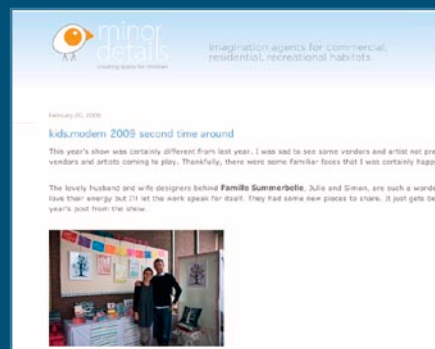
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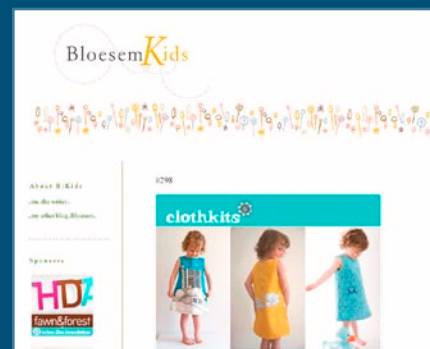
www.lmnop.com.au/blog/

We decided to create an official LMNOP blog so we could share even more unique and imaginative brands and products with you. As well as more craft ideas, recipes, the latest info on things to see and do, plus extra ideas on how to have fun with your kids. Everything we cover in our magazine – just more regularly. You'll also get to sneak a peak at new issue content before we release it. And see behind-the-scenes of what goes into producing an issue of LMNOP. If you find yourself eagerly awaiting each new issue, and can't quite get enough – stop by and visit us at Laugh, Make, Nurture, Organise, Play for a daily dose of fun.



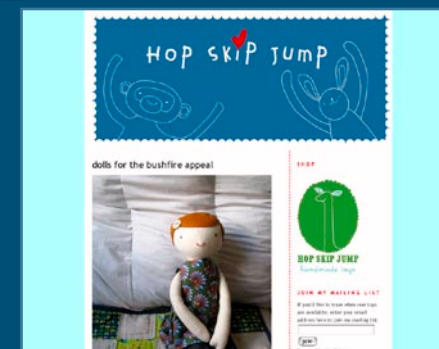
www.minordetails.typepad.com

Many of you might be familiar with Jennifer Ward's column in LMNOP which is named after her blog, Minor Details – Creating space for children. Jennifer is the Creative Director of interior consulting firm, Minor Details in Brooklyn, New York. She has a wonderful appreciation for great design and her blog covers many categories that showcase the best in children's clothing, furniture and the like. We love to keep up-to-date with what great projects she's working on by checking out her 'Portfolio' page. And you can always trust her to bring you the best coverage from trade shows in Europe and the US.



