

Other Cool Stuff

CONSTRUCTION JACK: THE GREAT AMERICAN TRADESMEN

When you work at a newspaper, you start to get e-mails around March that say: "Do you put together a gift guide? Please consider this for your gift guide." And in March, I'm thinking, "What gift guide?"

Soon these e-mails become a daily annoyance, and I'm deleting faster than I can read what crappy product they want me to buy. So nearly, very nearly, did I miss Construction Jack.

Link Innovations were no fools in sending the www.constructionjack.com link out to queer newspaper e-mails around the country. Although intended to be basically toys representing blue-collar trades, these boys are, well, pretty. And buff. And butch. And in uniform.



And they come with a bunch of really cool toolbox accessories.

Choose from the Construction Jack carpenter, plumber, painter or electrician on the Web site or locally at Fred Meyer stores. Helpful information on the back of every box explains what these boys actually do at work, including an effusively patriotic speech describing "workers whose skill, inspiration and 'can-do' attitude have built the infrastructure that has allowed the United States to become the most advanced industrial society the world has ever known." Wow.

In a very exciting Construction Jack development, next year will hail more models with different ethnic backgrounds and (drum roll, please) Construction Jill.

DAFRIDGE.COM: THE WORLD'S COOLEST STUFF

A visit to www.dafridge.com is like being a kid in a candy store. So many flavors, and all good.

Specializing in magnets, the Web site also includes all that funky retro stuff you're embarrassed you



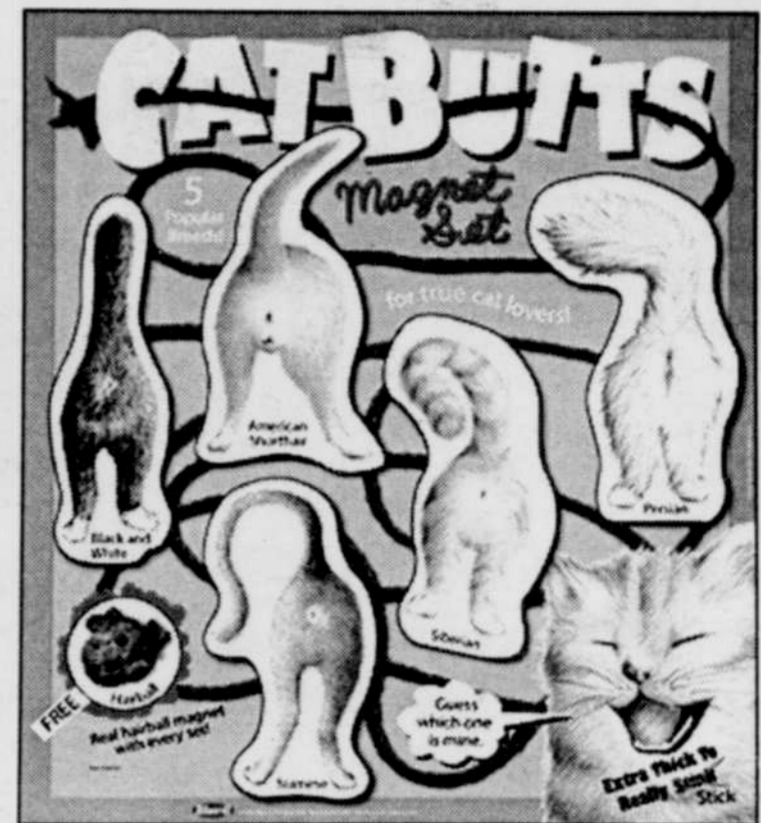
Easy gift ideas from D Afridge.com

want, like Total Bitch brand soap and Dirty Girl lip balm. All this stuff is great for stocking stuffers and those dreaded office party gift exchanges.

LUSTYLINEN.COM: SEX ED ON YOUR BED

The next time you need a creative idea in the bedroom, wouldn't it be convenient just to take a peek down at your pillowcase for inspiration? Let www.lustylinen.com keep you warm at night with the likes of Sappho and Gay Gladiators sheet and pillowcase designs. They also offer a tight-grip, no-slip bondage bed sheet with wide cotton ties built into each corner.

Unfortunately, their bath decals illustrating four positions for shower sex only include straight



couples, but a few thousand e-mails could probably change that.

—Lisa Bradshaw



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