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## A Parisienne in Brooklyn by Carol VanderKloot



Ok, this year's [New York International Gift Fair](#) at Javits Center was so dominated by vintage-inspired, knotty pined, whip stitched, whimsical objet made in China, I needed a break. Plus, many exhibitors showed copious copies of works by [Gio Ponti](#), [Alexander Girard](#), [David Hicks](#), with NO mention or credit given. It's a shame really, with [Etsy](#), the rage and craft making officially embraced by hipsters, why isn't [macrame](#) going mainstream? Too bad, as charming, cheerful, hand sewn by a [Parisiane](#) in [Brooklyn](#) is indeed an option. [Sylvie-Pillows lavender sachets](#) are all that and a whiff of lovely. You can gift [Electric Birds](#), opting for functional, delicious smelling eye candy or selfishly incorporate in your travels to keep packables smelling sweet or refresh a room in need of a boost. Besides bringing something lovely, your host will marvel at your choice as products are sold ONLY at small boutiques or through the designer. No re-gifting here, I guarantee it. For pillows, table linens, tapestries and lavender sachets, visit: [www.sylvie-pillows.com](http://www.sylvie-pillows.com)

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