

10 things that make me happy



ella dish dog bag

My friend Angela Wilcox designs things for dogs that I would wear myself. My dogs don't usually get dressed up, so it's a special occasion when they get to ride in this bag. "Bow-Lenciaga" \$150 ELLADISH.COM

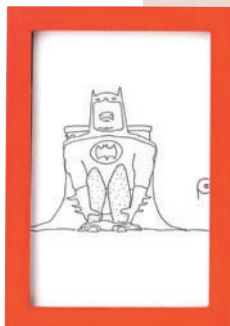


cath kidston thermos

This brings a bright shock of color to a room. It reminds me of field day in grade school, when the whole student body packed picnic lunches and went off to the state park. \$45 CATH KIDSTON (212) 343-0223

superheroes on the toilet cartoons by my husband

These are my favorite possessions because they are drawn by my sweetheart. James C. Strouse postcard set (unframed) \$11.99 OCCASIONALPLANET.COM

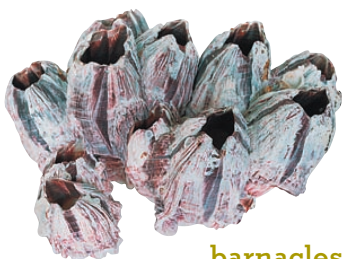


Who: Galt Niederhoffer
Where: New York City
What: Independent film producer (*Prozac Nation*, *Lonesome Jim*) and author. Her first novel, *A Taxonomy of Barnacles*, is hot off the press.



steel dining table

Some guy I dated for about two seconds built this from restaurant-supply equipment. It's sturdy, stylish—and cost next to nothing. *Worktable (similar to shown)* \$186 CHEF RESTAURANT SUPPLY, INC. (212) 254-6644



barnacles

I use these crustaceans as a centerpiece, but in real life they're doomed to huddle on rocks and the bottoms of boats. They remind me of the great things that can come from being an underdog. FROM \$19 EACH, EVOLUTION NATURE STORE (212) 343-1114



some odd rubies blazer

Crafted by a friend who transforms vintage clothes into gorgeous one-of-a-kind pieces for her New York store, this jacket made me feel like a writer before I could really say I was one. FROM \$345 SOME ODD RUBIES (212) 353-1736



vornado fan

This fan has a vintage design but is made of ultramodern matte brushed steel. "Silver Swan" \$100 VORNADO.COM



safavieh rug

I love rugs the way some women love shoes—I can spend all day shopping for them. I am particularly fond of this one because it looks wonderfully timeworn (even though it's new). Wool 6' x 9' "Heirloom Collection" \$2,700 SAFAVIEH.COM FOR STORES



first-edition kids' books

I'm very into collecting old, beautiful books—especially with such detailed covers—and displaying them as art objects. "Mary Poppins in the Park" FROM \$45 EBAY.COM



stokke baby high chair

The perfect marriage of form and function. The angular Swedish design makes any apartment look instantly chic, plus it lets your child sit at the same level as the grown-ups' table. "Kinder Zeat" \$199.99 STOKKEUSA.COM FOR STORES

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