

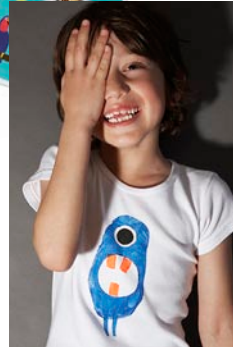


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# Welcome

Every day brings a new surprise when you live with kids. Sometimes it's hard to keep ahead of the curve! They're always making you look at ordinary objects and concepts in fresh new ways.

This issue, we'll show you even more things you can do with everyday household items. Joel Henriques joins us as our regular craft contributor and shows us how to make an easy box-pull toy out of a cardboard box and assorted bits and pieces. (pg 33). And Brooklyn-based, designer and illustrator, Robin Rosenthal creates terrific monster tees using potatoes! (pg 16). Just in time for Halloween.

On the subject of fashion, don't miss our bumper Fashion Extra issue this month. It's packed with to-die-for outfits inspired by top Australian designer Fiona Scanlan's latest collection for little girls. From quirky Tokyo to laid-back Hawaii, your daughter can dress like a local wherever you go these holidays.

To shop the looks, simply download the Fashion Extra, and click on the "Shop this look >" buttons provided on each page. Or visit [bigbyfiona.com](http://bigbyfiona.com) and explore the entire collection.

There's plenty more to have fun with in this issue.

**Jenny Lacey**  
Editor in Chief

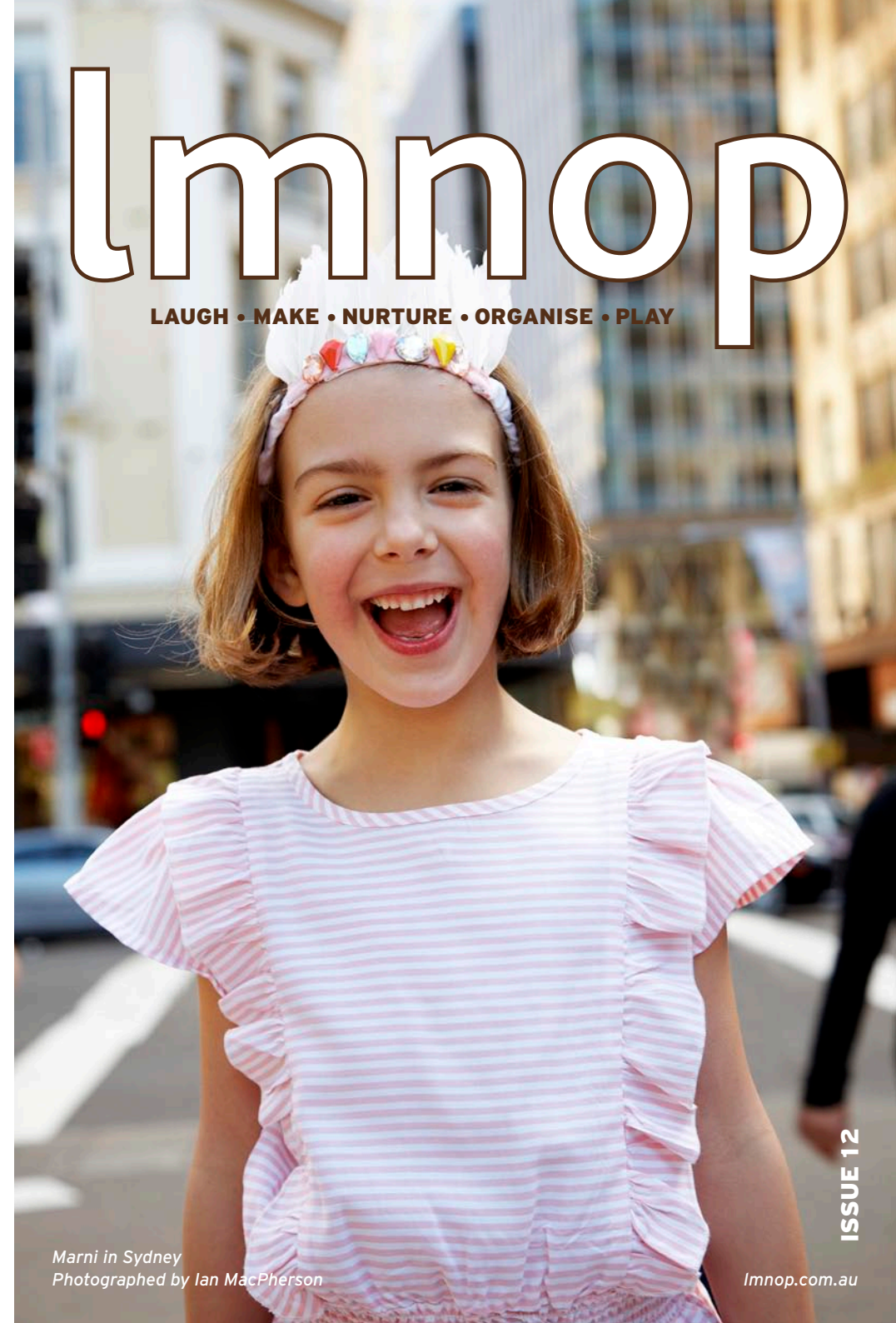
PS: Don't forget to download your Fashion Extra today.

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Marni in Sydney  
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## LMNOP CONTRIBUTORS



### JOEL HENRIQUES

ARTIST

#### **Your favourite letter of the alphabet and why?**

O. I have a thing for circles.

#### **Name a favourite childhood game.**

I love the game where you draw a simple shape or doodle, then you pass the paper to a friend and they draw something and pass it back.

#### **Were you a tree climber or a reader?**

I loved climbing trees. I have fun memories of me sitting up in trees listening to rap music on my Sony Walkman cassette player.

#### **A childhood activity you wish you could still do.**

Sitting up in a tree listening to music still sounds very fun.

