

## CLEVER COVER

### PARENTS TRAVELING

with toddlers no longer need to worry if they have enough clean bibs.

Kipiis bib clips are a stylish and efficient alternative to traditional cloth.



The brightly colored gadgets instantly convert any napkin or towel into a bib. Kipiis' (pronounced "kip-eez") adjustable design makes them easy to use at a moment's notice, and the clasps fit securely to whatever's handy, so there's no fuss. Kipiis are ideal for on-the-go parents,

as well as for dining out, but they are also useful for finger painting and messy arts and crafts. And the clips fit neatly in a small handbag.

Kipiis were created by Portland, Oregon-based designer and entrepreneur Diane Evershed. "I knew there should be an option that did not require porting a bulky bib with remnants of the meal in my sac," Evershed says of her invention.



To find a retailer, or to purchase, go on the Web to [kipiis.com](http://kipiis.com).

—Amanda Young

# GOOD SCENTS

LYDIA LEE pays a call to a Parisian **FLORAL BOUTIQUE** where everything's coming up roses.

A SHORT STROLL from the Luxembourg Gardens in central Paris, you stumble across a bit of floral chaos. Rose petals, cascading onto the sidewalk, lure

you to the doorstep

of a decorous

17th-century

building

painte

green and

brown.

As you approach, you

catch a whiff

of an enticing

aroma. Once inside the boutique,

you are enveloped

by lush bouquets of

pink, red, and white roses.

Perhaps, up until now, your relationship with the queen of all flowers has grown a bit stale. You barely glance at her in the supermarket checkout. You find her a bit sterile when all 12 of her look exactly the same, wrapped summarily in plastic. *Enfin*—you need to rediscover her charm.

At Au Nom de la Rose, a specialty florist that sells only roses, you may find yourself falling in love again. Each day, the shop offers at least 50 varieties, including unusual garden roses cultivated for their scent and deeply perfumed roses imported from Kenya.

Each bouquet here is composed of several different colors. Even if you decide on an all-red bunch, it will be made up of at least three varieties, lending what the French call *profondeur*,

or depth, to the bouquet. One of the shop's most popular bouquets is "the heart of roses"—an assortment of four dozen, lusciously massed

like chocolates in the form of a giant heart.

By the time the florist carefully wraps your chosen bouquet in white paper, and twists a single rose around the neat package—the shop's signature presentation—you may be so enamored that you'll be tempted to keep it for yourself.

The original boutique, in the 6th Arrondissement, opened in 1991 after a group of florists decided to devote themselves to selling the favorite flower. Since then, Au Nom de la Rose has blossomed into 39 shops throughout France and as far away as Beirut, Brussels, Prague, and San Francisco.

The store also offers perfumed candles, room spray, and linen water, available in three distinct scents. Are you more inspired by *volupté* (delight), *quiétude* (tranquility), or *ivresse* (intoxication)? To find out, you'll have to stop and smell the roses. ★

### THE TICKET

The original boutique in Paris is on Rue de Tournon 4. Visit the San Francisco shop at 224 Kearny St.

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