

My little pleasures...

CHOCOLAT CAUGHT UP WITH STYLIST JULIA GRIEVE TO FIND OUT WHAT MAKES LIFE THAT MUCH SWEETER.

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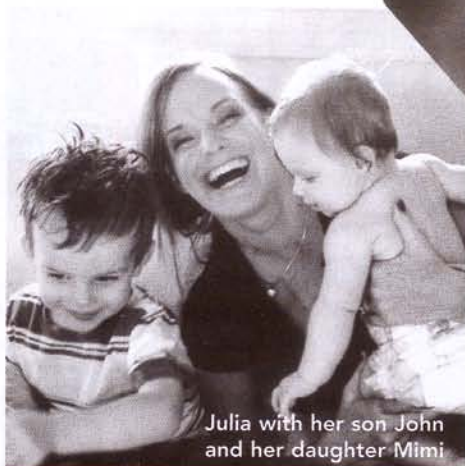


... WILD FLOWERS

"Black-eyed Susans are my favourite wildflowers," Grieve says. She admits to not having the greenest of thumbs. "I love houseplants, but I kill them all the time."



Black-eyed Susans



Julia with her son John and her daughter Mimi

... BBQ FLIPPER

"The barbecue flipper that's also a tong" is the household gadget the Grieve family can't do without. "It's great. You can flip and hold whatever you're cooking." Get hip to the new flipper. FLIPPER made of metal and plastic, about \$4, by Grill Pro. Available at *Home Depot*, www.homedepot.ca.

WHO: JULIA GRIEVE, founder of Preloved, and Canadian trendsetter. Her line of reconstructed vintage clothes celebrated its 10-year anniversary last year. **WHY SHE'S HOT:** The über-popular indie clothing label — with stores in Toronto, Montreal and now Vancouver (the boutique opened in March) — is finally branching out. Look for the first few items in a new home accessories line. This fall: Gorgeous pillows and quirky accessories like wine bags, all in hip vintage material. Keep your eyes peeled for other items such as denim duvet covers, coming to stores in the future! Visit www.preloved.ca.



The preloved shop in Toronto

... MARTINI GLASSES

"Offering guests a signature drink when I greet them at the door" is Grieve's idea of an entertaining essential. The cocktail of the moment? A little something she likes to call French Lemonade: A mix of vodka, Alizé and pink lemonade, served with style in a martini glass over ice. Try it for yourself. Belvedere premium VODKA, 750 ml, about \$30, Alizé passion fruit LIQUOR 750 ml, about \$20, both available at *liquor stores* nationwide. Up the class quotient with the perfect martini GLASS: Aura, \$75, designed by Jasper Conran. Waterford crystal, 1 800 668-7585, www.waterwedgewood.com.



... NUTSHELL NECKLACE

"My nutshell necklace that I just can't live without. I play with it all the time." The accessory, which she found while sifting through thrift shops in Montreal, smells like peanuts. Get in touch with your inner boho by picking up your own beaded necklace. Nicholson plastic NECKLACE, \$15. Available at *Aldo*, 1 800 326-2536, www.aldoshoes.com.



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