

The easel, the loom, the potters' wheel. The camera, the kiln, the chisel. The Vineyard is rich in artisans with eyes and hands of fine artists. Whether for the collector, homeowner or discriminating designer or architect, Made-on-Island is a gallery for new possibilities.

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Jynell Kristal Primitive Art to Premium Products

It started with greeting cards with watercolor graphics that appeared to be created with torn paper. Now these whimsical, bright designs grace several lines of glassware, from tumblers to mugs to wine and champagne glasses.

Jynell Kristal's designs are simple, but guaranteed to provoke grins upon viewing. Inspired by the beach, her screen-printed graphics

include her Seaside line – a starfish, sun, fish, and lobster – and her Florida line with turtle, sun, flamingo, and palm tree. Also available – an olive, a

cup of coffee, and a lady's shoe. Each glass sports a single, colorful graphic on one side, with a smaller one on the reverse.

The glassware lines began about a year ago, an offshoot of Jynell's 15-year-old greeting card business. "I wanted to look for a way to get the graphics onto household goods because that would be more fun," Jynell recalls.



"Once I started putting them on glasses, I thought it clicked."

In addition to her artistic endeavors, Jynell owns and runs Crocker House Inn in Vineyard Haven with her husband Jeff and their two children, Evan and Emma.

Born and raised in Michigan, Jynell's artistic training began in high school and college, but her main course of study was in the field of

hospitality and tourism. She worked briefly in Bermuda for the Marriott Corporation in the early 1990s, where, inspired by her passion for the ocean, she began painting her beach-inspired greeting cards.

After living in Boston in the mid 1990s, she relocated to the Vineyard. "I worked here in college," she recalls. "And fell in love with it. When I decided to have my own bed and breakfast, I thought, what better place than Martha's Vineyard."

Her new glassware business, however, will not spell the end of her popular card series. "I still make the cards for the designs," Jynell insists. But her current focus is expanding into other products including clothing (t-shirts and sweats), plates and accessories for the kitchen and bath. A website (www.jynell-designs.com) is in the works, as are a line of



more family-friendly acrylic tumblers.

It seems there's no stopping Jynell and her plans



for her fanciful art. "I'm always working on new designs," she says.

Jynell Kristal's glassware is available on-line and at the Crocker House Inn's gift shop in Vineyard Haven. **vs**



Toast of the town: They may not be genuine crystal, but Jynell Kristal's glassware is far more fun and lasting.