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House Beautiful

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HOW TO MAKE ANY SIZE ROOM WORK BETTER

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EVERYWHERE WE LOOK...

Crowns

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You don't have to be royalty to give your home the royal treatment. All it takes is a pillow... or a pot rack.

Votive

Would you have guessed that this votive, handmade from recycled stamped metal, is new? Its painted finish has the burnished patina of an antique.

Crown Votive Holder, 3" H, \$15 each. MOTHOLOGY: 404-351-6484; mothology.com.



Doormat

Your house is your castle, so why not herald it at the front door with this natural fiber doormat?

Delightful Crown Doormat, \$34. WISTERIA: 800-320-9757; wisteria.com.



Glass

The delicate gold decal transforms a plain glass into a regal vessel.

Crown Maxi Tumbler, 4 1/2" H, \$10. P.O.S.H.: 312-280-1602; poshchicago.com.

Hooks

Replace those boring wall hooks with something more imposing—one for the king and one for the queen.

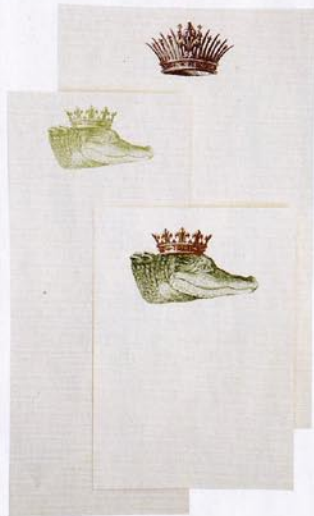
Crown Wall Hooks, \$10 each. AREO: 888-814-7988; areohome.com.



Stationery

New Orleanian Alexa Pulitzer celebrates her hometown with offset printed cards and notes. King Gator features Louisiana's favorite swamp dweller wearing a Mardi Gras crown, while Fleur de Lys has a single crown with a symbolic lily at the top.

Fleur De Lys Notes, King Gator Long Cards and Notes by Alexa Pulitzer, \$14-\$18 for set of 10. ADLER'S: 800-925-7912; adlersjewelry.com.



A Little Backstory

Is it any wonder that crowns have captivated us for centuries? Just think what they're made of: gold and precious jewels. And who wears them: monarchs and deities. And what they represent: power, glory, triumph, honor, immortality. Can you blame the Duchess of Windsor for adorning her linens, stationery, and handbags with this symbol of sovereign rank, even though the title of queen eluded her?

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