

Children's notebook Baking, by Daisy Bridgewater

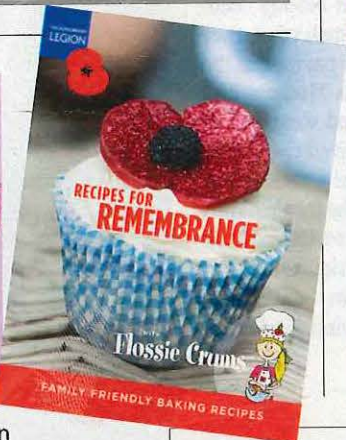
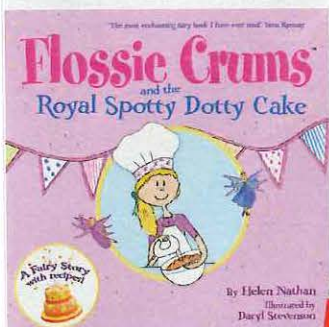
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COVER STORY Baking with children is a complicated dance around the kitchen, elbows out and mixing bowl held high to keep small, greedy fingers at bay. Now that mine have mastered the hand-held electric whisk, my walls are textured with cake mixture, clinging cement-like to the tiles. But I still love cooking with them, particularly when all ingredients can be mixed together in one bowl, and I can retreat to a safe distance. Better still when everyone is in aprons, and the work surface is covered with something easy to clean. I love just about everything by the Dutch designer Sabine Engel, especially this apple apron, £13.50 (lifesaparty.co.uk).



EMBOSSSED COOKIE CUTTERS

Star Wars Heroes and Villains, £14.98, williams-sonoma.com; Kitchen Craft 3D rocket, £3.15, colanderscookshop.co.uk; Letter Pressed, £12.95, follyhome.co.uk



BAKER WITH A CAUSE At seven and three quarters, Flossie Crums, royal baker to the fairy kingdom of Romolonia, is a resourceful thing. Created by the cookery school owner Helen Nathan, Flossie has starred in three adventures (the latest is *Flossie Crums and the Royal Spotty Dotty Cake*, anovabooks.com, £8.99) that combine fairy capers with real-life baking projects. Fans can buy edible fairy glitter (£2.99) and sugar cows (£2.99 for six) from her website (flossiecrums.com). This month she has also launched a pocket-size cookbook, *Recipes for Remembrance* (£2.50), to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion, with all profits going to supporting the Armed Forces.

IF YOU'RE APPY AND YOU KNOW IT... While it is alarming to have anything electronic near my children when they are cooking, I have to make an exception for the Hummingbird Bakery Cake Days app (£2.99). Not only does it have delicious recipes, but also a setting where you can clap your hands to go to the next page.



FELIX & LILY'S This tiny boutique sits in Camden Passage, Islington, north London. Originally opened six years ago as a supplier of all things children, it now focuses on small, hard-to-find clothes labels such as Mini Rodini, and high-quality wooden toys, for children aged 0-6. The wooden greengrocer's display that sits next to the counter is hard to resist. 3 Camden Passage, London N1 (020-7424 5423; felixandlilys.com). To vote in our Best Small Shops in Britain awards, with the chance to win a fabulous prize, visit telegraph.co.uk/shopawards by December 5