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THE ART OF...

Our business is all about the *art of*. For us, it begins with the art of business; that elusive yet essential craft we all practice. Mastering this art is our calling, our mission, our passion. One of our most vital assets in this pursuit is the art of seeing. The art of seeing is a gift. To one degree or another we all possess this talent. It is how we chose our business, how we choose the wares we ply, how we merchandise our store. It's at the very core of everything we do. In fact, our industry niche is built upon this key intangible; seeing the inherent beauty and utility of the products we admire.

At Market Expression we delight in finding products that make the everyday experience special and which uplift the art of living through exceptional design and style. The exclusive portfolio of leading vendor-partners we represent are distinguished by the beauty and quality of the lines they produce. They have each mastered their respective arts. Theirs is the art of expression, which, when eloquently rendered, brings delight, nourishes our spirit, adds to our quality of life, and dare I say, makes for good business.

Explore the art of tea, as personified by Teatulia, offering 100% organic, single-garden-direct-teas of exquisite quality or in books on tea from Benjamin Press; sense the art of fragrance and luxury body care products as mastered by Mistral and Lollia; the art of food so passionately dished up by Bella Cucina; the art of tabletop and serving so uniquely expressed in Vietri, Le Cadeaux and America Retold; the art of beautiful candles as crafted by Skeem and Makana; or the art of gift, accent, display and fashion found in our other great lines.

Join us. Celebrate the art of living well. Visit us at the show and exercise your art of appreciation as you discover the intangible, x-factor *art of* in each of our distinctive lines. We also have some surprises awaiting you at the show. See you soon.

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MISTRAL

FRAGRANT WINDS OF PROVENCE



Almond Milk Hand Wash, Lotion & Creme



Gardenia Royal

The true test of any personal care product is its power to transform you. At Mistral, we take our name from a wind which brings change and transformation throughout the region of Provence. Every product we create honors the very spirit of the legendary Mistral wind and informs our core philosophy of change. When you apply one of our nourishing body care products, bathe with our exquisite soaps, or inhale one of our signature fragrances, your skin will soften and beautify, your mood will brighten, and your spirit will be soothed. It is this journey, both sen-

sory and experiential, that guides Mistral in the products we create.

By evoking the powerful spirit of the Mistral wind, we invite you to experience the scents and colors of Provence as part of your daily bath and beauty moments. Luxurious body care products by Mistral.

TEATULIA

TO HEALTH. TO LIFE. TO TEA.



Single-Garden Direct Organic Teas including Black, White & caffeine-free Herbal Infusions in 100% compostable packaging

exquisite, organic teas unlike any you've experienced before. Fresh. Clean. Smooth. *An eco-pure delight.*

We let Mother Nature encourage our teas and herbs while rejuvenating the land, resulting in a refreshingly clean flavor. Additionally, Teatulia is the only tea garden in Bangladesh to be USDA certified organic. Plus, our commitment to sustainability carries through to our packaging: compostable canisters, biodegradable silken pyramid tea bags, water based inks and labels from recycled paper.



SINGLE-GARDEN-DIRECT-TEAS —Teatulia organic tea comes directly to you from our organic tea garden. There is no middle man, no long-term warehouse storage and no waiting around for a third-party blender. What does this mean for you? You get to enjoy some of the freshest certified organic tea in the world, and you know exactly where it came from. The Teatulia Organic Tea Garden sprang forth from virgin land nestled against the Himalayas to the North and the Brahmaputra and Ganges Rivers to the South. Into this perfect tea-growing land, we introduced strong, vibrant saplings, which were planted with care in the new millennium. Since then, the tea plants have been encouraged and nurtured by Mother Nature's own hand. The result:

LOVE & TOAST

PRETTY IS AS PRETTY DOES



Love & Toast believes that natural formulas should function and not fail. And they should be fun!

Each Love & Toast product is loaded with the very best natural and organic ingredients, contain no harmful chemicals and delivers a luxurious, skin-nurturing experience. The line includes six sweet & light botanical hand creams with shea butter, six sexy moisturizing and softening lip balms, plus perfume sprays, roll-ons & little luxe eau de parfums by Margo Elena. At the heart of Love & Toast is a simple philosophy: It is just as important to do good as it is to look good. A portion of every Love & Toast sale goes directly to Regional Affiliates of Girls Inc., inspiring young girls to be smart, strong and bold. So, it's all good to go!

