

# Better Homes & Gardens

*Make it*  
**JOYFUL** *and*  
**BRIGHT**

BRILLIANT WAYS  
TO CELEBRATE THE  
SEASON

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*GO BIG  
WITH  
A SMALL  
TREE*  
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*plus*

*WHAT TO BAKE, CRAFT, AND GIVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS*





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UPGRADE THE  
**EVERYDAY**

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THE BEST  
TECH GIFTS  
MAKE A DAILY  
ROUTINE  
EASIER.

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HALF OF  
EACH PURCHASE  
BENEFITS THE  
CAUSE OF YOUR  
CHOICE.

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**1 TASSLED RIBBED LOUNGERS** Fleece lining and a nonskid sole. \$38 per pair; [verloopknits.com](http://verloopknits.com)

**2 RETRO STYLE ELECTRIC KETTLE** A temperature gauge ensures precisely heated water. \$80; [russellhobbs.com](http://russellhobbs.com)

**3 GOOGLE HOME MINI** The speaker that responds to questions and commands, now in Aqua. \$49; [store.google.com](http://store.google.com)

**4 ARTISAN SOAPS** For the hostess who always dresses up the guest bath. \$20 (set of four); [reproliqueart.com](http://reproliqueart.com)

**5 ROUGE G LIPSTICK CASE** This lipstick's twist: a built-in mirror in a refillable case. Lipstick \$32, case \$17.50; [sephora.com](http://sephora.com)

**6 GAUCHO TECHPACK** A portable battery pack and charging cables in a cool leather pouch. \$51; [mantidy.co.uk](http://mantidy.co.uk)

**7 MELAMINE TRAYS** The work of Swedish artist Hilma af Klint inspired these 5"x8" trays. \$30 (set of two); [guggenheimstore.com](http://guggenheimstore.com)

**8 MOMMY & ME APRONS** For two generations of cooks. Adult \$24, child \$18; [boonsupply.com](http://boonsupply.com)

#### [MAIL STRATEGY]

## HOLIDAY DISPATCH

Make sure gifts arrive in time by streamlining shipping and knowing the mailing deadlines.

#### ◆ GO ONLINE

Avoid holiday lines at the post office by using [usps.com](http://usps.com). Set up an account, then order Priority Mail Forever Prepaid Flat Rate boxes. Postage-paid boxes arrive in your

mailbox so you can pack your presents (up to 70 pounds) and send them without leaving home. Boxes have your return address, free tracking, and Forever postage (no price increases).

Available in four sizes; rates \$7-\$19.

#### ◆ USPS HOLIDAY 2018 MAIL-BY DATES

**December 20:** First-Class Mail, including cards; Priority Mail

**December 22:** Priority Mail Express



FOR KIDS & THE  
**YOUNG AT  
HEART**



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YOUR  
CHILD'S ART  
MADE INTO A  
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TOY.



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**[GIFT STRATEGIES]**

## THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

For hard-to-shop-for friends or people who don't want more stuff, an experience is ideal.

♦ **LIVE EVENTS**

If you want to give tickets to a music concert, Broadway show, or sports event but you're not sure if the dates will work, you can use online ticket sites to give gift certificates. At [stubhub.com](http://stubhub.com) personalize eGift Cards by uploading your photo and recording a voice message, which means you can treat someone to a Justin Timberlake concert along with your 20-second rendition of "Can't Stop the Feeling!"

♦ **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL PASS**

This \$80 annual pass covers the entrance fee for the holder and up to three adults in the same vehicle to all 60 national parks. [usgs.gov/pass](http://usgs.gov/pass)

♦ **COOKING CLASS**

The online Allrecipes Cooking School helps cooks hone skills in their own kitchen. Lessons cover the basics (roasting chicken) and advanced skills (making roux). \$45/year; [armagazine.com/GiftGuide](http://armagazine.com/GiftGuide)

**1 CHOCOLATE WAND** For conjuring spells like your favorite *Harry Potter* characters. \$10; [jellybelly.com](http://jellybelly.com)

**2 WATERCOLOR SET** Mix colors on the laminated lid. \$35; [fredericksandmae.com](http://fredericksandmae.com) **3 ENAMEL BRACELETS** Each design benefits a charity. \$30 each; [collectivejourneys.com](http://collectivejourneys.com) **4 BOARD BOOKS** Teach little ones new words room by room with the *House: First Words Board Books* boxed set.

\$19; [chroniclebooks.com](http://chroniclebooks.com) **5 POCKET GAMES & COLORING** Activities on a paper roll. \$9.50; [us.omy-maison.com](http://us.omy-maison.com) **6 PENCIL BLOK** This 2¼-inch-long graphite sculpture writes like a pencil. \$9.50; [balletstudio.com](http://balletstudio.com) **7 MEMORY GAME** Bright, graphic patterns make these 36 pairs ageless.

