Good LIVING

HOME, STYLE, BEAUTY, HEALTH

Here's a glowing recommendation: Light up her (or his) life with an American-made, hand-turned wooden **Lostine candle-holder** or two, and drip-free **dipped tapers** by **The Floral Society.** *Candle-holders, available in maple, cherry, and walnut, from $63 each, lostine.com.* **Tapers,** *available in 7 colors, from $13 each, thefloralsociety.com.*

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THE NICE LIST

Holiday wishes of peace, love, and health warm the heart—and so do fabulous presents tied up with a bow. We've picked 40 standout ideas that achieve the magical trifecta of style, surprise, and quality—and asked tastemakers what they're giving this year, too.

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"Martha was always in my side-view mirror doing basically what I was doing professionally, plus 20 other things. She was just lighting the world on fire." **—chef Geoffrey Zakarian**

COMFORTS OF HOME

1. Masterfully handwoven from elephant grass by artisans in Ghana, **Baba Tree market baskets** beautifully corral towels, throws, and toys. *$100 each, babatree.com.* ***2.*** Cocoon a loved one in a gauzy wool-and-cotton **Johanna Howard Home Cozi throw.** It has a different hue on each side (a decorating twofer!) and comes in seven chic color combinations. *$175 each, johannahoward.com.* ***3.*** Even the most eagle-eyed will want to take their sweet time with this 500-piece, illustrated **Rifle Paper Co. Camont puzzle** of an 18th-century farmhouse in Gascony, France. *$34, riflepaperco.com.* ***4.*** Toast the cocktail connoisseur on your list with the shapely **Cocktail Kingdom Berry Wall mixing glass** and **Teardrop bar spoon.** *Mixing glass, $50; and bar spoon, $33, cocktailkingdom.com.* ***5.*** With its delicate curves and gold trim, the **Martha Stewart Collection Baroque platter** takes dinner in an entirely elegant direction. *$50, macys.com.* ***6.*** Scandi design icon **Georg Jensen**'s stainless steel, art deco–inspired **Bernadotte pitcher** lends sleek glamour to any setting. *$149, georgjensen.com.* ***7.*** Dress a salad or finish a soup with **March Pantry's organic extra-virgin olive oil,** or pour some into the shop's hand-painted **Italian ceramic oil and vinegar bowl** for dipping crusty bread. *Oil and ceramic splatterware bowl, $20 each, marchsf.com.*

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8. Our founder's vast personal collection inspired these **Martha Stewart jadeite bowls,** which happily marry the pretty with the practical. *From $20 each, available in Kroger stores.* ***9.*** Have your cake and display it beautifully, too, on this handblown glass **Estelle stand.** *Available in 10 colors; $225, estelle coloredglass.com.* ***10.*** Foodies will buzz about this rare, organic **Hawaiian Ohi'a Lehua Blossom honey** from **Big Island Bees** long after the holidays are over. *$36 for three 9 oz. jars, bigislandbees.com.* ***11.*** "It's time to bring back pleasure, and I hope that the fragrances in these **soaps** will bring my loved ones peace, warmth, and joy," says creative director Richard Christiansen, founder of the **Flamingo Estate** in Los Angeles. *Hand soap and body wash, from $29 each, flamingoestate.la.* ***12.*** The foxy fellow on this **Quail Ceramics Woodland Animal butter dish** adds whimsy to the breakfast table and a wink to your morning toast. *$40, nickeykehoe.com.* ***13.*** Bless a budding gardener with a kit to get her growing. **Bloomist**'s **paper-pot press** (left) will help her start seeds, and the company's **twine stand with cutter** and extra-sharp **scissors** (sold separately) make it a snap to tie a trellis or bundle fresh herbs. *From $36 each, bloomist.com.* ***14.*** "I love **Sarah Kersten**'s pottery. This 11-inch **platter** is substantial but not too heavy, and food looks gorgeous on it," says chef and *Salt Fat Acid Heat* host Samin Nosrat. *$80, sarahkersten.com.*

The year *MarthaStewart.com* launched, bringing *Living* content to a whole new audience. At the time, the internet as we know it was barely four years old—few companies had websites—but the platform was both innovative and interactive.

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"Martha is an American icon. She's one of those people who are instantly recognizable by a single name. Her reach extends to all of America, not only within the food world. She was the first person to give me a platform by including me on her show in the '90s, when I came here from Sweden." **—chef Marcus Samuelsson**

LEISURELY PURSUITS

1. Kick off a holiday tradition with this handwoven **Peterboro family-games basket.** It holds a deck of cards and cribbage and checkers boards, and scores extra points for wholesome fun. *$125, peterborobasket.com*. ***2.*** He'll commandeer the kitchen (and govern the grill) in a **Cayson Rachel Collection bib apron** made of ultra-durable denim, with leather straps and slots to stash a dish towel, phone, and meat thermometer. *$157, caysondesigns.com*. ***3. Cooking in Marfa*** (Phaidon)**,** by Virginia Lebermann and chef Rocky Barnette, owners of the town's culinary hot spot Capri, is packed with tasty recipes and entertaining essays about the West Texas art mecca—and it's photographed by *Living* friend and fellow local Douglas Friedman. *$50, phaidon.com*. ***4.*** Block-printed, organic-cotton **Les Indiennes Fanny bandanas** are an urban cowboy's answer to the pocket square. *$25 each, lesindiennes.com*. ***5.*** His handiness will know no bounds as he wields the compact **Garrett Wade brass-capsule multitool set**, which holds two screwdriver bits, a hook knife, a gimlet, and a corkscrew. *$38, garrettwade.com*. ***6.*** Coffee (or soup—it's that big!) stays piping-hot (and water icy-cold) in the near-indestructible, leakproof **Yeti Rambler 26-ounce bottle.** Plus, it's dishwasher-safe. *$40, yeti.com*. ***7.*** Furry creatures great and small will snuggle into this plush **Martha Stewart Charlie four-sided bolster pet bed**. *In 3 sizes, from $42, wayfair.com*. ***8.*** Color him cozy in an extra-soft (and cost-effective) **J.Crew Everyday cashmere crewneck.** *$118, jcrew.com*.

