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Stylish accessories

Handmade jewelry, clutches and colorful socks can perk up your look.

By Linda Jerkins For the AJC

Jewelry as sculpture

As a child, Andrea Slappey made jewelry from colored telephone wire. Paper clips, too. She never planned to pursue jewelry-making as a vocation.

But after college, the University of Georgia grad enrolled in various art classes. Slappey studied beading and precious metal clay. A few years later, she learned welding and metal smithing techniques in a 3-D design class at Georgia State University. Along the way, her design talent was noticed.

Last year, she incorporated Amalia Designs in Decatur. In her sophisticated and elegant designs, the jewelry sculptor uses sterling silver, gold, semi-precious and precious stones. But Slappey's favorite materials are 18K gold, plus sapphires and tourmalines (her birthstone).

Her Goddess earrings, Ladder Cuff bracelet and Sunburst necklace are popular pieces.

So are the Mobius Infinity bracelet and the XOXO Cigar Band ring, which launched her business. Made-to-order pieces also are available in gold.

The Goddess earrings (\$90) and Ladder Cuff bracelet (\$354) in sterling silver are popular pieces. But they also can be made-to-order in gold. The striking Sunburst necklace (\$246 and up) and the XOXO Cigar Band ring (\$392 and up) are available in 14K and 18K gold. The sterling silver Mobius Infinity bracelet, which comes apart like a puzzle, is \$232.

To order, visit www.amaliadesigns.com or thetravelerscollection.com. Also find a lovely selection of jewelry in the Atlanta area at Atlanta MADE, 1187 Howell Mill Road, (atlantamade.us), and BEE, 26 E. Andrews Drive, (www.bee-atlanta.com).



Andrea Slappey's elegant "Balance" earrings are \$2,488 in 18K gold with 14K gold Figaro chain.

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For a statement bag, choose one of Libby Ganong's clutches or totes. CONTRIBUTED BY WWW.SHOPADDLIBB.COM

In the clutch

Growing up in Virginia, Libby Ganong was always "that girl in the corner creating something." Sewing, weaving and woodworking were some of her hobbies.

After graduating from the University of Virginia, Ganong moved to Charleston, S.C., to join the lively art scene. In 2009, the self-taught designer started Add Libb Designs.

Ganong makes various styles of statement handbags, ranging from clutches to totes.

Made from durable upholstery fabric, the handmade bags are sturdy and thoroughly modern. Some of the purses also feature unique accents and handles fashioned from a variety of materials, including leather, metal and stones. And by adding a chain, any of the bags can become a shoulder bag.

Because of the wide selection, accented clutches are favorites. Available in various styles, the colorful clutch-

es (\$86 to \$94) feature unique stitching techniques, hand-dyed leather backdrops and vintage or limited-edition accents.

Another popular design is the silver-handle tote (\$96). Versatile and classy, the roomy tote is sized right for your essentials.

Shop online at www.shopaddlibb.com. AJC readers can save 15 percent on orders placed by Nov. 25, 2013. Enter coupon: `ajc2013`.



Dapper Classics offers sock colors and patterns for every personality. CONTRIBUTED BY DAPPER CLASSICS

Socks that rock

Fred and Harrison Rich are fashion-conscious guys. And it shows. In their socks. Dissatisfied with the bland and bunching options in men's hosiery, the father and son team decided to offer a stylish, over-the-calf dress sock. Two years ago, they started Kentucky-based Dapper Classics.

With more than 120 styles, the company offers sock patterns and colors for every personality. Socks with a navy base, including navy socks with red polka dots, are top sellers. But socks with red,

lavender, pink and green have gained a foothold in casual workplaces. As a fashion accessory, the distinctive socks are a fun and easy way to complement your off-duty wardrobe.

Made with mercerized cotton or fine, superwashed merino wool, the socks are knitted in a third-generation mill in North Carolina. Prices range from \$20 to \$25.

Refresh your sock drawer and visit www.dapperclassics.com. Also find Dapper Classics

BEST OF THE SOUTH

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socks at 310 Rosemont, 1038 N. Highland Ave., in Atlanta (www.310rosemond.com).

