

# THESE ARE A FEW OF MY

# FAVOURITE THINGS

Hand-picked gift ideas from the SHOP 4 Kids team.



*This sweet jumper has hand-knitted appeal and would look adorable on any toddler.* Jumper, \$49.95 (3-24mths), Esprit, (02) 8586 0444.

*It's a definite splurge but will adorn their walls forever and inspire a love of travel.* Print, \$449.95, Blacklist Studio Prints, blackliststudioprints.com.



*I never tire of Alimrose's beautifully designed and made soft toys.* Dolls, from \$37.95 each, Alimrose Designs, petitluxe.com.au.



*Great quality means it's an heirloom-in-waiting.* Jumper, \$79.95 (1-10), Seed, seedheritage.com.



*Properly pretty melamine that they won't mind as they grow up.* Plate, \$19.95, Rice from Lark, larkmade.com.au.



*They're a total outfit-maker.* Boots, \$49.95 (sml-xlge), Cheeky Little Soles, cheekylittlesoles.com.au.



*The fact it's screen printed by hand and a limited-edition piece gives it keep-forever status.* Print, \$260, Castle, castleandthings.com.au.



*A G-rated sequel to the hilarious parents' book and a fun baby shower gift.* Seriously, Just Go To Sleep by Adam Mansbach (The Text Publishing Company), \$17.95, textpublishing.com.au.



*A handmade teether which also helps develop motor skills. The nod to rock 'n' roll doesn't hurt either.* Teething toy, \$18, Little Sapling Toys from My Messy Room, mymessyroom.com.au.



*Cuter than a giggle, almost softer than their skin.* Onesie, \$34.95 (3-12mths), Maptote from Kindred Gifts, kindredgifts.com.au.



*Love the nautical style – so cute they make me want a boy.* Overalls, \$70 each (000-1), Sailor Sam, sailorsam.com.au.



*Ridiculously cool – my five-year-old niece would lose it over these!* Pants, from \$75.95 (2-14), Fred Bare, fredbare.com.



*Don't just save it for a party – this is instant happiness in any room.* Mexican party flags, \$24.95 for string of 8, Candy Stripe Cloud, candystripecloud.com.au.



*They pack flat (perfect if you have to post them) and offer hours of entertainment and creativity.* Cardboard castle, \$38.95, Flatout Frankie from Baby's Got Style, babysgotstyle.com.au.



*Take the kids on a Sydney Ferry and then gift them this mini replica.* Ferry, \$95, Monkey Caboose, monkeycaboose.com.au.



*I'm obsessed with anything Westie and I love that this clock is handmade.* Clock, \$95, Matt Blatt, mattblatt.com.au.



*The girlie flounces make this otherwise simple cardigan seem special.* Cardigan, \$69.95, Fabrik, fabrikstore.com.



*A great size for books now, then their laptop later.* Bag, \$54.95, Atsuyo Et Akiko from Le Tween, leween.com.



*It's a shame having 26 plates is too many. Each is represented by a different food so it's educational.* Ceramic plate, £30, Just Noey, justnoeyetsy.com.



*Teaches them about colours and looks good doing it.* Colour chart, \$59.95, Blink from Kido Store, kidostore.com.

Think your kid might be musically gifted? Treat them to this tiny replica of a big piano. Piano, \$110, Hip Kids, hipkids.com.au.



The cutest customised print I've seen in ages, it's pretty enough to keep on the wall long after the kids have grown. Print, US\$45, Maison Du Bebe, maisondubebe.etsy.com.



Picking a book for story time will be even more fun with this pretty-as-a-picture storage solution. Bookcase, \$59.95, Urban Baby, urbanbaby.com.au.



The ultimate dream doll's house, complete with pool, sun deck and fancy wallpaper. Doll's House, \$189.95 (accessories not included), Lundby from Happy Little Hippos, happylittlehippos.com.au.

Combines my niece's love of Russian dolls with my blackboard obsession. Paint-your-own Babushka dolls, \$29.95, Bodega Deluxe, bodegadeluxe.com.



The forever sought after multi-purpose print: your room or theirs. This one's limited edition too. Print, \$66 (unframed), Hello Polly, helloworldolly.com.au.

I love anything that encourages kids to have fun with food. This is also made locally, from quality ingredients. Gingerbread house kit, \$35, Gingerbread Folk, gingerbreadfolk.com.au.



Part bow tie, part necklace, girlie-girls and tomboys alike will treasure them forever. Bow tie necklaces, \$18.95 each, Milk & Soda, milknsoda.com.au.



Make wearing a helmet fun and festive with this colourful head gear. The padding is super soft on their noggin. Helmet, \$99, Little Nutty from Kido Store, kidostore.com.



Australiana without the cringe factor, perfect for overseas friends and family. Plate, \$9.95, Urban Baby, urbanbaby.com.au.