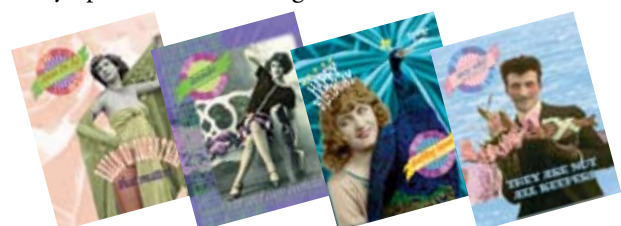


BLUEBIRD BATH

SALTS OF THE EARTH & SEA



A little line that delivers big on style and big on sales. This evocative collection of fine bath salts and candles features vintage illustrations and written sentiments ranging from sweet to sassy, sincere to funny. Bluebird Bath products are the perfect gift for your BFF or for yourself! They look great, they smell great, they have the perfect sentiment for every occasion and they're really fun...which is what really counts. Sure to bring a smile or raise an eyebrow and above all, soothe the body-spirit with a healing soak.



LOLLIA

THE LOLLIA LIFE

Lollia is a sumptuous world of lovely details, blushing fragrances and luxurious personal care essentials. This lavish line offers a complete range of lush bath and bodycare products in nine evocative fragrance groups. These signature fragrance stories provide the sophisticated allure of Lollia.



Breathe, Relax, Imagine, Calm, In Love... all possess distinctive fragrance notes that are at once familiar, subtle and thoroughly enchanting. Including rich shower gels, bubble bath, soaps,

bath salts, shea butter cremes, perfumes, sachets, dusting powder, candles and more. The beautiful mix-and-match packaging designs are inspired by soft, sophisticated textiles and the warmth of lovely homes, melding traditional motifs with the flirtatious designs and compelling color palettes of the Lollia world.



WAXING POETIC

ICONIC KEEPSAKE JEWELRY



Waxing Poetic jewelry, charms, objects and general amusements come to you by way of designer Patti Pagliei Simpson, her intimate coterie of friends and family: like-minded artists, dreamers, adventurers, and raconteurs. We make things we love, and hope you like them too. We believe that faith, risk, hope, and joy are inextricably bound and never mutually exclusive. Adventure and routine are strange, and sometimes lovely, cousins. There is a way to write the lines in between all of us,



and in our own small way, we want to make links. If we can make things to share and to give, we can do more than we ever hoped – and then some. Our jewelry is fabricated by incredible Balinese craftspersons, a part of our extended creative family. They devote themselves and their lives to beauty, both in action and intent. Our Bali artisans are paid several times more than minimum wage, and treated with respect, dignity, and most importantly, gratitude. We try to be fair, to be good, and to be grateful in the work we do.



SPACEFORM

GIVERS & KEEPERS



This award-winning line enjoys great success in the specialty retail market throughout Europe, generating unbelievable buzz. The brand has been recognized as Gift of the Year three years in a row, and Highly Commended an additional three times!

Founded in 1994 by designers Christina Greenhalgh and Jane Glibbery, Spaceform's aim and philosophy is to offer unique, sought-after gifts that people love to both give and to

receive. Contemporary and chic, colorful, expressive and thoughtful... these perfectly polished glass keepsakes provide an exquisite way to remind each other of milestone events and to mark the passage of time in our lives. Great care is taken in production from

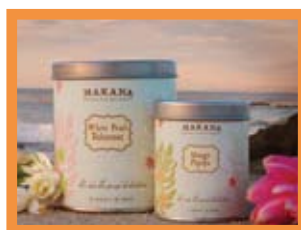


the high quality, cut glass designs, through to the simple, white, chic gift boxes in which they are presented.



MAKANA CANDLES

ARTISANAL PURE SOY CANDLES



Makana Candles are 100% soy candles made with simple, green ingredients and handcrafted inside our studio in Laguna Beach, California. Our candles are created in the same way that artisans have been creating candles for many, many years – selecting each and every ingredient, blending by hand and in

small batches, carefully pouring the wax in each vessel, allowing the candles to cure and packaging them by hand. We operate in a studio, not in a large factory with machinery. All our products have been researched, selected, tested and designed by us and made with care and aloha. In every step of the process, we try to uphold the artisanal tradition. Over 25 scents in 10-ounce and 3-ounce sizes. Tropical, Earth & Confectionary Collections.