Where can I find it?

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Q: Can you find out if Castleberry's still makes the 12-ounce cans of Pork in BBQ Sauce? I have a recipe that calls for this brand. I've tried others, and the taste is way off. Can you help me? — Alice Mallory, Fayetteville

A: Alice, several years ago, Castleberry's Food Company, out of Augusta, was involved in a pretty massive recall, and Pork in BBQ Sauce was one of the items pulled. However, late last year, Castleberry's Pork in BBQ Sauce Carolina Recipe was brought back, but it comes in 10-ounce cans, not in 12-ounce. You can stock up for your favorite recipe at Ingles Market, 3701 Walt Stephens Road, Stockbridge, 770-507-1230. Castleberry's canned barbecue pork costs \$2.48.

Q: I would love to find Proxabrush Snap Ons by GUM, UPC 7094200624. All other brands are not worth buying, they all bend as soon as you try and insert them between your teeth. For my teeth's sake, please help me. Thank you. — John Sanderson, Atlanta

A: John, your teeth are going to be thrilled, and all it's going to take is a visit to Little Five Points Pharmacy, 484 Moreland Ave., Atlanta, 404-524-4466. This is where you'll find Proxabrush Snap Ons refills. A package of eight tiny brushes costs \$4.09.

Q: Searching for Chicago Mix (cheese and caramel popcorn) made by G.H. Cretors. I have checked at several stores. I am not a member of any warehouse club. Thanks for your help. — Tom Frederick, Stone Mountain



A: The unusual combination of sweet caramel corn and salty cheddar cheese seems to be irresistible for die-hard fans of this snack. While it is available at local Costco stores, you don't need to be a member to snag some bags of Chicago Mix caramel popcorn and cheese. Check out Total Wine & More, 124 Perimeter Center West, Atlanta, 770-395-1678. This is where you'll find 7.5-ounce bags of Chicago Mix for \$3.99.

Q: I am looking for Murray & Lanman's Florida Water cologne. It has a light and refreshing citrus scent and is inexpensive. I have been able to find it online, but shipping costs are almost as much as the cologne itself. Do you know of any local stores that carry this scent so I could stock up? Thanks. — Kim Pope, email

A: This spicy, citrus-spiked cologne has been around since the 1800s, and the formula today is the original. You can still find Murray & Lanman's Florida Water with the vintage label at Miller Rexall Drugs, 887 Broad St., Atlanta, 404-523-8481. A 7.5-ounce bottle costs \$7.99.



GEAR

Canteen an environmentalist's dream

It's stainless steel, free of toxins, dishwasher safe and recyclable.

By Shelby Sheehan-Bernard
McClatchy-Tribune

A dependable, leak-free container for water or other drinks is a necessity whether you're on the road or at camp. Klean Kanteen's Insulated Vacuum Mug and Bottle has a double-walled construction that works to keep drinks hot for up to six hours and cold for more than 24 hours.

An eco-friendly alternative to plastic, it has a 100 percent food-grade stainless steel in-

An eco-friendly alternative to plastic, the mug has 100 percent food-grade stainless steel interior.

terior that doesn't impart any flavor.

It's easy to clean, and unlike other thermoses, it's dishwasher safe. It's also free from BPA, phthalates, lead or other toxins. It has a large mouth

opening to insert ice cubes and rounded corners to discourage bacteria growth.

You can also feel good about Klean Kanteen's commitment to the environment. The company uses eco-friendly packaging and provides a lifetime warranty for its products, ensuring long-lasting durability. If it does have to be tossed, the bottle still doesn't have to end up in a landfill; it's recyclable.

The Klean Kanteen Vacuum Insulated Mug and Bottle is available in three sizes: 12 ounce, which is \$24.95; 16 ounce, which is \$27.95; and 20 ounce, which is \$29.95. Comes in silver, gray, black, white, blue and pink. To purchase, visit kleankanteen.com.



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