

accessories

with attitude

A Tuff Betty is a chick who is terminally trendy yet doesn't cater to the masses and wears whatever she wants, when she wants to wear it.

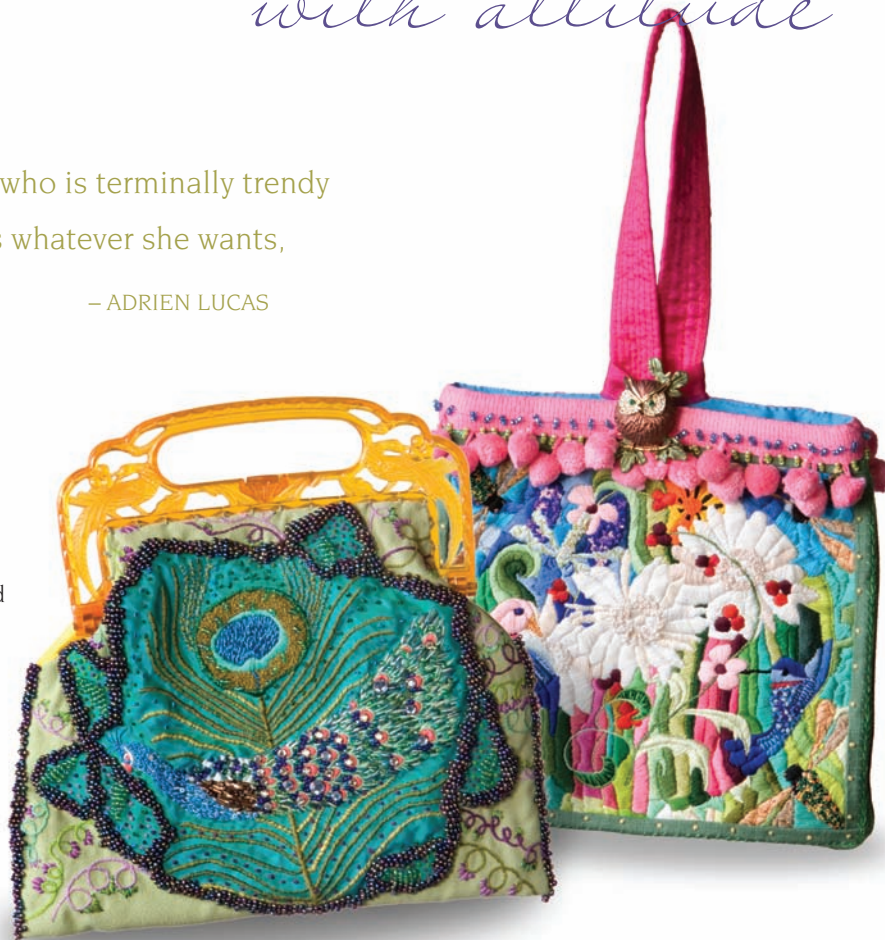
– ADRIEN LUCAS

sassy

When you carry a Tuff Betty Bag, your walk becomes a strut. You *sashay* across the room. Each intricately detailed bag is handmade by Sarasota designer/fashionista Adrien Lucas, who has been creating one-of-a-kind accessories since she was a teen. "When I was in high school I skipped a lot of school and would drive my Dodge Dart to Pittsburgh and Cleveland to view textile displays at museum art shows. I became a regular at the local thrift stores, where I would search out vintage clothes embellished with beading or embroidery. By disassembling purses and clothing that were beyond repair, I taught myself the intricacies of beading and began a collection of vintage beads and trim that I still use today."

Priced from \$50 – \$1,000

www.tuffbettybags.com



vivacious

Colorful, contemporary textiles form the foundation of Mary Allman's original handbags. Her intrinsic attention to detail is evident in each piece she lovingly fashions. "Conception in my mind's eye, the drawing of pattern pieces, and the thought process of how to engineer each new construction are only the beginning."

Allman then embellishes the bags to create one-of-a-kind, functional works of art. "I'm thrilled to see others enjoying the end result of all this artistic energy by proudly wearing one of my original pieces."

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confident

Cover artist Mary Buck makes tiaras like you've never seen before. "Finely articulated out of densely woven silver and gold wire, then highlighted with gemstones and pearls, the crowns are astonishing in their intricacy and richness of design and easily transcend the category of mere ornament."

– Art critic Rinchen Lhamo

Mary Buck says a tiara is not a must-have accessory of the moment. It is most emphatically not about frantic consumption, and the ideal wearer of one would be a woman who doesn't find it necessary to manufacture stand-out moments in her life. Rather, a tiara is for the woman who has always known that nobody needs to try too hard. She has always understood the archetypal significance of ornamentation and frankly, she's not inclined to give it too much thought.

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You place a crown on your head and something wonderful happens. Your spine straightens. I think that there is greatness in everyone, and a crown can be the quintessential attribute to remind us of this, the antidote to underestimating yourself.

– MARY BUCK



bold

As a child, Nikki Feldbaum accompanied her fashion model mother to shows. It was there her interest in design took root, later blossoming into clothing and jewelry design. Renowned for her opulent wire and gem-studded jewelry, Feldbaum's distinctive collection is a blend of sculpture and jewelry.

Taking the art of adornment to glorious heights, the designer weaves exotic pearls, precious gems and semiprecious stones into opulent pins, rings, necklaces, bracelets and earrings.

"My jewelry isn't really for the masses; it's for the person who wants to make a statement. When a client looks in the mirror I want her to say, 'I look really wonderful today. This piece empowers me. This piece gives me the attitude I want to feel.'"

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