Thanks to Dorothy, I still go weak for red shoes. Love that these are pretty but made for running around in, too. Shoes, \$59.95 (4-12), Keds, (03) 8878 3000.



The chic shape of a riding cap with a delicious coloured trim, it provides style and shade. Cap, \$36.95, Milk & Soda from Baby's Got Style, 1300 468 789 babysgotstyle.com.au.



The impossible-to-find, just-right faded wash. A bit seventies, nineties and noughties. Perfect. Jeans, \$69.95 (1-8), Alphabet Soup from Kido Store, kidostore.com.



The clear windows mean they can see their wares, and the secret side door is novelty in itself. Carry case, \$39.95, Urban Baby, urbanbaby.com.au.

This is a brand I send to my nieces in London. Loving the mix of a muted colour with a hint of sparkle. Top, \$62 (2-12), Paper Wings, (02) 6684 3390.



I'm all about the cross-body bag and this satchel is grown up but still age appropriate. Bag, \$44.95, Witchery, witchery.com.au.



Brown paper is my wrapping of choice and these simple black printed designs take it to the next level. Wrapping paper, \$6 per sheet, Write To Me, writetome.com.au.

These chunky crayons make art time easy for even the littlest of fingers. Playon Crayons, \$13.95, Baby's Got Style, 1300 468 789 babysgotstyle.com.au.



I've got cushions in Ink & Spindle fabric at home, so I'm thrilled the gorgeous prints from this Melbourne textile label are now available for littles. Onesie, \$49 (000-0), inklet.com.au.



Fuzzy felt makes me feel all warm and nostalgic. Simple, affordable fun. Fuzzy felt kit, \$15, Mothercare, mothercare.com.au.

I love this storybook-style illustration, plus the message is a mantra for most parents. Print, \$20 (unframed), Retro Delights, retrodelights.com.au.



It's cable knit, has pompoms and is the best shade of pink – if only it could make me dinner. Jumper, \$79.95 (2-7), Fred Bare, fredbare.com.



Preppy and Frenchy, I would have killed for this bag when I was at school. Satchel, \$100, Miniséri from Hard To Find, hardtofind.com.au.



Made from the softest recycled felt, this bunny is great for imagination and decoration. Puppet, \$35, Seven Smooches, 0411 590 850.



Kid-friendly wall prints with messages that will stay with them to adulthood. Prints, \$18 for set of 2, Rifle Paper Co., riflepaperco.com.



A gorgeous globe is part toy, part educational aid, part room decor. Desk globe, \$49.95, Cotton On, cottonon.com.au.



Delight her with a piece she'll hand down to her daughter one day. Capelet, \$179 (one size), Tutu Du Monde, tutudumonde.com.



The best board game ever. Every family needs one. Cranium, \$69.95, Hasbro, 1300 138 697.



From one of my favourite brands, you can't go wrong with a classic stripe in merino wool. Onesie, \$49.95 (0-12mths), Nature Baby, naturebaby.com.au.



Montana is my most favourite place in the world – I'd love to squeeze into this so I could wear it on my sleeve. Top, \$24.95 (2-7), Witchery, witchery.com.au.



I'm yet to meet a girl – big or small – who isn't delighted by Eloise. Eloise: The Ultimate Edition by Kay Thompson and Hilary Knight (Simon & Schuster), \$49.95, from Dymocks, dymocks.com.au.



See the world through their eyes and encourage their creativity with this (literally) unbreakable camera that takes awesome underwater shots too. Olympus TG-820 camera, \$399, 1300 659 678.



Ethically made, I love the hand woven, colourful patterns in these super-practical baby blankets. Blankets, \$54.95 each, The Little Sparrow, thelittlesparrow.com.au.



Perfect for teeny, tiny feet, they are a sure-bit pressie at baby showers. Shoes, \$18.95 (one size), Little Odd Forest from Moo Woo Handmade, moowoo.com.au.



I'm mad for anything woodlands and this would look so cute with any little girl's outfit. Necklace, \$29, Skulk of Foxes from Le Tween, letween.com.



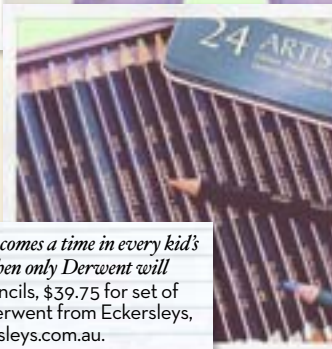
Sudo makes the coolest clothes for boys in the world. Do a mum-of-sons a favour and introduce her. Jeans, \$84 (2-12), Sudo, sudo.com.au.



The best kids' bikes ever – they're easier to ride, safer on the streets and look unreal. Bike, \$289, Byk Bikes, 0458 026 397.



