

GARDEN & GUN

Sixth Annual Made in the South Awards



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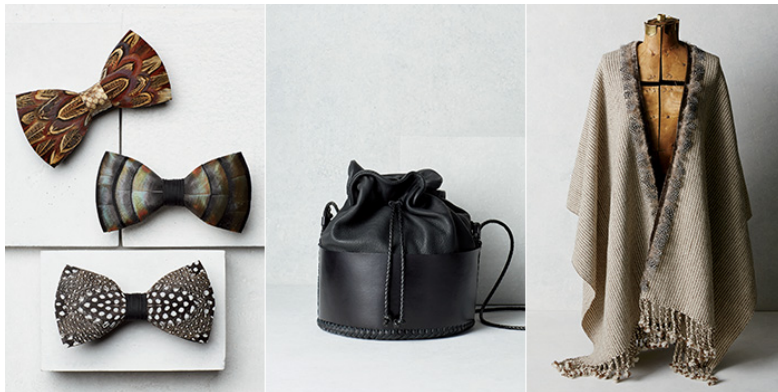
A new class of Southern artisans have turned their passion for craftsmanship and quality into a way of life.

From an Appalachian cure master to a Georgia riverboat builder to a pair of Texas single-malt distillers, the 2015 winners of our Made in the South Awards share a commitment to excellence and

demonstrate ingenuity at every turn. With nearly 1,000 entries this year, the annual contest proved once again that the spirit of craftsmanship is alive and well in the South. Our editors spent countless hours carefully examining each entry. And once again we enlisted the help of a panel of expert judges to assist in the monumentally difficult task of selecting one winner and three runners-up in each of our six categories—home, food, drink, style, crafts, and outdoors—along with one overall winner to take home a \$10,000 grand prize.



Style Category: Runners-Up



Gum Tree Farm Designs
Product: Wool cape
Made in: Middleburg, VA
Est.: 1995

“When our kids were little, we kept a few sheep on the farm,” says Franny Kansteiner, who originally taught riding lessons on the property she and her husband purchased in the 1990s. “Sheep like to be with other

sheep, and gradually three turned into eighty. I felt obligated to turn all that wool into something interesting.” Friends taught her how to spin and then to knit, and as the flock grew, so did Gum Tree Farm’s network of weavers and knitters. The odd pair of socks and mittens became a full line of hand-finished merino wool clothing. Modeled after a vintage Austrian shooting cape that Kansteiner inherited from her mother, this handsome wool design is a favorite with her hunt-country customers. Each is made to order and can be detailed in leather, antique beads, shearling, or (as pictured above) feathers.

Price: \$1,200
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