BELLA CUCINA

ARTFUL FOOD-ITALIAN STYLE



Simplicity is a luxury. Passion is a choice. At Bella Cucina, we make all of our products by hand in small batches using the highest quality farm-grown produce honoring the ancient Italian tradition which celebrates the art of food. We make delicious food and gorgeous gifts, recipes, ideas + inspiration.

The quality of



life can only be savored by slowing down to surrender to the day. It seems appropriate now more than ever to surround ourselves with the warmth of family and friends and the comfort of good food. To be a part of the daily ritual of eating simply, yet deliciously, is to be a part of a centuries-old art of living a beautiful life. It evokes emotions that have lain dormant, tapping into a creativity that we all possess. It is accessible for all, enjoying good food and thoughtful conversation at the table.

This season also choose from a collection of mouth-watering 100% organic, artisan-made gourmet offerings.



TICKLED PINK

AFFORDABLE · TRENDY · FUN



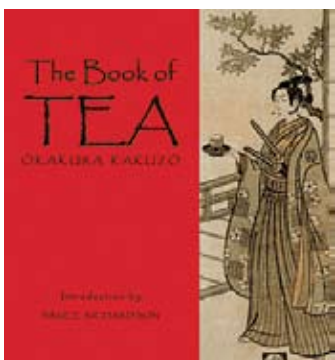
Tickled Pink offers a unique and trendy selection of fashion accessories including scarves, hats, jewelry and more. We offer attractive price-points, low minimums, and quality customer service. We believe accessories should be fun, fashionable and affordable. Choose from an incredible array of scarves—bunched, bubbled, fringed, solids, stripes, dots, paisley, vintage lace and so much more. Use our Pashminas as a shawl or wrap, or show your creativity and use one as a classy table runner!

Also, our colorful clay bead bracelets, necklaces, pearl strands and bracelets continue to be best sellers and great everyday fashion accessories.



BENJAMIN PRESS

DEDICATED TO THE ART OF TEA



Benjamin Press is one of America's largest publishers of books on tea. With ten seminal titles to choose from, our authors include some of the best-known names in the world of tea. We co-publish with The National Trust of England. For teaists and artists

alike, the original *Book of Tea*, named Best New Publication at the 2011 World Tea Expo, is arguably one of the most influential works ever written on tea and beauty. It is a masterful blend of history, ceremony, serenity, inspiration, and the appreciation of life as art. Those who understand the

greatness of small things will fall in love with this book, just as Frank Lloyd Wright, Georgia O'Keeffe and other artists did a century ago. *The New Tea Companion*, beautifully illustrated, is the essential guide to how life-enhancing tea is enjoyed across the world today. It is used by: Twinings London, The Canadian Tea Council Certification Program, The UK Tea Council and Tea professionals across America. See our other titles too.



SKEEM CANDLES

WITH STYLE & RE-PURPOSE



We've never understood the plain-vanilla-in-a-fancy-box thing. All Skeem products are designed so they are beautiful and intriguing on their own. Our candles are silk-screened, then poured with our custom soy/paraffin blend to ensure a clean, even burn. Once the wax has burned down, our pillars are reusable as drinking glasses and our 3-wick containers for

things like cotton balls, storing paper clips, or even as a sugar jar. The newest additions to our best-selling Pure Collections are Roller Ball Perfumes,



made with just three clean, natural ingredients: denatured alcohol, filtered water and our exclusive best-selling fragrances. We adapted our Pure Pillar Candle Collection to this mini, take along size, giving you long-lasting scent at home or on the go.



AMERICA RETOLD

THE PAST REVEALED ANEW



America Retold produces exquisitely designed fine gift, tabletop and home décor items that inspire, surprise, and connect to memories of history that resonates within. Our attention to detail has always set America Retold apart. Much of our product is hand crafted from recycled materials in an



old world manner which imparts a "one-of-a-kind" charm. Drawn from a period when integrity and excellence of craftsmanship was paramount, our collections set the standard in classic elegance, detail, and quality that adds beauty and function to any room.