#### **How would your parents describe you as a child?**

I just asked them, and they said, "He was an industrious, problem/puzzle solver, and used what was at hand to play and have fun."

#### **Favourite childhood toy?**

My favorite toys were tools. I've always liked building things. I also was a big Lego fan.

#### **Favourite book growing up?**

*The Biggest and Best Storybook Ever* by Richard Scarry.



### ROBIN ROSENTHAL

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

#### **Your favourite letter of the alphabet and why?**

Uppercase script L. Think Laverne's monogrammed sweaters on Laverne and Shirley.

#### **Name a favourite childhood game.**

Lincoln Logs.

#### **Were you a tree climber or a reader?**

A reader. Suck my thumb and smell my blankie.

#### **How would your parents describe you as a child?**

Direct quote from Mom and Dad: "Bright, creative, thoughtful, happy, intense, sensitive to others, and strong-willed"

#### **Favourite childhood toy? And do you still have it?**

Robert, my stuffed racoon. He's retired now and lives at my parents' house.

#### **Favourite book growing up?**

*The Seamstress of Salzburg* by Anita Lobel. The illustrations and color palette are amazing. We never owned it so I just kept checking it out of the library.



### ELIZABETH BENTLEY

COPYWRITER

#### **Your favourite letter of the alphabet and why?**

V – it's so misunderstood.

#### **Name a favourite childhood game.**

Anything to do with swimming, especially having tea parties at the bottom of the pool.

#### **Were you a tree climber or a reader?**

Both! I used to climb trees to read in them.

#### **A childhood activity you wish you could still do.**

The splits.

#### **How would your parents describe you as a child?**

Sulky and serious.

#### **Favourite childhood toy? And do you still have it?**

My mother's clothes, especially her beige knee-high boots and faux fur coat. I have no idea where they ended up.

#### **Favourite book growing up?**

Hilda Boswell's *Omnibus* and later, *The Ordinary Princess* by MM Kaye. The first is a collection of nursery rhymes, poetry and fairytales. The second is a pastiche of *Sleeping Beauty* – I still pull it out every now and then.



## ON THE COVER

Left: Marni wears **Cotton On** Alexa dress, A\$24.95, [cottonon.com.au](http://cottonon.com.au); **Wovenplay** pink feather headband, A\$60, [tinypeople.com.au](http://tinypeople.com.au)

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## High Art

This nifty oversized ruler turns a growing concern into a fab art piece. Handmade in Chicago by award-winning designers, the bamboo Measure Me Stick lets you chart your child's growth while giving yourself full marks for style. Guaranteed to become a family treasure. It's made with non-toxic inks and finishes and ships in one piece.

Visit [studio1am.com](http://studio1am.com) for stockists.



## sweet as

This is one candy store you'll have no problem letting your kids loose in. The entertaining sweet-makers at Sticky in The Rocks, Sydney don't just sell delicious lollies, they make them right in front of you. Watch them grapple with a rainbow of colourful rock candy as they create fabulous, intricate designs. Ask nicely and they'll create something especially for you – they can even put your name inside your very own lollipop! Even better, you get to taste-test the candy once it's done.

Sticky stores are also in Malaysia and Singapore. [sticky.com.au](http://sticky.com.au)

## HALLOWEEN HOW-TO

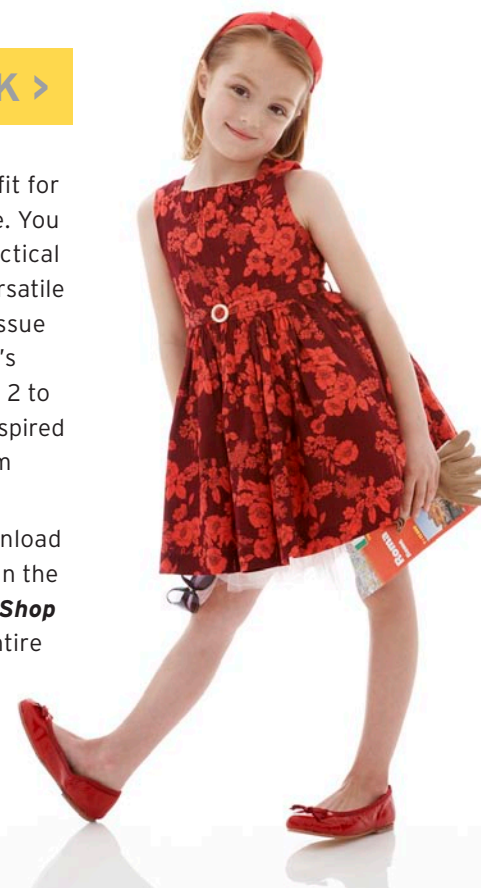
Daunted by the thought of Halloween? Don't be. We've got loads of original ideas to help you get into the 'spirit' of the season. Learn how to give store bought lollipops a 'lift', tempt the little ghouls with Spooky Juice, and entertain everyone with Trick or Treat Matchbox Surprises. For more freaky suggestions, just go to [lminop.com.au](http://lminop.com.au) and search 'Halloween'.



## SHOP THIS LOOK >

Finding the perfect travel outfit for your daughter can be a puzzle. You want it to be comfortable, practical and easy to pack – but also versatile and smart. Our Fashion Extra issue has it all. Using Fiona Scanlan's latest collection for girls aged 2 to 8, you'll find snappy combos inspired by exciting destinations – from Amsterdam to Tokyo.

To shop the looks, simply download the Fashion Extra, then click on the button beside each outfit to **"Shop this Look >"** or explore the entire collection at [bigbyfiona.com](http://bigbyfiona.com)





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## All dolled up

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Two cheeky knit dolls and one real life one – Lola shows how to dress Trixie in one of her many lovely outfits while Henry waits for his turn.

