

RIBBON SUBSTITUTES Look for ribbon subsitutes. Wire, yarn, stickers and other odds and ends can serve to

odds and ends can serve to close and decorate. Design: Michelle Brooks Photography: Nancy Froehlich

USABLE GIFTS Above all, you want to give a gift that you would want yourself. Many of the projects described in this book make effective gifts (see BOOK, NOTE CARD, T-SHIRT, TOTE BAG). Here are a few other handy applications for your design skills.



NOTEPAPER SET

Personally designed notepaper makes an elegant and dignified gift. This is also a great gift for kids to give to their teachers. Purchase blank writing paper (complete with box and envelopes), and print the recipient's name on each sheet in a suitable font. For kids, put together a folder with a few sheets of interesting paper, envelopes, and blank stickers that they can personalize themselves. Design: Michelle Brooks Photography: Dan Meyers

HAMLET APRON

This apron is screen-printed with Shakespeare quotes about food and decay. Aprons can be purchased on the Web from uniform supply companies. Many are unisex and one-size-fits-all. You can print on aprons with the same processes used for t-shirts. Some suppliers also provide machine embroidery at a low cost, if you are producing a quantity of aprons. Design: Ellen Lupton Photography: Nancy Froehlich









Adhesive-backed rubber magnets (business card size) are available from stationery stores and big-box office warehouses. They can easily be cut to a different proportion. For a children's gift, make a series of magnets that can be arranged into different characters. Let the kids color in the designs themselves. Laminate with packing tape.

ANTI-WAR MAGNETS Design: Mike Weikert

PRINCESS MAGNETS Design: Ruby Jane Miller Photography: Dan Meyers

SMOOTHIE MAGNETS (set of four recipe magnets) *Design: Michelle Brooks*