\$40; [papiertigre.fr](http://papiertigre.fr) **8 BUDSIES CUSTOM STUFFED ANIMAL** Imagine holding a 16-inch-tall plush version of a favorite drawing. \$90 from 11/20/18 to 12/13/18 using discount code BHGBudsies; [budsies.com](http://budsies.com) **9 CIRCLE SOCIETY SKATES** They're back, and they're adjustable. \$50; [target.com](http://target.com)



WHEN IN DOUBT, GO  
FOR A LITTLE  
**SPARKLE**

A MARBLE  
PLATTER  
FOR BOTH  
CUTTING AND  
SERVING.

**1 ON-THE-GO STRAW KIT** Encourage stylish eco-friendly habits. \$9; [anthropologie.com](http://anthropologie.com)

**2 MARBLE PLATTER** A metal strip accents this platter. \$18; [walmart.com/BHG](http://walmart.com/BHG)

**3 MOD CANVAS TOTE BAG**

A utilitarian favorite goes glam. Medium \$70; [annieselke.com](http://annieselke.com)

**4 WHALE SERVER SET** Sure to prompt a smile at the table. \$32; [dejumo.com](http://dejumo.com)

**5 KIDS' KITTY CRYSTAL-TRIM HEADPHONES** Complete with a built-in microphone for taking calls while playing tunes. \$35; [neimanmarcus.com](http://neimanmarcus.com)

**6 BOOK DARTS** Book lovers can slip one on a page instead of folding over a corner. \$10 for 30; [schoolhouse.com](http://schoolhouse.com)

**7 VATTENKRASSE WATERING CAN** Holds 30 ounces. \$10; [ikea.com](http://ikea.com)

**8 MEASURING TAPE** A reproduction to tuck into a purse. \$14; [dressanddwell.com](http://dressanddwell.com)

**9 KAOS SOCCER BALL** What a kick for your favorite soccer player. \$40; [neimanmarcus.com](http://neimanmarcus.com)

#### [GIFT STRATEGY]

## REGIFT & UPGRADE

Regifting is the new green giving. Upgrade those presents with these add-ons.

#### BOOKS

Bibliophiles agree: Passing along a book you've read is a must. Include a tin of book darts (No. 6, above) to mark a spot or a Flexilight reading light/bookmark (\$9; [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)).

#### CANDLES

Our favorite go-to gift shines a little brighter when paired with a box of fancy matches (No. 5, page 24) or a wick trimmer (from \$9; [wickmanproducts.com](http://wickmanproducts.com)).

#### WINE

No tolerance for tannins? It's fine to regift a bottle of wine as a hostess gift. Wrap one in a patterned tea towel or pair with party napkins from H&M Home (\$3-\$5; [hm.com](http://hm.com)).





- 1 GOURMET CHOCOLATE BARS** Creative flavors, such as Piña Colada, Donuts and Coffee, and Salted Pistachio. \$10 each; [compartes.com](http://compartes.com) **2 FRENCH MARKET BAG** Stretchable netting makes this a handy carryall at the farmers market. \$18; [pillowpia.com](http://pillowpia.com) **3 BRASS CLIP SET** Give one with a bag of coffee, gourmet chips, or homemade cookies. \$15 (set of three); [kikkerland.com](http://kikkerland.com) **4 COFFEE STUDIO POUR OVER JUG SET** Holds 44 ounces. \$50; [royaldoulton.com](http://royaldoulton.com) **5 EMERALD OVERSIZED MATCHES** These 4-inch-long matches come in a box that belongs on the coffee table. \$7.50; [etuhome.com](http://etuhome.com) **6 GEORGE SOWDEN WATER BOTTLES** Keep beverages hot for 12 hours or cold for 24. Large \$39, small \$35; [store.moma.org](http://store.moma.org) **7 SHORTBREAD HOUSE TINS** Five biscuit varieties baked in Scotland come in different color tins. \$16 (for 14 cookies); [chelseamarketbasket.com](http://chelseamarketbasket.com) **8 WANNABE LUGGAGE TAG** Available in 12 colors. \$9 each; [shop.mochithings.com](http://shop.mochithings.com) **9 CHEESE KNIFE BOOK SET** For the person who knows when to use a bell knife or is eager to learn. \$12; [sb-designstudio.com](http://sb-designstudio.com) **10 PALM SPRINGS HAND AND CUTICLE TREATMENT BY DAN300** Hand cream in ready-to-give packaging. \$16; [bestgiftstoreever.com](http://bestgiftstoreever.com) ■