Classic blabla dolls & clothing, US\$46 each, [blablakids.com](http://blablakids.com)



Lola wears: **Olive's Friend Pop** Lily pleated shell top & Etta skirt, [olivesfriendpop.com](http://olivesfriendpop.com)

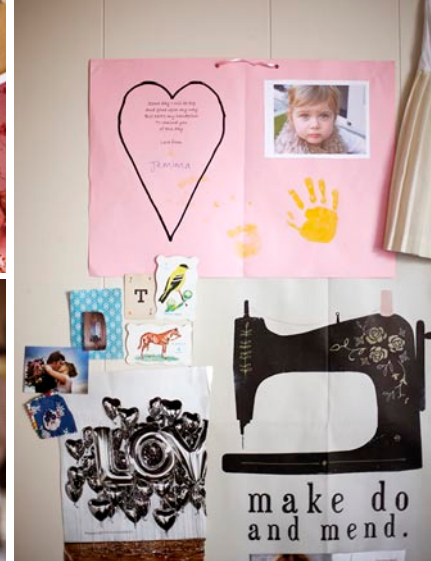


# Meet Sarah Hardie

JEMIMA'S MUM

This designer mum has turned her childhood interest in needlework into handcrafted clothes for little girls who love to look pretty.

**PHOTOGRAPHED BY** Ian MacPherson



Above: Sarah's studio walls are covered with plenty of inspiration. Left: A pretty, custom print dress from Fabrik's SS' 2010 collection.



## Favourite family destination

The lake to feed the ducks.



## Best bedtime read

*Time for Bed* by Mem Fox.



## My daughter looks forward to...

Jemima loves a bike ride to our favourite café for a babycino and a cupcake!

**LMNOP:** How were you inspired to start your business?

**SH:** After having Jemima I was inspired to start my own business so I could be more flexible with my work hours. I have always had a passion for childrenswear and having a child gave me the inspiration and motivation to give my own label a go. *Fabrik* was born and Jemima and the label grow bigger everyday!

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

**SH:** Make sure you have the full support of your partner and family. I honestly couldn't do what I do without my family sharing my dreams and goals. You need them there for the hard times and to celebrate the successes.

**LMNOP:** How do you juggle your business with parenthood?

**SH:** I make sure I put aside quality time to spend with Jemima with no work distractions. That means no work calls and no emails. I make the best possible use of my work time and try to get as much done in nap times and at night. If I ever feel overwhelmed I remind myself that I started the business so I could work from home to have more family time and that helps me work out my priorities.

**LMNOP:** What's your biggest challenge as parents?

**SH:** Jemima has just turned two so at the moment I am dealing with the emerging temper tantrums... I haven't quite worked this one out yet so if anyone has any ideas let me know.

**LMNOP:** Describe your ideal family day?

**SH:** A yummy breakfast cooked by Daddy. Then a wander down to the beach and a play in the sand. Home for quiet time. Then friends over for a late lunch or perhaps an early dinner.

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

**SH:** Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself.

**Fabrik, [fabrikstore.com](http://fabrikstore.com)**



## Box of tricks

With absolutely no instructions included, you're free to create anything you want with this classic box of Steck figures. Handmade by award-winning toymaker Hans-Georg Kellner, these cleverly designed series of colourful geometric shapes, rubber connectors and bits of felt and string come together to form all sorts of unique and funny creations. It's made with natural materials for safe-handling by littlies aged 4 and up.

**Steck.box**, Kellner Steckfiguren, [monkeypuzzletoy.com.au](http://monkeypuzzletoy.com.au)





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#### PEEK-A-ZOO

Who's in the zoo today? Each card in this beautiful deck has a unique animal on one side and a boy peering through the cage on the other.

**IDEA International**, A\$19  
[viaalley.com](http://viaalley.com)



# PLAY

Toys, craft and stationery to tickle the imagination.



#### SWEET TWEET

This little bird just loves to chirp – all you have to do is fill her up with water and blow.

**Chacha**, A\$20  
[mylittlecloset.com.au](http://mylittlecloset.com.au)



#### SUPERB HANDLING

With a pushable, graspable handle and all-terrain rubber coated wheels, novice drivers will be racing to play with this Go Car.

**Kid O**, A\$19.95  
[monkeypuzzletoy.com.au](http://monkeypuzzletoy.com.au)



#### HEALTHY GAMES

Making house calls is child's play with this elegant, wooden eco-friendly doctors play set.

**Soopsori**, A\$39.95  
[monkeypuzzletoy.com.au](http://monkeypuzzletoy.com.au)





## L-O-V-E AT FIRST SIGHT

This sweet wooden rattle spells out exactly what they mean to you.

Range Ton Pyjama, A\$50, [mylittlecloset.com.au](http://mylittlecloset.com.au)



## PYJAMA PARTY

Sleepovers are even more fun with a button-eyed monster guarding your PJs.

Range Ton Pyjama, A\$72, [mylittlecloset.com.au](http://mylittlecloset.com.au)

## WRIGGLY GIGGLES

See the little worm go! Pull it out, and listen to a catchy tune as it burrows its way back in.

Kiener, A\$85, [ballandskittle.com.au](http://ballandskittle.com.au)



## CRAFTY MONSTERS

With easy no-sew bases and step-by-step instructions, you've got everything you need to come up with a truly nutty-looking creature.

Donna Wilson, A\$35, [kidostore.com](http://kidostore.com)



## WILD AT ART

The cool animal covers on these softbacked notebooks by Brit designer Sukie make first-rate inspiration for budding artists.

Sukie, A\$19.95 each, [larkmade.com.au](http://larkmade.com.au)





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Styled by JENNY LACEY



## Spot the difference

Practise handling skills with this whimsical textured ball. Can you follow its instructions for use?

