





## DISCOVER

WE MOST LIKELY HAVE ALL HEARD OF HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON AND HIS STORIES BUT I RECENTLY STUMBLED UPON HIS HAND CUT PAPER PIECES.

I WENT DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE...

## LIFE

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN FULL OF WONDERFUL TRAVEL FOR US. SEEING WONDERS OF THE WORLD AND BEING AWED BY THIS PLANET.

WE RECENTLY GOT BACK FROM THE YUCCATAN PENINSULA IN MEXICO WHERE THE MAYAN PEOPLE CALLED HOME. MARVELING AT THEIR ACIENT WORK AND THE WORK OF THE COSMOS WHILE BATHING IN A CENOTE.

BONUS : MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY COOKIES. BAKE, EAT, REPEAT.

A PLAYLIST THAT TAKES ME BACK TO WORKING AT JCREW DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

## FINDS

LIKE EVERY HOLIDAY SEASON I AM SURE YOUR INBOXES ARE OVER FLOWING WITH GIFT GUIDES. SO I WILL KEEP THIS SHORT AND SWEET.

AS ALWAYS A COLLECTION OF GOODS JUST FOR YOU! STRAIGHT FROM MY MONTHLY DEEP DIVE FOR VINTAGE GOODS ONLINE. THINGS I LOVE BUT CAN'T RESELL, SO YOU REALLY WIN WITH THIS ONE. NO GATEKEEPING HERE.



# DISCOVER



## HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON

IT'S SAID THAT HANS WAS RARELY EVER WITHOUT HIS SCISSORS AND PAPER, READY TO ENTERTAIN FRIENDS AND THEIR CHILDREN WITH HIS WHIMSICAL DESIGNS. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THESE SPECTACULAR PAPER PIECES AND I'VE ALREADY SPENT HOURS LOOKING AT THEM. I LOVE WHEN AN ARTIST EXPLORES OTHER FORMS OF EXPRESSION. AND I THINK IT'S REMARKABLE THAT MANY MANY YEARS LATER PICASSO AND MATISSE ALSO EXPLORED THIS FORM OF ART. I THINK I MIGHT JUST BE NEXT.

### FROM THE MUSEUM ODENSE IN DENMARK --

THROUGH OUT HIS LIFE HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN WAS AN ADDICT TO PAPER. HE WROTE ON IT, HE DREW ON IT AND HE USED IT TO CUT IN. LIKE THE ANCIENT EXPRESSION THAT FORM AND ART IS HIDDEN IN THE STONE, ONLY TO BE REVEALED BY THE SCULPTOR. THE POET USED HIS MATERIAL, THE PAPER, TO ENGRAVE, OR RATHER TO CARVE OUT HIS IDEAS WITH INK AND MORE RADICALLY HE USED HIS SCISSORS TO CUT OUT THE MOST ELEGANT FIGURES.





# LIFE

## SOFT AND CHEWY AMARETTI COOKIES

I'M NOT ITALIAN BUT I GREW UP EATING THESE COOKIES AROUND THE HOLIDAYS. YOU KNOW THE ONES THAT COME WRAPPED IN THAT BEAUTIFUL PRINTED PAPER? THOSE ARE A DRY AND CRUNCHY AND ARE SUPER DELICIOUS WITH A CUP OF COFFEE. THESE ARE MY VERSION, I LOVE THESE CHEWY ALMOND MOUNDS. THEY ARE PERFECT IN A HOLIDAY COOKIE BOX AND LAST IN AN AIR TIGHT CONTAINER FOREVER.

140g granulated sugar, plus more for rolling  
Zest of 1 lemon  
Zest of 1 orange  
165g. almond flour  
2 large egg whites  
1 tsp. almond extract  
1 tsp. amaretto liqueur  
1/4 tsp. orange blossom water (optional but it's wonderful)



In a medium bowl, rub together sugar and zests using your fingertips until sugar turns a pale orange shade. Whisk in almond flour until well combined.

In a large bowl using a hand mixer, beat egg whites until medium peaks form. Add in almond extract, amaretto, orange blossom water (if using), and almond flour mixture and fold to combine. Store dough in an airtight container for at least 2 hours, up to overnight.

When ready to bake, preheat oven to 325°. Line a baking sheet with parchment.

Portion dough into balls about 1 tablespoonful each, sometimes I wet my hands lightly to keep the dough from sticking. Roll in more granulated sugar before placing on prepared sheet 2" apart.

Bake until bottoms are lightly golden, about 23 to 25 minutes.



## BRUNETTE : HOLIDAY

BRUNETTE WINE BAR IS A SPECIAL COZY SPOT IN KINGSTON, NY. ASIDE FROM THE YUMMY WINE AND FOOD THEY HAVE SOME PRETTY GREAT PLAYLISTS. THIS ONE REALLY TAKES ME BACK TO THE MID 2000S, WORKING RETAIL AT JCREW DURING THE HOLIDAYS. MOST OF THESE SONGS WERE PIPED THROUGH THE CEILING ON A DIZZYING REPEAT. A HOTBOX OF PIXIE PANTS, SEQUINS, FISHERMEN KNIT SWEATERS AND DESERT BOOTS. IF YOU KNOW YOU KNOW.

