

Personalized Home Decor

Put your name on it, and suddenly something becomes a piece of your life. A simple purchase transforms into a slice in time, a story to be told for generations to come. We've done some sleuthing, and here's where you'll find those future treasures. —by Julie Clay

All Yours >

We discovered personalized stationery at **MacIntosh Books and Paper**. German company Rössler Papier makes a variety of paper sizes and colors with envelopes to match. Sizes range from 8.5" x 11" down to 4" x 6" photo cards and invitation cards with tissue-lined envelopes. The store will send them out for monogramming, which takes about a week. Colors include several shades of the rainbow and many others. Mix and match to your heart's content. MacIntosh also carries a couple of pre-monogrammed sets, including one by Caspan with horizontal stripes in the background, as well as cream-colored packages by Crane's with gold hand-engraved initials. *MacIntosh Books and Paper, 2365 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-1447*



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Heads up, do-it-yourselfers! Alphabet sticker collections in a range of fonts and backgrounds abound at **Three Crafty Ladies**. American Traditional Designs and Sun & Sand Brights each make beach-themed sets with varying backgrounds. All Paper Patch punch out letters have a seashell in the background, and a rubber stamp set includes 36 stamps and sticker labels. The store also has your pet's best interest at heart with the Pet Driver's License by Pet Project of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Your pet's information is printed on PVC plastic and looks just like your state driver's license. Choose from a wallet card, collar ID tag, fridge magnet, key chain, or luggage tag. *Three Crafty Ladies, 1620 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-462-2893, Fax 239-433-9316, email CraftyLadies@webtv.net*

Frame Up >

Yes, it is possible to personalize the frame that holds your cherished Monet print. The folks at **Sanibel Art & Frame Co.** work with two companies that build customized frames that are hand-carved and finished according to the buyer's desires. Both Larson-Juhl out of Canada, and Long Island, New York-based C&J offer options including 22-karat gold, silver, or copper metal leaf applied to the surface and an array of corner carvings. This technique also incorporates designing a frame to model the period of time when the artwork was originally done. Close to fifty frame samples are on display, but hundreds more are in catalogues.

Sanibel Art & Frame Co., 2460 Palm Ridge Road, Sanibel, 239-395-1350, www.SanibelArtandFrame.com, email SanibelArtandFrame@aol.com



< Pillow Talk

Memories come alive in your home courtesy of The Geography Collection keepsake pillows designed by Catstudio of Petaluma, California. Discovered at **The Mole Hole**, each pillow is hand embroidered and depicts a different state. Each features cities, towns, landmarks, sports teams, state flags, and universities, to name a few. Pictures dot the landscape as well, again all embroidered, no decals or silk screening. These cream-colored throws feature black velour stitching around the side and button enclosures on the back for easy removal and washing. The states we found included Virginia, Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, Indiana, and New Jersey. *The Mole Hole, Bell Tower Shops, Suite 100, 13499 South Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, 877-433/HOLE, Fax 239-4331604, www.moleholefortmyers.com*