There comes a time in every kid's life when only Derwent will do. Pencils, \$39.75 for set of 24, Derwent from Eckersleys, eckersleys.com.au.



Better than a brag book, these pendants are a special mummy moment to wear always. Pendants, from \$49.95 each, Pictures On Gold, picturesongold.com.



I'm a closet American football fan, so if I had a son, he'd be rocking this. Jacket, \$119.90 (2-12), Sudo, sudo.com.au.



Homework just got 87 percent more fun. Ruler, \$8.95, Rex from Lark, larkmade.com.au.

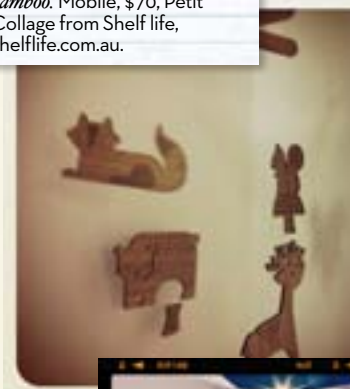


The unisex print makes it handy for impromptu sleepovers. Sleeping bag, \$149.95, Love Mae from Lark, larkmade.com.au.



I bought this for my niece - then spent an hour posing him while she watched. Toy, \$49.90, Go Home Junior from Top3 By Design, top3.com.au.

So beautifully crafted, plus it's made from sustainably harvested bamboo. Mobile, \$70, Petit Collage from Shelf life, shelflife.com.au.



The hand-drawn nature of these stamps is so endearing and has the perfect mix of elements for creating your own cityscape. Stamp set, \$39.95, Yellow Owl Workshop from NoteMaker, notemaker.com.au.

I love the intricacy of this whimsical view of the world, I see something new every time I look. Print, US\$54.25 (unframed), familiesummerbelle.com.



Inspired by circus wagons, it's sure to encourage big-top dreams. Crib, \$1299, Kalon from Kido Store, kidostore.com.



Monsters make a nice change from ducks and bunnies. Onesie, \$59.95 (0-24), Mini Munster from Kido Store, kidostore.com.



A little girl's dress-up dream! I love the illustration style of Rosie Flo's books and this set takes it to the next level of interactivity. Rosie Flo's Colouring Fashion Show, \$29.95, from Lark, larkstore.com.au.

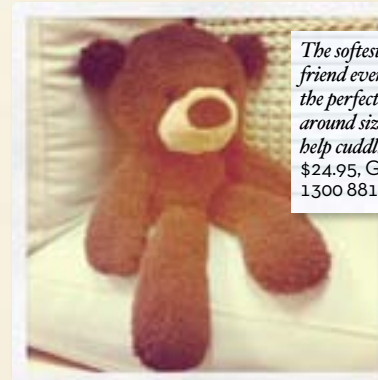


A great little anytime gift, post it to someone so they can receive some old-school snail mail. Card, \$5, Alice Melvin from Hello Polly, helloworldolly.com.au.

The only bear you'd ever want near their head. Comb, \$12.95, Carpenter Tans from Brightwood, brightwood.com.au.



They're really for kiddies, but they smell so delightful I use them myself. Milk Baby Bath Time Wash, \$14.95, and Fairy Detangler, \$14.95, milkskincare.com.au.



The softest best friend ever and the perfect carry-around size. I can't help cuddling. Bear, \$24.95, Gund, 1300 881 940.

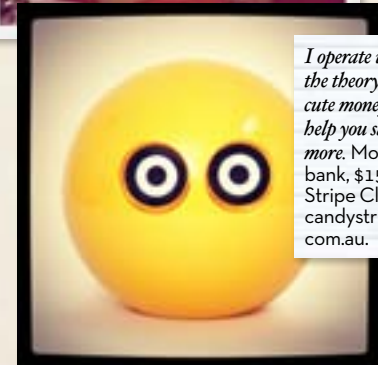


I'm a big fan of Kiely's graphic patterns and muted colours. This book will be loved by adults too. Colours by Orla Kiely (Hardie Grant), \$16.95, (03) 8520 6444.

A fun print for Harry fans of all ages (read: me). Print, US\$13.99, Entropy Trading Co., entropytradingco.etsy.com.



I wish this came in my size - it's positively dreamy. Dress, \$129 (1-6), Mischka Aoki, mischkaaoki.com.



I operate under the theory that cute money boxes help you save more. Money bank, \$15, Candy Stripe Cloud, candystripecloud.com.au.

So simple and made from all-organic materials. Cushion, \$39.95, Nature Baby, naturebaby.com.au.



Building this is half the fun (there's 170 pieces!) and it has a great eco message. Model tree, \$59.95, Kidsonroof from State Of Green, stateofgreen.com.au.



Perfect for winter layering, with a sweet frill detail on the shoulder. Dress, \$64.95 (1-6), Mini Rodini from Style Milk, stylemilkshop.com.

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