



MAY 2020

GIFT CLOSET - 1

Happy May! Thank you, thank you, thank you (or a loved one)! Because of your support, small businesses are receiving an influx of cash from the gift cards and artisans around the country are receiving substantial orders, some for the first time since the quarantine began. I can't encourage you enough to shop small to ensure that makers are still around to create such quality goods. I'm so excited to continue to scour the country and around the globe for the best paper and gifts for you. Thank you, our first subscribers! Now on to what's inside...

LOCAL GIFT CARD : Akron Coffee Roasters - Albert and Chrissy are quality people, quality Akron people. When you make your grocery escape or your "damn, I really to need to drive anywhere" mission, stop by their downtown Akron or Cuyahoga Falls (this one has cocktails to go too) spots - or order beans online!

GIFT 1 : While this Sunset Stripes pack from **1canoe2** is technically a cosmetics pouch, I LOVE it to store pencils as you can wipe the lead from it, plus stow away all of your sharpeners and small tools under the netting. Their area of the country is one I've never explored, road trip to Missouri, anyone? **@1canoe2**

GIFT 2 : Get ready to be addicted! Some customers referred to these as "monster pads" because of their size. Our friends at **E. Frances Paper** knock it out of the ballpark every time with these notepads and I just love their new little elephant. **@efrancespaper**

GIFT 3 : I may have a soft spot in my heart for **Akron Candle Company**, since my husband, Blair, makes them out of our home. What you may not know is that the idea for it all started when we were traveling through New England, on the same trip that we stopped by the E. Frances studio in Providence. ALSO, yes he has made some real stinkers! I don't let him try to sell those but it takes a good day for our house to air out! **@akroncandlecompany**

CARDS : Tiny but mighty! The **Ladyfingers Letterpress** team produce the best hand lettering in the biz, thanks to Arley, while Morgan kills it on the press. They are busy not just with that but also trying to keep their Colorado Springs storefront thriving - oh and being moms to their 3 kids (including twins born in November). **@ladyfingersletterpress**

I hope you love everything! Enjoy some, save some, give some!

Peace, love and paper.