

# emotional ties

Fashion designer **Savannah Miller**, 35, lives in Gloucestershire with her husband Nick and their children Moses, nine, Lyra, six, and Bali, two. Here she shares her favourite things

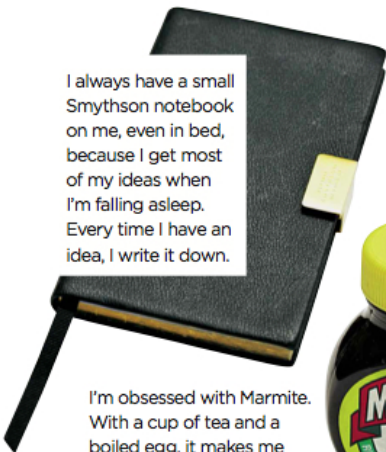


These bracelets were a gift from my godfather Francesco Boglioni. When one of the women in his family has a baby, their name and birthday are crafted into coins by a jeweller in Turin. He sadly died before Bali was born, so I can't get one for her.



When I was little, my father went away on business a lot; when he was at home he used to read *The Velveteen Rabbit* to me, so I associate it with magical times with my dad. Now I read it to my children.

I always have a small Smythson notebook on me, even in bed, because I get most of my ideas when I'm falling asleep. Every time I have an idea, I write it down.



I'm obsessed with Marmite. With a cup of tea and a boiled egg, it makes me feel like everything is OK.



When Bali was two months old, I took a footprint and made this dish for Nick for Valentine's Day. Actually, I didn't really give it to him – it sits beside my bed.



My children made these cross-stitches when we lived in Panama for a year. I had been desperately trying to get them to sew, then suddenly something clicked; Lyra is now obsessed and can sit and embroider for hours.



My Chanel bag was a gift from my heavenly sister for my 30th birthday. It's a power piece: when I wear it, I feel like I can take on the world.



My sister Sienna [the actress] commissioned this painting for my birthday from an incredible artist called Lily Musker. It shows all my children and Sienna's little girl Marlowe [third from left].

■ Savannah is ambassador for Britain's Top Real Role Model 2014, an initiative launched by Amway UK that is dedicated to identifying new talent among the nation's entrepreneurs. This year's focus is women in enterprise, [britainstoprealrolemodel.co.uk](http://britainstoprealrolemodel.co.uk)

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