

Pilgrim's Progress

Judy Pilgrim Stewart makes about fifty-five dolls a year. Each is individual, with its own face and history and its own authentic Victorian wardrobe. A few are portraits of clients' relatives or historical or literary figures, some are fashion dolls and the rest are Jennies named after Ms. Stewart's oldest daughter. They are ordered individually, and prices vary but start at about \$100. A computer-produced doll is to a Jenny doll as a cabbage is to a rose. As of this fall Ms. Stewart had made 1,509 dolls and is making more as fast as she can. Those who would like a doll and are willing to wait should write Judy Pilgrim Stewart, 56 Riverside Drive, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 0G2.



Strap Hangers

James LeMaistre was a New Brunswick university student hauling garbage on the side when he picked up two pieces of scrap leather from the city dump. He cut them into straps and designed a simple shoulder carrier to hold his seven-month-old daughter, Anna-Maria. Anna-Maria loved it. So did her mother, Sandra. He started manufacturing the carriers, which he called Superkodlers, and soon lots of people loved them – Diana, the Princess of Wales (who was given one free), Eaton's Department stores, Zeller's and Simpson Sears. The sling is made of five pieces of soft leather, strong enough to tow an automobile. It is, as he says, "safe, yet simple." It can carry up to forty-five pounds and can be used to tote handicapped children as well as infants. The Superkodlers, which sell for about \$30, will soon be for sale in the United States.

Interested retailers can write or call the U.S. distributor, Alvin Comisso, Como Trading Inc., P.O. Box 186, Hudson Heights, Quebec J0P 1J0, (514) 458-7668.

No-Mess Oil Change

Changing your own oil is economical but, traditionally, messy. First you crawl under the car and open the drain and then you slide out on the oil you've spilled.

With the Vacupump you can drain oil from above. Attach your pump to the five-litre canister and the appropriate hose or hoses to the pump. Remove the dipstick and push the hose down the tube until it hits the bottom. Draw out the oil, right into the canister. No mess. You can also use the pump to drain aquariums, plugged sinks and other awkward places.

The suggested retail price is \$25. Write or call John Ferguson, Scepter Manufacturing, 11 Bermondsey Road, Toronto, Ontario M4B 1Z3, (416) 751-3820.

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