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Love & Letters

SET THE TONE of your wedding early on by way of decidedly personal and purposeful stationery. Whether you envision a traditional soiree, a rustic shindig, or an intimate south-of-the-border destination wedding, find solace and inspiration via Santa Barbara's ingenious paper designers.

For Heidi Jimenez of **Zenadia Design**, 805-757-7693, zenadiadesigns.com, working with fabrics such as cotton paper, velvet, suede, and leather lends her invitations a distinct texture unrivaled by traditional cardstock. • Perhaps drawing inspiration from her **Honey Paper**, 805-325-9320, honey-paper.com, storefront's natural Santa Ynez surroundings, UC Los Angeles design grad Michelle Castle brings the outside in with highly refined die cutting and wood printing on Fabriano Medioevale deckled edge paper and wood veneer. • Harkling back to the elegance, warmth, and beauty of vintage practices such as letterpress, the craftsmanship of **Lazaro Press & Design**, 805-861-8409, lazaropress.com, coalesces a variety of traditional and new techniques, including highly detailed laser cutting, to yield eye-catching, intricate designs. • "Not one to follow trends," Leslie Lewis Saylor of **Lilly and Louise**, 805-887-9474, lillyandlouise.com, "works one-on-one with clients" without a pre-fab look back to "create truly custom designs unique to each couple's story." Ever the artist, she has used everything from watercolor painting to stitching and thread to satisfy brides' varied visions. —A.G.S.

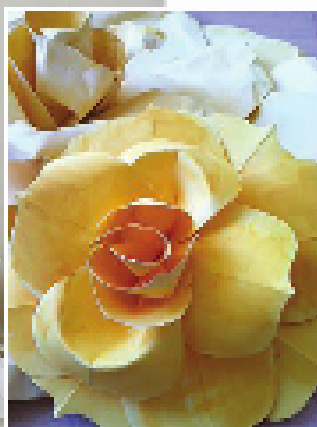


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ZENADIA DESIGN



A CUT ABOVE



AN ARTIST BY TRADE and owner of **Fanciful Event Designs**, Noel Solomon loves paper. With a passion for craftsmanship, she scrupulously handcuts and sculpts 100 percent cotton French paper into awe-inspiring, oversize floral art (from \$15). Drawing inspiration from the "steady yet ever-evolving brilliance of our mountainous coastline, people, and energy" and articulating high-level sophistication and ingenuity as her trademarks, she allows each piece's personalized brilliance to "make someone stop for a moment, wonder, and pause to appreciate a form of art you don't

see everyday," she says. Wow your guests with Fanciful centerpieces, chair backings, canopies, window displays, or favors. Better yet, collaborate with Solomon to create a custom design of any size. —A.G.S.

FANCIFUL DESIGNS 849-294-9626, fancifulshop.com. Available at LILLY, 111 Coast Village Rd., Montecito, 805-295-0525.