**Throw & Catch Play ball, A\$12.95, Crocodile Creek, 1300 663 034**



Marni wears: **Mini Rodini** Paint dress, A\$80, [tinypeople.com.au](http://tinypeople.com.au); **Fred Bare** Love sunglasses, A\$39.95, [weleyewear.com](http://weleyewear.com); **Madre Perla** necklaces, €\$15.95 each, [madreperla.nl](http://madreperla.nl)

Cass wears: **Bobo Choses** Lobo Bobo Loves Paris t-shirt, A\$50, [mylittlecloset.com.au](http://mylittlecloset.com.au); **Cotton On** Billy loose fit jeans, A\$34.95, [cottonon.com.au](http://cottonon.com.au); **Geogami by Polka** Trilby hat, A\$29.95, [polkakids.com.au](http://polkakids.com.au); **Fred Bare** sunglasses, A\$49.95, [weleyewear.com](http://weleyewear.com)

## BROTHERLY LOVE

A day out in the big city, with big brother taking charge.

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STYLED BY *Sunitra Martinelli*





Marni wears: **Sudo** Montana tee dress, A\$59, [sudo.com.au](http://sudo.com.au); **Bardot Junior** Love necklace, A\$12.95, [bardotjunior.com.au](http://bardotjunior.com.au)

Cass wears: **Sudo** Payton tee, A\$39, as before; **Diva** Make Your Own Words necklace, A\$12.99, [diva.net.au](http://diva.net.au)





Marni wears: **Cotton On** Alexa dress, A\$24.95, [cottonon.com.au](http://cottonon.com.au); **Wovenplay** pink feather headband, A\$60, [tinypeople.com.au](http://tinypeople.com.au); **Country Road** suede sandal, A\$49.95, [countryroad.com.au](http://countryroad.com.au)

Cass wears: **Sudo** Sammy Pocket tee, A\$49, as before; **Polka Architect** shorts, A\$66.95, [polkakids.com.au](http://polkakids.com.au); **Converse** high tops, A\$60, [converse.net.au](http://converse.net.au)



Marni wears: **Paper Wings** Voile dress & skirt, A\$132, [tinypeople.com.au](http://tinypeople.com.au); **Sudo Canyon** cardigan, A\$69, *as before*; **Cotton On** Tansy military jacket (on seat), A\$39.95, *as before*; **Bobo Choses** Apple backpack, A\$60, [mylittlecloset.com.au](http://mylittlecloset.com.au)

Cass wears: **Kutie Protocol** John & Yoko denim jacket, A\$89.95, [kutieprotocol.com](http://kutieprotocol.com); **Sudo** Payton tee, A\$39, *as before*; **Shorts** model's own.



Cass wears: **SOSOOKI** Tuxedo print tee, A\$29.95, [sosooki.com.au](http://sosooki.com.au); **Polka** Tuxedo waistcoat, A\$69.95, as before.

Marni wears: **big by Fiona Scanlan** Spring print dress, A\$94.95, [bigbyfiona.com](http://bigbyfiona.com); **Madre Perla** necklace worn as bracelet, €15.95, as before; **Atsuyo et Akiko** jewel hairpin, US\$10, [atsuyopetakiko.com](http://atsuyopetakiko.com)



# A novel idea

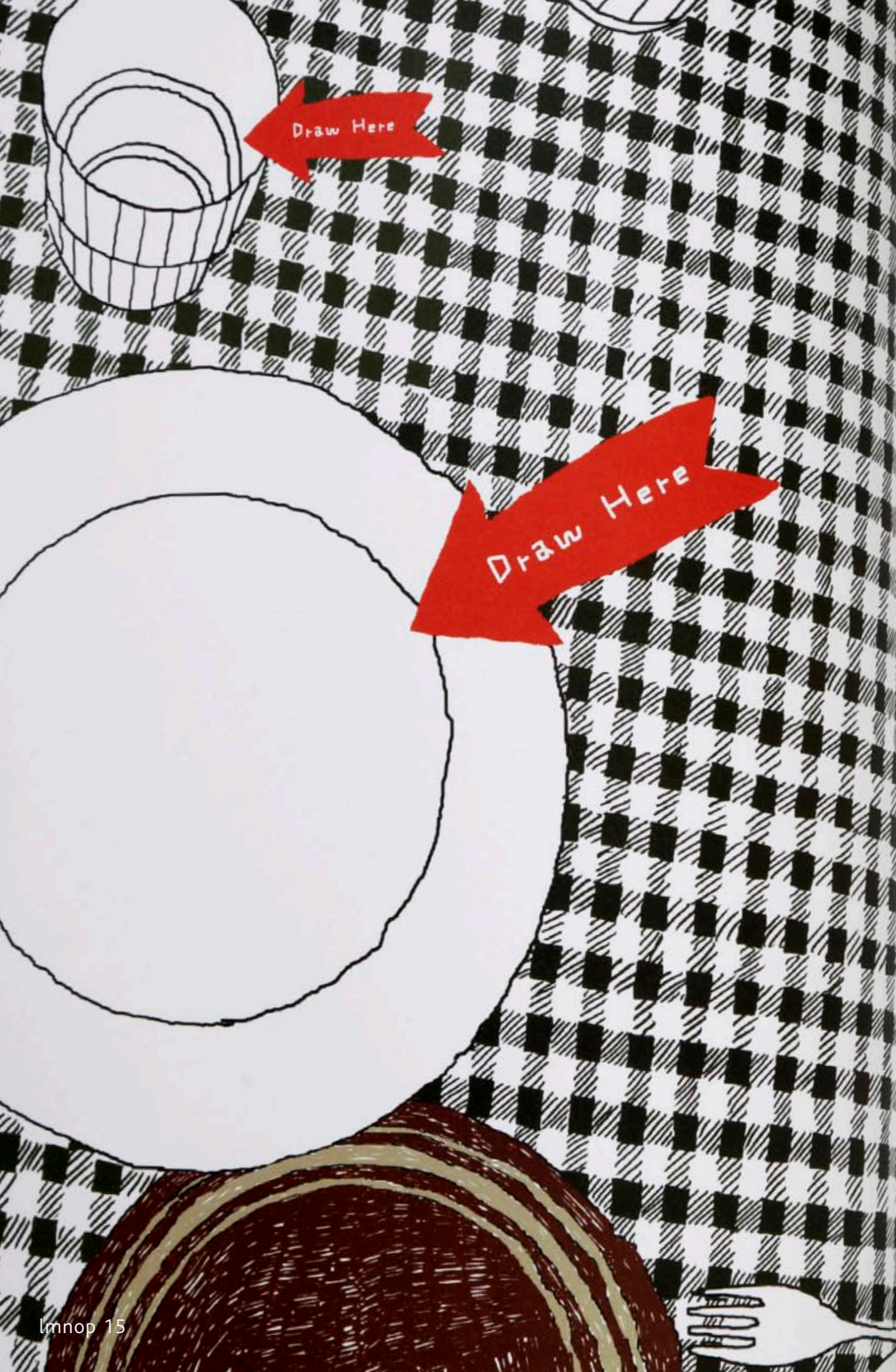
Start them working on their Booker prize-winning masterpiece here.



