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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT  
The family pool at the Ace. Kimmel and crafters transform Splendid fabric and wooden beads into necklaces. Weaving and crochet. Hand-tooled leather courtesy of RTH. Converse participates in the festivities. Kimmel in her element. Chatmon Alvarez, Bernstein and Kimmel.



## The Knitty Gritty

In Palm Springs, the coolest names in L.A. design headline this year's all-ages Crafting Community **BY CHRISTINE LENNON**

If “craft” still conjures memories of wonky potholders and crunchy potpourri sachets, L.A.-based Karen Kimmel’s **Crafting Community** will change your perspective. Kimmel and her partners, Stacy Bernstein and Tait Chatmon Alvarez, are set to yet again transform the Ace Hotel in Palm Springs into a mecca for design-centric, hands-on family fun.

Kimmel’s vision of a weekend utopia for artsy families to learn and play together (unplugged from technology) has grown over five years from the original model of 20 families to 150—a complete takeover of the hotel grounds—and an impressive roster of participating artists. In between morning yoga, skateboarding workshops, family taco night and s’mores by the fire, artisans such as handbag designer Clare Vivier, style setter and leather goods maker Rene Holguin of RTH, textiles designer Rachel Craven, and sculptor/artist/activist

Tanya Aguiniga hold workshops to create mini-art projects with universal appeal.

The bounty has included hand-tooled leather bracelets and lanyards, crochet projects and miniature succulent gardens. Sponsoring the event is fashion label Splendid (Crafting Community has hosted daylong events for the label’s store openings across the country), Todd Oldham with Kid Made Modern, One Kings Lane and Whole Foods Market.

“The goal is to help parents connect with their kids and create a beautiful, inspiring environment,” says Kimmel. “There’s so much competing for our attention these days. And we spend so much time online looking for ideas. At Crafting Community, you don’t have to go on Pinterest to look at amazing design; it’s all around you. So you can spend that time with your family instead.” Oct. 4-6; Ace Hotel, P.S.; [craftingcommunity.com](http://craftingcommunity.com). •

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