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"My favorite memory of Martha is watching her captain her Hinckley picnic boat along Seal Harbor like a damn boss, while I sat in back and ate all her cookies, wrapped in Hermès towels as soft as the wings of angels." **—Antoni Porowski of *Queer Eye***

LASTING LUXURIES

1. "Potpourri has been eclipsed by candles and diffusers, but I love its old-fashioned appeal, especially in this classic Tuscan scent by **Santa Maria Novella,** which reminds me of Florence," says designer Chris Benz of the new home-design venture Cult Projects. *$35 for 100 g, buy.smnovella.com.* ***2.*** For the woman who lives to read the latest page-turner in bed, these **Printfresh Unicorn Garden cotton pajamas,** designed to soften with each wash, will make nights even dreamier. *$132, printfresh.com.* ***3.*** Style is all *on* the wrist when you stack a few of these beaded, one-of-a-kind **Beyond Buckskin cuffs,** made by Navajo artisans. *From $45 each, shop.beyondbuckskin.com.* ***4.*** "This year I'm giving my friends monthly subscriptions to **Taryn Toomey**'s **The Class.** Streaming a workout session with her is a completely restorative experience that leaves me feeling lighter, focused, and ready to tackle the day," says makeup artist Gucci Westman. *From $40 a month, digitalstudio.theclass.com.* ***5.*** "I love that the **Loop Canvas needlepoint kit** is a fun activity you can share with friends. Every time I pick up my canvas, it's a mood lift," says designer Heather Taylor of Heather Taylor Home. *$88, loopcanvas.com.* ***6.*** These **Mast Classic Danish barrettes** by **Sofie Albertsen** are modern jewelry for your hair. *$55 for pewter pair, $95 for brass pair, ilovemast.com.* ***7.*** Put a smile on someone's lips with the super-hydrating, universally flattering shades of the **RMS Beauty Kiss of Color gift set.** *$25, rmsbeauty.com.* ***8.*** Lightweight, attractive on a counter, and lined for easy cleaning, this waterproof nylon **Caraa Nimbus cosmetic pouch** is clutch. *From $45, caraasport.com.*

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"When Martha asked me to appear on her TV show in 2008, it was a pivotal moment for me and my business. Her embrace of Japanese cuisine helped to make my restaurant what it is today. I am forever grateful." —**Reika Alexander**, owner of En Japanese Brasserie, in New York City

KEEP GIVING

For more cool and creative gift ideas, hover your smartphone camera here (no special app needed), or go to *marthastewart.com/giftguide*.

LITTLE-ONE FUN

1. One pour from this sweet, imagination-sparking **Raduga Grez wooden tea set,** and petite hosts will be off to wonderland. *$65 for 12 pieces, gretelhome.com*. ***2.*** Inspire future engineers with this **Cardkits Locomotive & Fish Figure kit,** a detailed model that takes about 35 minutes to assemble. *$27, cardkitstoys.com*. ***3.*** Vegan-leather **Poketo Dome wallets** are adorably mini but have hidden depths: A tween can store her spending money in the full-size bill section and six card slots. *$38 each, poketo.com*. ***4.*** Teens will gladly trade screens for the engrossing IRL skills—constructing a fishing rod, whittling a twig—in ***50 Things to Do in the Wild,*** by Richard Skrein (Princeton Architectural Press). *$18, papress.com*. ***5.*** This high-fashion **Fairechild waterproof cape** keeps kiddos cozy and dry while they're singing (and dancing) in the rain. *$138, fairechild.com*. ***6.*** Tootsies are sure to stay warm all winter in striped **Armor-Lux wool slippers,** replete with soft wool linings and flexible soles. *$85, flotsamandfork.com*. ***7.*** "The **John Deere Kettler digger** brings kids' dreams of operating a monster machine to life, and it will keep them busy—and out of the house—for hours," says Sylvana Ward Durrett, cofounder of children's on-line boutique Maisonette. *$140, maisonette.com*. ***8.*** **Kiko+ & gg***'s beechwood **Oekaki House Magic drawing board** comes with a magnetic pen, stamps, and a little dog or cat eraser to wipe the slate clean. *$69, us.kikoandgg.com*. ***9.*** Whether your recipient is homeschooling or working from home (or both), **Martha Stewart**'s **two-compartment faux-leather file organizer** will earn her an A+ for productivity and pizzazz. *$30, staples.com*.

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"Any shoot with Martha is memorable. We knew her sense of humor and her incredible work ethic, but we also witnessed her very deep well of knowledge about everything. She is authentic, strong, and curious: a powerhouse." —**photographers Andrea Gentl and Martin Hyers**