Keep their first literary efforts safe in these vintage-inspired notebooks by Sukie. Practical plain paper gives youngsters space to doodle, draw or write – and the attractive cover designs (there are three to choose from) make for an appealing keepsake.

**Vintage Novel Notebooks**, A\$19.95 each, Sukie, [larkmade.com.au](http://larkmade.com.au)





## Fill up on fun

Fed up with a fussy eater? Get them to design their own menu – literally. With Barcelonan designer Marti Guixé's amusing new book, both grownups and kids can create their own fantasy meal from entrée to dessert. Each page sets the scene for all sorts of weird and wonderful edible delights.

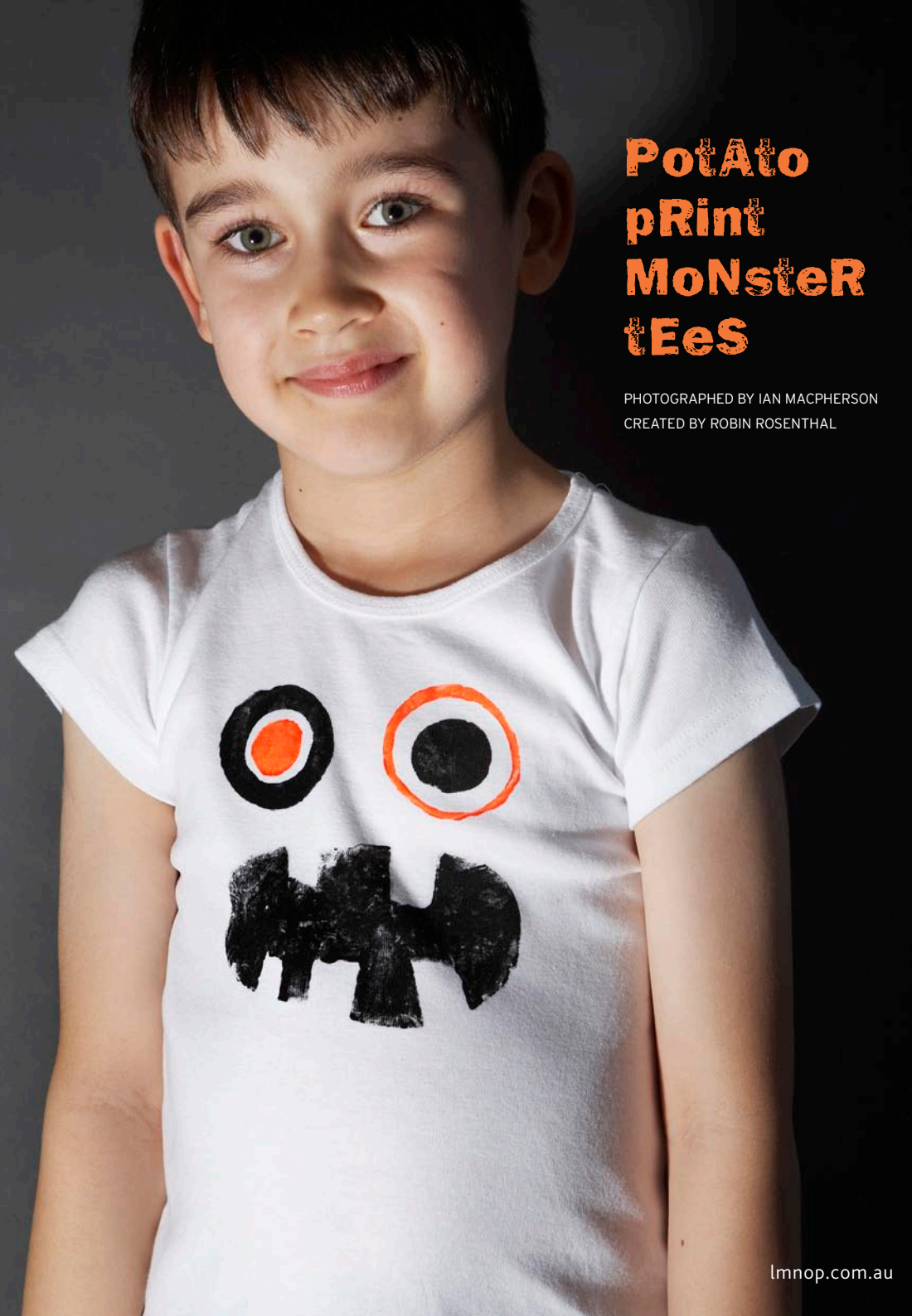
**Food Book**, by Marti Guixé, A\$39.95, MCA Store, +612 9245 2458





