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Bookplate, $6/sheet of 30.

PROFILE

STAY STYLISHLY IN TOUCH WITH CUSTOM STATIONERY BY **KUMQUAT DESIGNS**.

WHO: Michelle Wyse, Kumquat Designs
WHERE: Montreal (514) 509-2906 or kumquatdesigns.etsy.com
WHAT: Personalized labels, tags and cards with vintage allure.
THE SCOOP: A former full-time photographer, Wyse uses her own images and illustrations along with antique pictorials to create labels and cards that are anything but officey. "I like designs that are pretty, but with a gritty edge, like they've been around for a bit," she says. Motifs range from Art Deco-era party girls and subtle damasks to delicate drawings of dandelions going to seed.
STANDOUT PRODUCT: Bespoke bookplates ensure borrowed titles are returned. Wyse will create custom designs — and waive her design fee if you'll agree to let her make your design available to the public.
INSPIRATION: Wyse studied microbiology at the University of British Columbia and often consults her comprehensive collection of antique biology textbooks for inspiration. "They have beautiful illustrations," she says.
NAME GAME: The kumquat (a miniature citrus fruit) became her namesake because it's both sweet and sour. "My labels are happy, but also a bit stark."
— INGRIE WILLIAMS

Note cards can be customized with any message and in a range of colours. *Personalized folded* ***note cards*** *(left and below), 4" x 5", $11/set of four.*

Gift and canning ***label****, $6/sheet of 30.*

HOT IMPORTS

TASK MASTERS

Transform a home office from messy to motivating with fun, functional accoutrements. The debut collection of desktop accessories from Japanese firm Anything marries cheerful hues and whimsical shapes — a white eraser is shaped like an asterisk — with clever features like self-standing scissors. And brightly accented book boxes by Boston-based Etcetera Goods have tactile appeal in cosy felted wool and neatly store everything from stationery to sundries.

Scissors, stapler, *$55 each;* ***clock,*** *$95;* ***eraser,*** *$6 each;* ***book box,*** *6" h. x 6" w. x 15" l., $140. See Source Guide for retailers.*

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