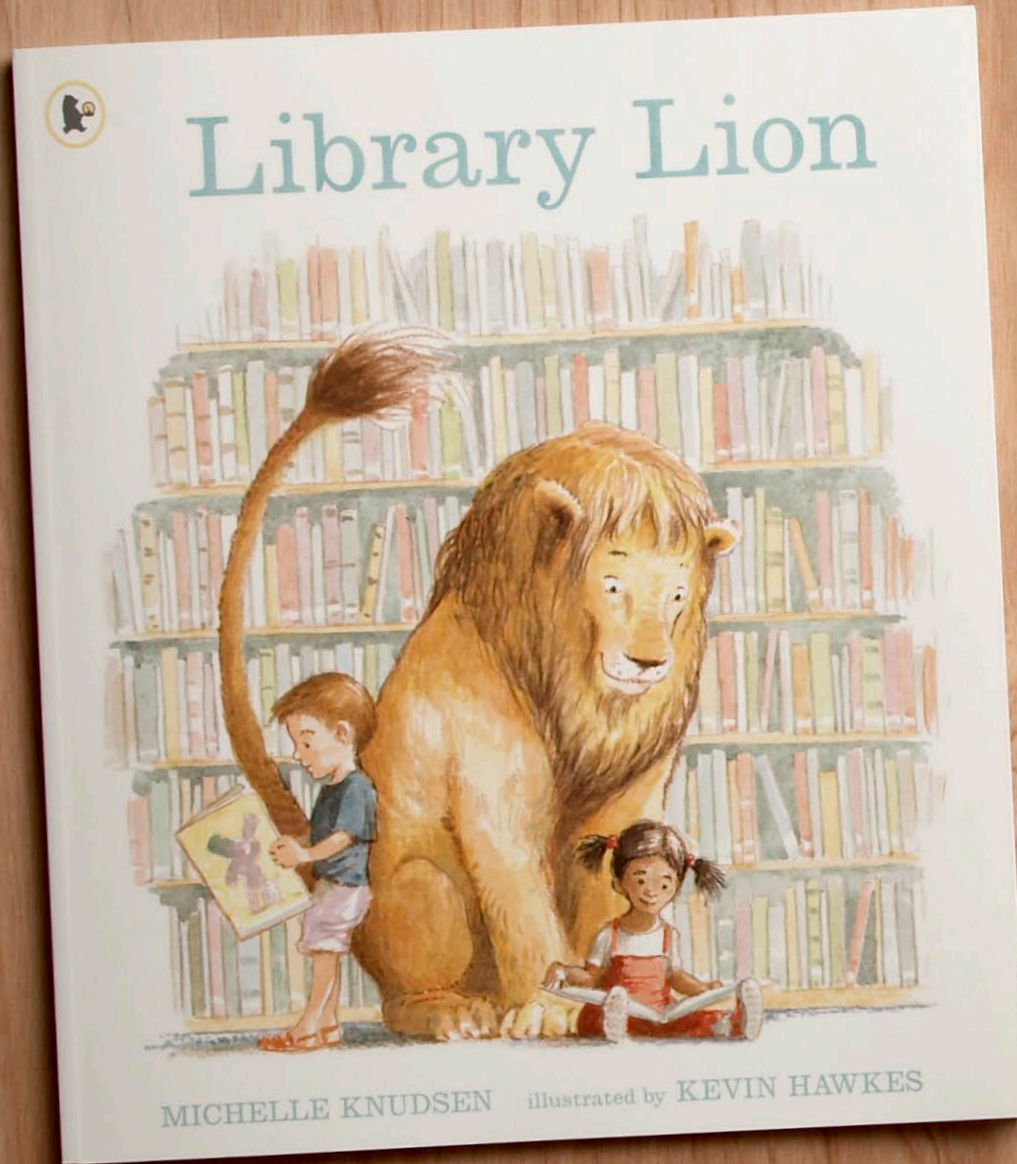
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Bkids, is short for Bloesem Kids, a design blog dedicated to crafts, art, fashion, toys, and interior design for kids. The author, Dutch native Irene Hoofs writes her posts from Malaysia, where she currently lives with her husband Rik and son, Lode. Irene regularly posts children's Craft Projects by Arouna Khounnoraj. And hosts very interesting and insightful Open House interviews with designers and artists, who share an intimate view of their businesses. LMNOP has been a guest on her blog, so be sure to head over there and read our Open House interview with Irene.



www.hopskipjump.typepad.com

Probably the very first blog that we ever became engrossed by. Hop Skip Jump is the personal weblog of Fiona, a full-time mum, part-time graphic designer and other-time maker of Hop Skip Jump soft toys. You only have to see how many people comment on her blog to see how crazily popular it is. Fiona posts scenes from her workroom, sharing glimpses of sewing projects and often seeking advice from her readers on what fabrics to use. She offers regular entries of commentary and descriptions of everyday family events in a personal online diary, which we think will have you as entranced as we are.



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LIBRARY LION
by Michelle Knudsen
US\$8.67
[amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

What happens the day a lion comes to the library? As one would expect, he causes an uproar as he pads between the bookshelves, sniffing the card index drawers, and admiring the new book collection, before taking a nap in the story corner. Miss Merriweather, the conscientious librarian asks, "Is he breaking any rules?" No, he's not and so he is allowed to stay. But sometimes there's a good reason to break the rules; even in the library...

Written in memory of a real-life librarian who had touched the heart of author, Michelle Knudsen, Library Lion is a warm, gentle and old-fashioned tale which reminds us of the way libraries used to be. Kevin Hawkes' detailed and gentle illustration style gives this book a classic feel that captures the nostalgia of the story perfectly. Lovely storytime reading for 3 to 6-year-olds.

LEFTOVERS



MAKE YOUR OWN INVITES Birthday parties are fun to organise, but require a lot of work. It's always tempting to get store-bought invitations in a desperate bid to send them out on time. But making your own party invitations needn't be a huge task. These home-made, inter-galactic notices are simply made with glitter paint, coloured craft paper, and star stickers, and take no time at all to make. Making your own invitations beats making a trip to the store; your kids are learning to be creative and resourceful. And you're free to make the most of your time together at home.

'Calling all aliens, astronauts and outer-space adventurers!' These fun space party, inter-galactic notices were hand-made by Charlie and his mum, Natasha.

GOOD EGGS

Surprise your little chickadees with a J Schatz Egg Bird House this Easter. Available in eight glossy colours and exquisitely handcrafted in ceramic, these pretty homes will encourage your kids to bird watch – a great activity for little nature lovers. Your backyard feathered friends will be happy too.

J Schatz Egg Bird Houses,
US\$135 each, jschatz.com



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