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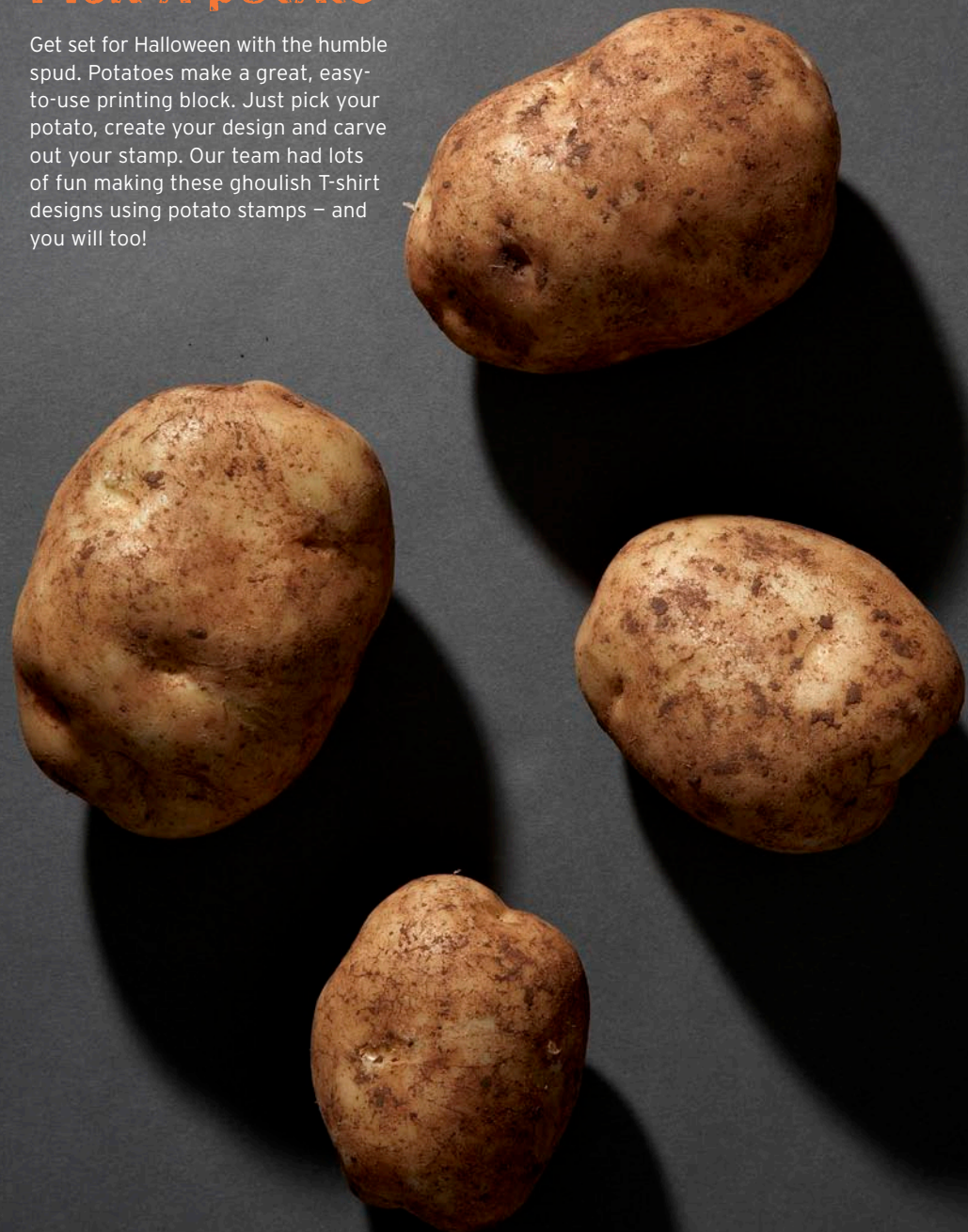
**PotAto  
pRint  
MoNster  
tEeS**

PHOTOGRAPHED BY IAN MACPHERSON  
CREATED BY ROBIN ROSENTHAL



## Pick A pOtAtO

Get set for Halloween with the humble spud. Potatoes make a great, easy-to-use printing block. Just pick your potato, create your design and carve out your stamp. Our team had lots of fun making these ghoulish T-shirt designs using potato stamps – and you will too!



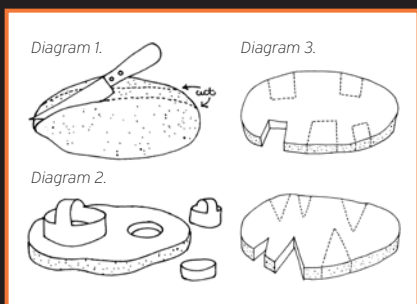


## What You'll Need

potatoes  
(different types and sizes)  
pre-washed t-shirt  
cardboard to place inside t-shirt  
fabric paint  
(use OPAQUE white for dark shirts)  
paint brushes  
paper towels  
cutting board

### TOOLS FOR CUTTING & CARVING:

kitchen knife  
cookie cutters and aspic cutters  
kitchen scissors  
potato peeler and/or apple corer  
pencil  
(push into cut surface of potato  
to make small circles)



## Basic how-To

**STEP 1.** Cut a thick slice length-wise from the middle of potato. (Diagram 1.) This step is best done by Mom or Dad. Place the slice on cutting board and press the cookie cutter through slice. (Diagram 2.) Dry off cut surface of potato with paper towel.

Now you're ready to paint your T-shirt.

**STEP 2.** Place a piece of cardboard inside t-shirt. Paint the cut surface of potato. Press the painted surface of potato down onto fabric (make sure to press down evenly on all parts of potato). Carefully lift the potato straight up off the fabric. Follow directions on fabric paint package for heat-setting paint.

Potato stamps can be used again and again. Just re-apply paint before reusing it. If you are changing paint colours, wash and dry the potato stamp first. Experiment with different shapes for teeth, noses, eyes, and body parts. (Diagram 3.) Does your monster have three eyes and eight legs? Is he happy, sad, or mad? Does he like to wear hats?

Save your potato stamps in a plastic bag in the refrigerator for up to two weeks.





