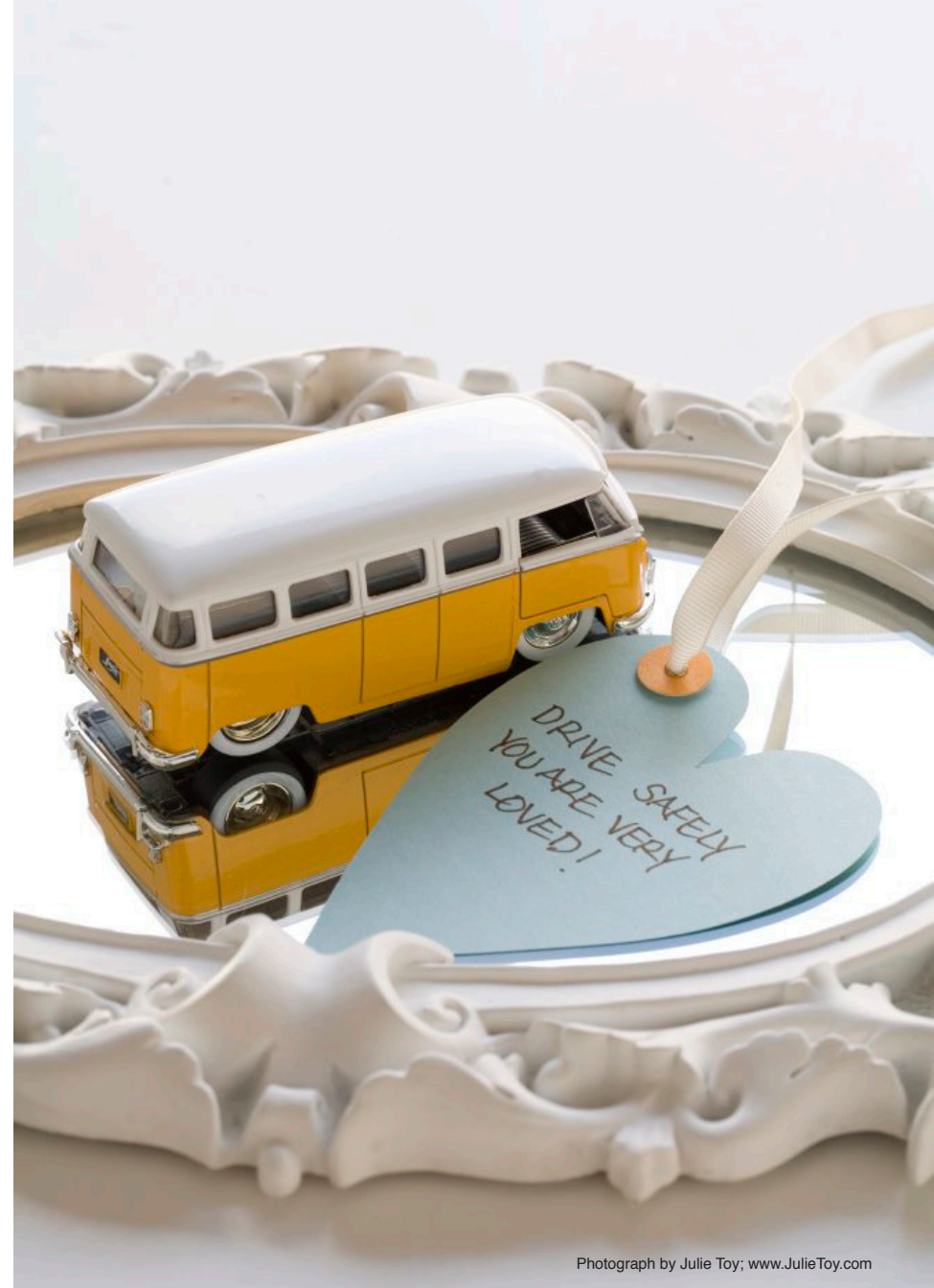


Sweet See Ya Later's

Leaving the house in the morning is seldom a serene endeavor. Most likely, it's a mad rush of throwing together breakfast and school lunches, inhaling coffee, and getting the kids to the bus without forgetting to kiss your partner on the way out the door. If more often than not, you find yourself missing those sweet see-ya-laters in the tornado of activity, here's a thoughtful tradition to remind you both of that connection that sustains you throughout the day.

THINGS YOU'LL NEED:

Assorted Paper
Colorful Pens
Ribbons
Toys
Coins
Figurines





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Even a quick note makes a big impact. Leave them where they can be seen just as loved ones rush out the door, like on top of the entry table.

**You also can attach the notes
to household toys or
everyday objects to
help
illustrate your message:**

Toy cars: Drive safely, precious cargo!

Dog figurine: Miss you, love Spot!

A penny on star-shaped cut paper: You re a superstar!

A sun painted on craft paper by the kids: Hello sunshine!

Extend the tradition to briefcase tags. Write your message on plain paper, punch a hole in the corner and tie to the case with a ribbon that s all there is to it! Here are some ideas to start:

Thanks for working so hard now come home!

You re our favorite thing!

You and me sitting in a tree K-I-S-S-I-N-G

A game between two people that plays out over days or weeks can become loads of fun. Find a book of simple games and puzzles, or go online. Copy a page, print it, or make your own. Start the game by leaving a note that reads: Your move! Keep the fun going until someone wins. Secret prizes are encouraged. There s a game for everyone, from quick little matches of Tic Tac Toe and Hangman, to extended contests of checkers or chess.