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## CHICHÉN ITZÁ

WE RECENTLY GOT BACK FROM MEXICO AND HAD THE CHANCE TO VISIT CHICHÉN ITZÁ. ONE OF THE ORIGINAL 7 WONDERS OF THE WORLD. HONESTLY I COULD GO ON AND ON ABOUT HOW AMAZING THAT EXPERIENCE WAS. THE KNOWLEDGE AND INGENUITY THAT THE MAYANS POSSESSED WAS ASTONISHING. THEY WERE A CIVILIZATION THAT VALUED SCIENCE, MATH AND THE ARTS. MY NEW WORK FOR MY OBJECT SERIES IS INSPIRED BY MANY OF THE MOTIFS I SAW ON THE TEMPLE RUINS. IF YOU EVER GET THE CHANCE TO DISCOVER CHICHÉN ITZÁ I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT! OH AND GET A LOCAL TOUR GUIDE, YOU WILL GET SO MUCH MORE OUT OF THE EXPERIENCE!

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# FINDS

THINGS TO BUY OR THINGS I HAVE TRIED

NO. 1



NO. 1: MATER SOAP, MUGWORT OR PINE TAR. BEEN BUYING BARS FROM ADDISON (SAME NAME I LOVE IT) FOR YEARS.

NO. 2 : NEW PIECES FROM MY OBJECT SERIES. THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITES.

NO.2

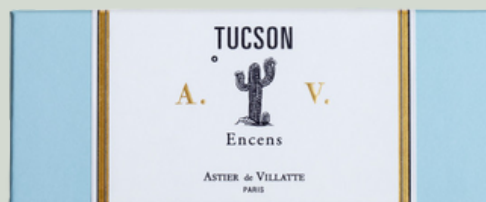


NO. 3 : A LOCAL TO NASHVILLE CHOCOLATE SHOP. BREW THIS LIKE YOU WOULD A TEA BUT IT WILL TASTE LIKE A YUMMY HOT COCO!

NO. 4 : MY ALL TIME FAVORITE CHRISTMAS GIFT AND MY GO TO SCENT ALL YEAR.

NO. 5 : I WAS VERY KINDLY GIFTED THESE HAND BLOWN GOBLET AND THEY ARE MY FAVORITE.

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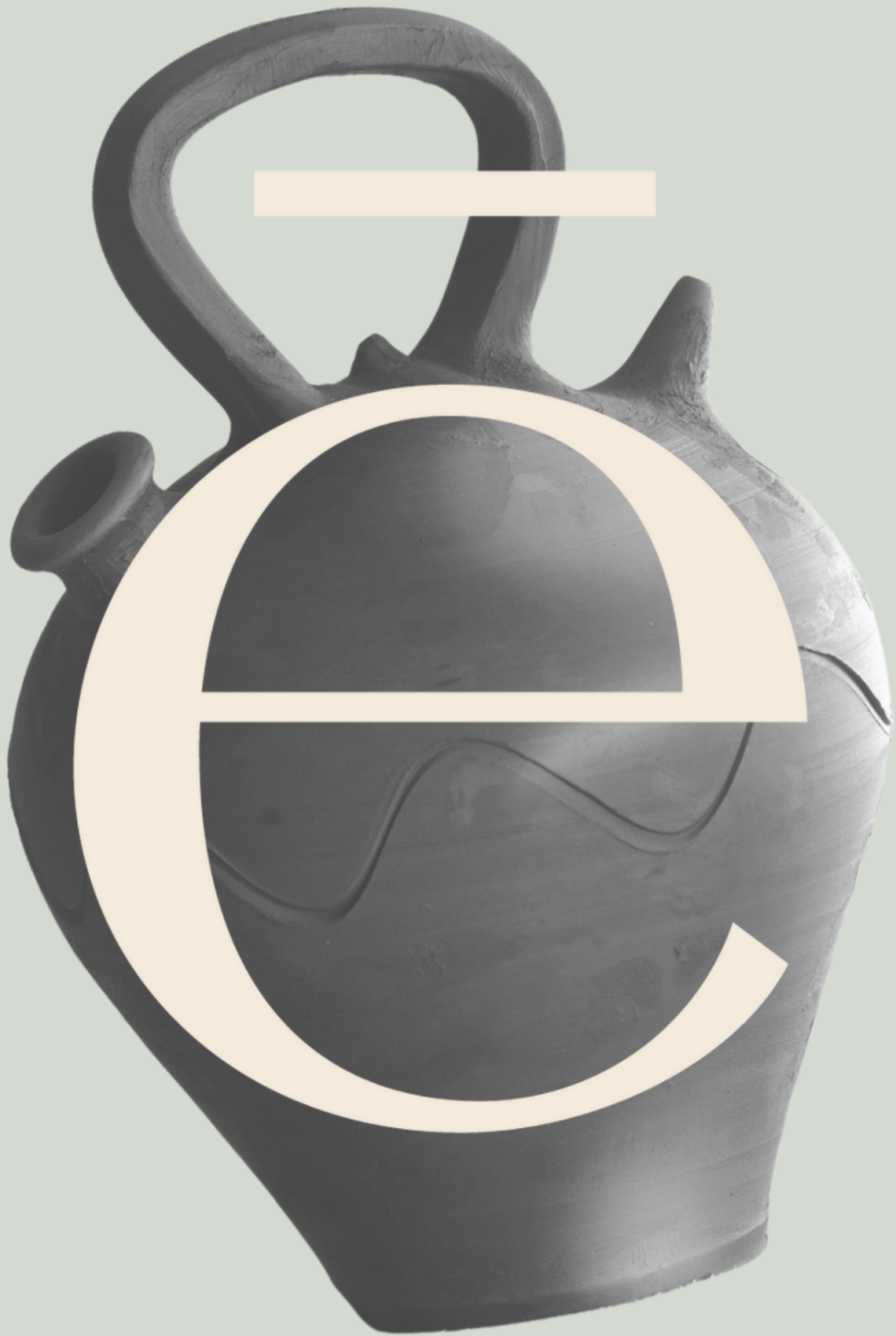
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**STAY IN TOUCH**

THANK YOU  
UNTIL NEXT MONTH, BE WELL