## MoNsTeR fAceS

**STEP 1.** Choose a large potato for mouth. Cut potato in half.

**STEP 2.** Lay potato cut-side-down on cutting board. Cut out triangles or rectangles around outside of potato to create teeth.

**STEP 3.** Cut small potatoes in half or use circle cookie cutters in various sizes to create eyes. You can cut one end off the circle slice to create scary eyes.

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ILLUSTRATIONS BY ROBIN ROSENTHAL

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## oNe-Eyed MoNsTeR

**STEP 1.** Pick a large potato with a shape that you like for the body of monster.

**STEP 2.** Cut a thick slice length-wise from middle of potato.

**STEP 3.** Use a large circle cookie cutter to cut a mouth out of the slice.

**STEP 4.** Use a small circle cookie cutter to cut out eye.

**STEP 5.** Cut off the tip of small potato to use for center of eye.

**STEP 6.** Using another potato slice, cut out a small rectangle for the teeth and a long thin rectangle for the legs.

## sKeLeToN fRieNds

**STEP 1.** Choose a potato the size you want your skeleton head to be and cut out a thick slice from the centre. Cut out two circles for eyes and a triangle for nose.

**STEP 2.** Cut out another slice of potato for the chin. Cut slice in half. Cut teeth out along straight edge of slice. (Mom or Dad may need to help cut out the teeth with a knife.)

**STEP 3.** To create body, cut three rectangle shapes from potato: a long, thick rectangle for ribs and spine, a short thick rectangle for bottom ribs and pelvis, and a long thin rectangle for arms and legs.







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## Entertainment

You'll never worry about slow service when dining out again. These exciting games make the perfect first course for the whole family.

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**STYLED BY** Jenny Lacey

**TEXT BY** Elizabeth Bentley

### BINGO TO GO

You'll need sharp eyes to beat your offspring to this portable, restaurant-friendly game. Call it as you see it – veggies, doggy bag, full belly – Bingo!

**Kid's Night Out Bingo, Knock Knock, US\$8, [knockknock.biz](http://knockknock.biz)**







### CURLY CHALLENGE

Give their energetic brains a creative outlet with these absorbing activities. Spin the wheel and turn the letter or the shape they land on into words or pictures.

**Squiggle Shapes On-The-Go**, Randomline, US\$4.90, [fatbraintoys.com](http://fatbraintoys.com)





### ADD SOME SPICE

A must-have for mum's handbag – these tiny Think-Ets lend themselves to a host of distractions: name each item, make a story or play a memory game.

**Think=ets, Think-a-lot Toys, US\$15.99, [think-a-lot.com](http://think-a-lot.com)**



## DOODLE DISH

You'll have a hard time tearing them away from these interactive picture and word doodles. All they need is a few crayons and a healthy appetite for fun.

**Pocket Doodles For Kids**, by Bill Zimmerman, US\$9.99, [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)



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Text by ELIZABETH BENTLEY



Photo: John Gruen

# Room Envy

THE ROOM YOU WOULD HAVE DONE A THOUSAND PAPER ROUNDS FOR AS A CHILD? YOU'LL PROBABLY FIND IT HERE IN DESIGNER SUSAN SALK'S WONDERFUL NEW BOOK.

Photo: Melanie Acevedo

*This page: Vintage signs and letter blocks spell out a child's name above the mantel.*

*Opposite page: This bedroom solves the problem of siblings with dueling tastes: keep it symmetrical and colourful.*







A nursery can be as sophisticated as it is soothing.

Photo: Edward North



Photo: Costa Picadas



Photo: Pieter Estersohn

Above: Susan's own childhood fantasy room is a girl's room in Bali. "It has a circular bed and drapes she designed herself!" she says. Left: Treating children to art they can appreciate is one of the best gifts you can give them.



These colours are an ideal alternative for a boy who doesn't want the traditional blue or green options.

Photo: Tim Street-Porter



Oversized polka dots on the floor give a soft room instant depth and mod panache.

Photo: Suzanne Sharp

When it comes to designing the perfect room for your child, inspiration is at hand. Susan Salk, New York designer and former projects editor of *House and Garden* has collected over 200 photographs showcasing some of the best kids' rooms around the world. *Room for Children: Stylish Spaces for Sleep and Play* is awash with fabulous, magical creations for babies, toddlers and older children.

Salk selected interiors which were practical as well as beautiful. "The rooms had to feel as much about the children and the family as they did about the designer," she says. "The designers' work I pulled from were all those whom I admired immensely."

The collection ranges widely across countries, ages and tastes. Salk also reminds us that a lot can be achieved with a small budget. "Find some jazzy paint colour, a great rug and some elegant curtains or fabric to create the special nooks they love to sleep, play and work in."

**Room for Children: Stylish Spaces for Sleep and Play** by Susan Salk, Rizzoli New York. US\$29.70, amazon.com

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"THE ROOMS HAD TO FEEL AS MUCH ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND THE FAMILY AS THEY DID ABOUT THE DESIGNER"







Bright floor coverings and bold patterned furniture pieces make this child's nursery a bold and playful space.

Photo: Max Kim-Bee

## susan's top tips

### 1. STYLE

Your child will appreciate style and sophistication much more than you think. Why not get your daughter a fab vintage chandelier from eBay? Or frame a cool Andy Warhol reprint on the walls for art?



Photo: Alex Papachristidis

### 2. SCOPE

Don't buy only children-specific furniture. There are so many more options when you broaden your search. For instance, why can't a child sleep in grown-up patterned sheets? They'll last longer anyway!



**Asger Design,**  
Big Drop Coral  
Bed Linen, A\$135,  
[asgerdesign.com](http://asgerdesign.com)

**Oeuf Mini Library,**  
from US\$620, [oeufnyc.com](http://oeufnyc.com)



**Room for Children: Stylish Spaces for Sleep and Play,**  
by Susan Salk, Rizzoli New York,  
US\$29.70, [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

### 3. DURABILITY

Don't over-invest in age-specific pieces. Your child grows so quickly and so the room needs to evolve too.



