

Kid Stuff

Henry Behrens has found inspiration in the garden ever since he was 5 years old. "I like the smell of lavender and rosemary," says the Falls Church third-grader. That's partly what inspired him to create his eponymous line of soaps (**Henry's Soaps.com**) when he was in kindergarten. Though homegrown herbs are central to his creations, his favorite ingredient "is when I get to put a tiny dinosaur or a ninja in the middle of the soap so little kids will want to wash their hands more."

Henry's 7-year-old sister, Ryan, is also a budding entrepreneur. She sells fingerprint-art note cards and bookmarks, often collaborating with her brother on custom designs for holiday gifts, party favors or special events.

For a recent elephant-themed baby shower, Henry incorporated elephant figurines in his soaps, while Ryan turned the fingerprints on her cards into tiny pachyderms. The siblings sell their creations online and in person during Falls Church City's FIRSTFriday events.



Henry and
Ryan Behrens

Nesting Instinct

Furniture-makeover magician Christen Bensten has a new nest. The Arlington-based mom of three and founder of the popular blog and interior design service **Blue Egg Brown Nest** has taken her refinished furniture and vintage housewares to the Old Lucketts Store in Lucketts, Virginia. This is prime placement, considering that the general store-turned-collaborative-boutique

boasts a cult following and a 10-year waiting list for designers looking to showcase their wares. Though Bensten still lists items for sale on her website (blueeggbrownnest.com), you can now see the actual refurbished furniture and accessories at the store.

"I aim for a thoughtful mix of old and new," says the designer, who uses her own taste as her guide and refinishes many of her furniture finds in chalk paint. Muted tones are her calling card. "I gravitate toward blues, grays, creams and tans. If you do something in a neutral palette, you have the flexibility to move it around within your space."



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