HOMEFIRE RUGS

FLAIR UNDERFOOT



Homefires is proud to present our beautiful line of hand-crafted accent rugs. Each rug is hand-made using an ages old technique that has been passed on to the creative artisans of today. Homefires employs the use of various fibers and techniques to create just the right look for our many beautiful designs. Our accent rugs are made of acrylic yarns allowing for the most vivid of colors. Beautiful yet practical, they look like traditional hand hooked wool rugs, but are machine washable. Featuring a wide choice of designs perfectly charming for the kitchen, bath or family room.



LE CADEAUX

MELAMINE...REALLY?



At first glance you and your guests will think that Le Cadeaux is quality ceramic or porcelain, but Le Cadeaux dinnerware is made of heavy duty melamine with patterns inspired by French Provencal dinnerware, Italian Deruta dinnerware or Spanish ceramic lines. Melamine is dishwasher safe and shock-resistant. In addition to dinner plates, most patterns are available with matching salad plates, dinner bowls and serving trays. Some even offer matching cheese boards, or chip and dip platters. Beautiful bright colors will enhance any table setting indoors or outdoors. Also, lovely unbreakable Polycarbonate Tumblers & Wine Glasses and the new coordinating linens will add color and the finishing touches to your outdoor patio table. Le Cadeaux represents a "whole new category unto itself", long-overdue and a sure winner.



Ideal for barbecues, patio parties or every day use.

BABY CIE

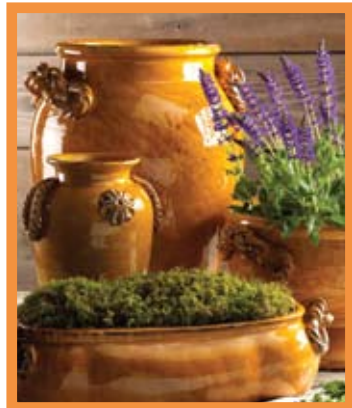
LITTLE PEOPLE PLATES



Made of bright, durable, dishwasher safe melamine, Baby Cie adds color and fun to the table with enchanting dish sets for babies and toddlers. Pirates, jungle and farm animals, princesses and ballerinas abound on TV trays, skid proof plates, sippy cups, stainless steel water bottles and backpack lunch sets. From Le Cadeaux.

VIETRI

IRRESISTIBLY ITALIAN



Vietri exclusively imports the most beautiful handcrafted Italian products for tables, homes and gardens in the world! Master artisans, inspired by Italian art and fashion, produce timeless designs that inspire casual yet elegant living.

Lastra, Vietri's newest collection, is inspired by wooden cheese molds used for centuries throughout Italy. A dusting of brown at the edges suggests the ash that was used to preserve these artisan cheeses and highlights each unique silhouette. Handformed in Tuscany of Italian stoneware. Microwave, oven, freezer and dishwasher safe.



Lastra Collection

TABLETOPICS

STIR THE CONVERSATION



Grab a TableTopics box and break the ice! TableTopics is a collection of conversation starters meant to spark fun, interesting, and meaningful discussions around the dinner table, at parties, on dates, on road trips-wherever! Each clear acrylic "ice cube" holds a stack of 135 conversation starters to get guests thinking and talking. Nothing brings forth conversation better than good food and wine! Use the Gourmet food and wine themed conversation starters to engage friends over

wine and cheese, spice up a meal or as a delightful gift for a host or hostess. Or set an Original card before each diner's plate. Then learn about guests by asking questions such as "What is the best and worst thing about being a man or a woman?"

Available in Original, Family, Teen, Girls Night Out, Couples, Gourmet, Book Club, Grandparents and What Would You Do editions. Circulate the cube and let the conversation begin.



KITCHEN PAPERS

FOR DINING & SERVING



Kitchen Papers offers a versatile and stylish line of papers for serving, dining and entertaining. The collection includes: Paper Placemats, Coasters, Serving Papers, Runners, and more. Great for entertaining or

everyday elegance. Style Your Table in Paper!

All Kitchen Papers are printed with soy based inks on 30% recycled paper. Placemats are available in pads of 50 tear-off sheets in twenty designs including original, retro, classic and contemporary themes for every occasion-in rectangle and oval with round serving papers.

Also, Table Runners will dress up your table for easy entertaining and added style. These versatile runners may also be used to create elegant gift-wrapped packages, floral wraps, or cone-shaped treat holders. Our most popular patterns now come in a length designed to accommodate your grandest function! Perfect for large banquet tables and special events. And for the kids... Fun activity sheets are sure to keep them busy! Color, punch out and wear these whimsical paper accessories.



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