**Nifty Junior Bed Kit,**  
A\$259.95, [ubabub.com](http://ubabub.com)



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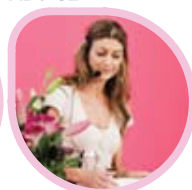
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# box pull toys

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These easy-to-make box pull toys mean you can have any pet you like – without the hassle. Plus, they make a great place for hiding favourite things.

CREATED BY JOEL HENRIQUES



Images: Joel Henriques

## materials

### cardboard box

Any box will do, from elephant-sized to matchbox-mouse.

### string

### tape

### scissors

### pens

### more cardboard

Or stiff paper for the head.

### something for a tail

Cut a strip of faux fur for the dog and used pink yarn for the cat.

### large button

Optional for pull handle.



## how-to

**one.** Draw the shape of your animal's head onto some cardboard or stiff paper, then cut it out.

**two.** Use paint or pens to draw the face of your animal.

**three.** Cut a strip of cardboard for the neck, and tape the head onto the end of it.

**four.** With scissors or a knife, cut a slit on the top front of your box and slide the other end of the neck through it. Use tape to secure it in place.

**five.** Now make another slit on the back end of your box for the tail. Insert your tail of choice into the slit and secure it with tape.

**six.** Finally, poke a hole in the front of your box and insert the string. Secure it with tape, and tie on your button handle. Now take your pet for a walk!

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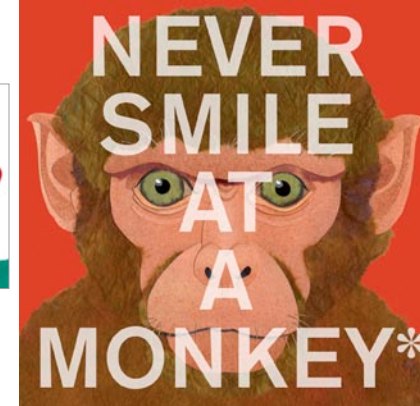


# WILD AND WONDERFUL

Get up close and personal with the animal kingdom thanks to Steve Jenkins' amazing illustrations.







Above: *Move!* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page; and *Never Smile at a Monkey\** also by Jenkins.  
Right: Steve and his son Jamie in front of the largest banyan tree in North America.



Image: Robin Page

For illustrator Steve Jenkins, every book starts with a question about how the world works.



Above: *Actual Size* by Steve Jenkins

When Steve Jenkins was travelling with daughter Page in an aeroplane for the first time, he realised that she really believed the tiny houses and cars far below were actual size. It was the germ of an idea that eventually became the book, *Looking Down*, a pictorial journey without words from outer space to a child's backyard.

"Every book starts with an idea – usually the idea is really a question," he says. A former graphic designer in New York City, Jenkins now fulfils his passions for art, science and family by creating quirky kids' books that explore the world from a unique perspective.

*Biggest, Strongest, Fastest* came from his son Alec, then five, who was obsessed with superlatives. *Actual Size* was inspired by a trip to San Diego Zoo, where visitors were invited to compare their hand to a metal cast of a gorilla's.





The process involved in making the illustrations is exhaustive. Jenkins likes to collect references from many different places, including the internet and books, but then do drawings freehand.

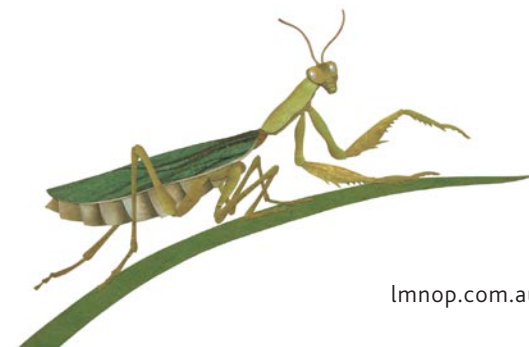
"The distortions and inaccuracies that creep in when something is drawn freehand give the illustration a kind of personality and energy that tracings seem to lack," he explains.

Jenkins often collaborates with wife Robin Page, also an author and illustrator. These days, they work out of a studio attached to their 19th century homestead in Boulder, Colorado.

For the complete selection of titles, visit [stevejenkinsbooks.com](http://stevejenkinsbooks.com)



*The son of a physics professor and astronomer, Steve Jenkins was fascinated by science as a child. "Wherever we lived, I kept a menagerie of lizards, turtles, spiders and other animals, collected rocks and fossils, and blew things up in my small chemistry lab."*





# SPOON



Amy Krouse Rosenthal Scott Magoon

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**Spoon**

by Amy Krouse Rosenthal  
& Scott Magoon

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Poor Spoon. Though he has such a large, loving family and seemingly a happy and carefree existence, lately he's been feeling, well, despondent. All his friends seem to have much more fun than him. Knife, for instance, gets to cut and spread. The Chopstick twins are so cool and exotic, and Fork, well she gets to do practically everything.

Little does Spoon realise that just as he envies his friends, they too envy him. After all, only Spoon gets to dive head first into a bowl of ice cream, is trusted to measure stuff, and at the end of the day gets to relax in a hot cup of tea! This is a lovely little story about how though we are all unique, we are just as special and important as everyone else. With charmingly hip illustrations, and featuring a particularly cosy ending, Spoon has the just the right amounts of warmth and sweetness to become a family favourite. If everyone else seems to be having all the fun, this book will remind you just how good it is to be you.



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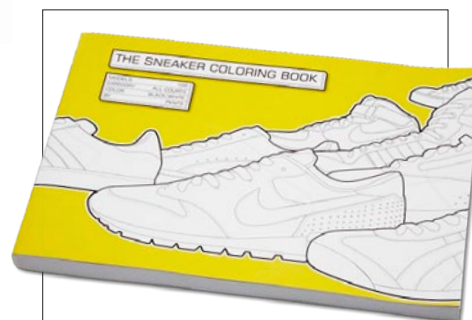
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