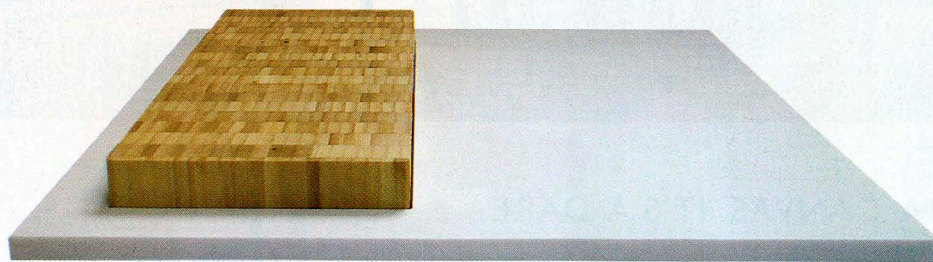
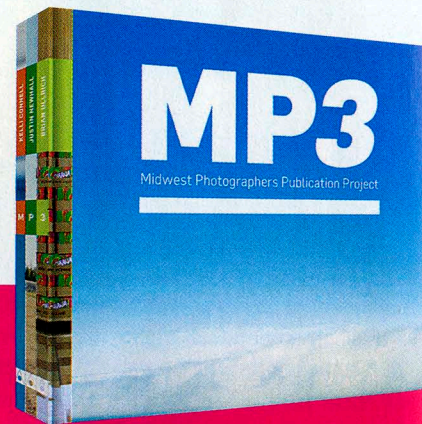


Salvor Kiosk / www.kioskhello.com / Before opening her store in New York's SoHo neighborhood (above), Alisa Grifo had previous lives as a set designer, apprentice at a Belgian theater company, and assistant curator at the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum. Her eclectic past was the perfect preparation for her latest venture. These days Grifo's gig is combing the globe to gather traditional wares that demonstrate the aesthetic of their origins—like these sublimely packaged crayons, notebooks, and bobby pins from Mexico.



Pod 1 Tray with Butcher Block / By FTF Design Studio / www.ftfdesignstudio.com / Mention Corian, and most people conjur images of kitchen countertops. The folks at FTF Design Studio have deftly repurposed this durable and minimal material into a simple sculptural serving tray. The natural grain of the bamboo butcher block is the perfect addition, creating a pleasant contrast against the stark white canvas of the tray.



MP3 / Aperture Foundation / \$30 / www.aperture.org / Kelli Connell, Justin Newhall, and Brian Ulrich are three rising Heartland photographers who comprise this compelling three-book boxed set from the Midwest Photographers Publication Project. Connell traces the path of a lesbian relationship (sleuths will spot the same model posing as both halves of the couple); Newhall documents banality on the Lewis and Clark Trail; and standout Ulrich snaps vibrantly comic takes on American consumerism.