

Ingenious Ideas

Celebrating The Luck Of The Irish

(NAPSA)—St. Patrick's Day is considered the national holiday in Ireland—but the first parade to mark the day was held in the U.S.

The parade took place in Boston in 1737. Since then, cities across the country have joined the fun, with Chicago largely credited for holding the largest St. Patrick's Day parade with over 2 million spectators.

Whether you're Irish or just feel like you are on St. Patrick's Day, there are plenty of ways to celebrate on March 17. You can try cooking up some authentic corned beef and cabbage, listening to Irish music or attending a St. Patrick's Day party.

A Web site called CafePress.com could help you get in the Saint Patrick's Day spirit. Filled with over 400,000 user-generated St. Patrick's Day products, it lets shoppers choose from T-Shirts, mugs, caps, children's clothing, home accessories and more.

Here's a look at some of its best St. Patrick's Day picks:

Go Green

You can find a selection of attention-grabbing St. Paddy's T-Shirts with a range of Irish slogans and designs—including the infamous "Kiss Me I'm Irish" and its less famous counterpart, "I'm Not Irish...Kiss Me Anyway." You can also find a "Kiss



Irish-themed T-Shirts, steins and even baby onesies can all be great ways to show spirit on St. Patrick's Day.

Me I'm Irish" stein, great for leading toasts.

Wee Ones

The "Kiss Me I'm Irish" infant bodysuit is a great way to show off your baby's Irish pride while still keeping the little leprechaun cozy. You can also find an "I'm So Cute I Must Be Irish" bib and a "Made In Ireland" infant bodysuit.

Get Crafty

If you're feeling a bit creative, you can also create your own gift design at www.cafepress.com/cp/customize/. For more ideas, visit the Web site at www.cafepress.com.