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In preparation for family camping trips, Kaari Meng's mom stitched matching outfits for her five children. "There's a picture of us at the Grand Canyon and we're all wearing navy blue shorts and red-and-white striped shirts," says Kaari. "It made us easy to spot at campgrounds."

French General

That kind of regimentation might have turned out conformists. Instead, all five siblings work in creative fields. Kaari is no exception: for years she designed and made jewelry for clients that included Anthropologie. In 1997, wanting to spend time with her new daughter, she left the jewelry business and with her husband opened French General in the barn behind their New York home. In 2003 they moved to L.A., where, in both their brick-and-mortar shop and online, they sell the beads, buttons, ribbons, and textiles they collect each summer in France. When Kaari's book Home Sewn was published in 2008, Moda came knocking. Kaari's currently working on her 7th line of French-inspired fabric.

"From my mom, I inherited my love of France's culture, atmosphere, and way of life," says Kaari. "From my dad, I inherited my sense of design. He was a rep for Georg Jensen and Kosta Boda and he'd come home each night and set up table displays."

Kaari's grateful for these points of view. "For me, it's about color and texture and old materials and the thrill of the hunt and the tiny bit of textile that may inspire a whole fabric line," she says. "I feel lucky to do something I love."

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O 13570AB BUNDLE: 40 SKUS 18" x 22"
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