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Putting a Spin on the Classic Voodoo Dolls

Kamibashi, which means paper bridge in Japanese, is the name of these lovely handmade string dolls sold on www.kamibashi.com or in select knitting stores. Okay, so at first sight they *may* be a little creepy; it's an acquired taste. They have a variety of products, including keychain dolls such as The String Doll Gang®, BLABBOS™ Buddies, DEBO™ Superheroes, and Koonin Family Pets™, as well as a wide range of greeting cards, post cards, calendars, and other stationary.

The String doll gang is just what it says: a bunch of kooky string doll characters, each handmade in Thailand. They're not voodoo dolls, rather, they give off a positive vibe. Each string doll has its own purpose, or "special power" designed to give you a boost where you need it. These by far have the greatest variety, ranging from Buster who keeps you out of the doctor's office to Moody Cow who keeps a smile on your face when everyone else has gone mad (playing off the mad cow disease). They even have an E-Moe and E-Moesha to "feel sad so you don't have to" and "understand you when nobody else does," respectively.

Here's Some French Guy for your amusement:



Under the String Doll gang, there are a bunch of pets, called Koonin Family Pets. They're made of fabric, and they come with tags that gives them their birthday, motto, and a space for you to name it. There's angels, reindeer, horses, dogs, cats, monsters, snakes, teddies, and fish to choose from:



The next ones, BLABBOS™ Buddies, and justly named, are just funky animal shaped phone chain ornaments with big mouths and wild colorful patterns on them. They come in four shapes--dog, cat, rabbit, or monster--and have buttons, flower shapes, and beads sewn on them for the face and decorations. Quite beastly but cute, they're a nice addition to your phone.

And the final set, called Superheroes, are a range of wildly colored (and shaped) monsters who help you deal with things you have no control over. They all help:

1. "Making sure you always have a good hair day."
2. "Making sure your breath always smells good."
3. "Helping you eat what you want without gaining weight."
4. "Making sure you never break a nail."
5. "Making sure there's never food stuck in your teeth."



Superheroes



Blabbos

So go ahead and add the Superheroes or Blabbos to your collection of key chains (or phone charms)! As a lucky charm, I suppose...I personally would prefer the string dolls, as they're much more intricately made.

Some are for a limited time only, so you can collect them if you wish. Selling for \$10 a piece for key chains and \$6 a piece for phone chains, they are a tad expensive, but most handmade items usually are. They do make cool gifts though!

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