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THE CONSTANT SHOPPER

THE ITEM: Apron by Domistyle, in Wild Orchid style

THE COST: \$35, which includes custom embroidery when you buy online

WHERE TO BUY: Shop online at <http://www.domistylegifts.com>, at <http://www.sheshoppe.ca> and at Skirt (903 Dundas St. W.), Red Pegasus (628 College St.), and the Bata Shoe Museum (327 Bloor St. W.), which has a collection of Domistyle aprons embroidered with the phrase "Will Cook For Shoes"

Vanessa Lee and Jessica Wong loved throwing dinner parties for their friends, and when they went looking for cute aprons to wear while hosting, they stumbled upon an idea for a business.

"We thought it would be cute to have aprons," says Wong. "We went shopping, but we couldn't find anything. We made up a couple of samples and wore them to our party, and people were like, "those are cute!"

After experimenting with different patterns to find a fit that would flatter the figures of a wide variety of women, Wong and Lee, who are both 25, started selling their aprons, and three years later, their stylish aprons are available in over 70 stores across Canada.

There are more than a dozen different styles on view on the Domistyle website, and all feature vibrant colours and contemporary silk-screened prints. Customized embroidery is available if you order online, and popular choices include "Will Cook For Shoes" and "Gourmet Goddess."

The Constant Shopper owns one, and while I admit I'm not much of a cook, the boyfriend hardly notices my gourmet gaffes when I'm wearing the apron, which hugs my curves in the most flattering way.

Made of crisp poly/cotton that doesn't wrinkle even when I stuff it in the smallest drawer in my kitchen, I've washed my Domistyle apron several times, and it hasn't shrunk or faded.

All are priced under \$50, which make them a perfect gift. The Constant Shopper recommends them as a Mother's Day token. The big day is on May 14 this year, and Lee and Wong recommend allowing two weeks for delivery if you're ordering custom embroidery.



Domistyle aprons are flattering to the figure, and easy to care for.

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