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Fashion director Katharine K. Zarrella and her parents, Ronald and Linda, trotting into the festive season in New York in 1990.



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Whoa, Nice Skirt

For too long, green and red have dominated Christmas décor. This Technicolor tree skirt is here to usher in a more worldly, colorful tradition. Weavers sew together vintage Frezada blankets—made of sheep's wool hearty enough to warm the people of the Andean highlands and weather countless holidays—to create a festive statement piece. Be warned: May steal attention from the wrapped gifts nearby. But for design lovers, that is a happy problem to have. Coral Frazada Tree Skirt, \$225, [STFrank.com](#)

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Best Buds

Ceramics cognoscenti seek out art-historian-turned-potter Frances Palmer's vases for their classi-

cal shapes inspired by English earthenware and Japanese porcelain. The hitch? Their equally elevated prices. But here's a holiday miracle: The artisan has recently released an affordable new line of bud vases, hand-cast by a pottery in England's Stoke-on-Trent (the historic cradle of the British china industry) using molds made from her hand-thrown designs—timeless gifts with serious ceramics cachet. Cirrus Bud Vases, *From \$190, FrancesPalmerPottery.com*

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Canine Canteens

Along with mattresses, toothbrushes and razors, pet accessories have been given the direct-to-consumer treatment. Wild One, which emerged in 2018, launched with a limited line of elegant, pastel-colored dog harnesses, leashes and poop bags. It has since ex-

panded further, selling carriers, toys and home goods—like these handsome dog bowls—with a certain quality of longevity. Get the kit that includes two: one for kibble, one for water. Bowl Kit, \$50, [WildOne.com](#)

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Needle Dropper

We can't guarantee LPs will make it out of the 21st century. But no one expected them to survive the streaming boom either. And if any of your loved ones aspires to own "The Who Sell Out" (1967) or Nirvana's "Bleach" (1989) on vinyl, they're going to need something to play them with. Audio-Technica's record players have earned a reputation for great build-quality at reasonable prices, an under-appreciated niche within hi-fi circles. LP60X, \$149, [Audio-Technica.com](#)

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Hold On To This

Embellished with golden beads, cinched with a slinky silk drawstring, this bag will be the life of any party—not to discount your giftee's own charms. Part of the new Heirloom collection by California brand Doen, the hand-crocheted pouch emits old-school elegance and, with a comfortably slender handle, it can agreeably dangle from a wrist all night. It's unlikely to go missing even when she, ahem, has a little too much fun, so she can keep it for years—and even pass it on. Lea Pochette Bag, \$398, [ShopDoen.com](#)

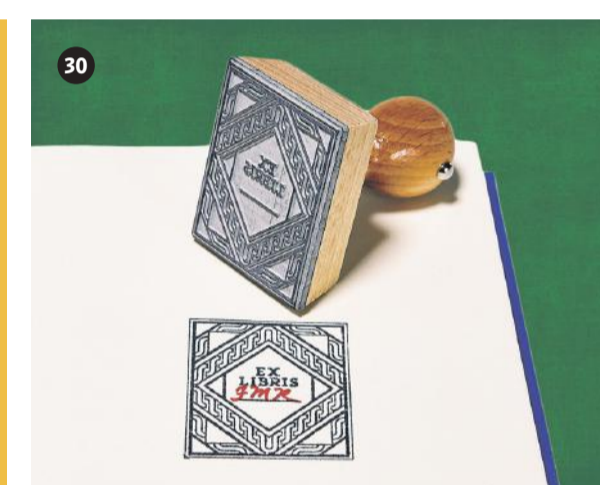
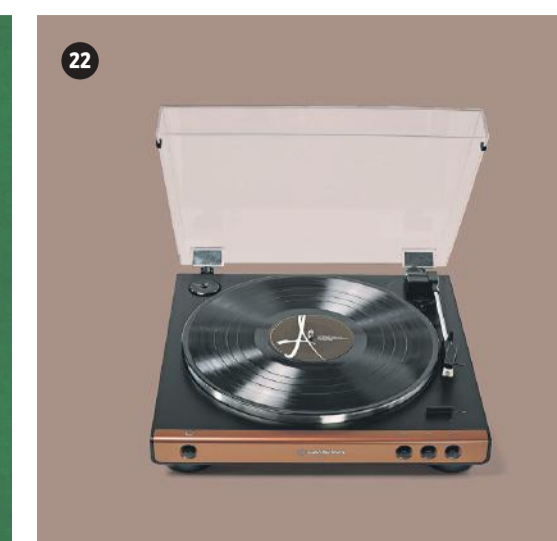
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Greens, Baby Splurge!

Cultivate a craving for heirloom produce year round with this compact

indoor grow system. Under the full-spectrum LED grow light, baby greens shoot up fast, from seed to plate in 7-12 days. Made from powder-coated steel and food-grade high-density polyethylene (HDPE), the design looks sleek on a countertop, too. Seeds for everything from arugula to sunflower sprouts are sold separately, in individual packs, bundles and subscriptions of one, two or three "grows" per month. The Fieldhouse in Sod, \$295, [GrowLeath.com](#)

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A Glamorous Pill to Swallow

Does your loved one like to gulp vitamins on the go? Or have a penchant for chewing gum or popping Tic Tacs? This premium pillbox, just 1.25 inches tall, totes teeny things in style. Wrought from sterling silver and equipped with a twist-off lid, it was dreamed up by the late, great Italian jewelry de-



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More Than a Pretty Case

If a ring is beautiful, its box should do that beauty justice—just as handsome hyacinths merit a handsome vase. These cases come in one- or two-ring sizes, are crafted from wood with a high-gloss finish and are accented with decadent golden inlays. Someday, your giftee will probably pass on a ring she adores. Why not let her do so in style? Will You Single Ring Box, \$178, [Trove.Store](#); We Do Double Ring Box, \$238, [Trove.Store](#); Classic Wedding Band Rings, \$2,400, \$1,850, \$1,150, [Tiffany.com](#)

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The Dearest Diaries

Documenting one's adventures the old-fashioned way, on paper, en-

sure one's escapades will be discoverable to future generations, rather than, say, buried in Instagram feeds. With Papier's travel journals, choose among nearly 40 covers, each customizable with the traveler's name or initials and formatted for both planning and recording trips. British stationers Smythson's Off the Beaten Track Soho Travel Journal offers similar features, more poshly. Parakeets of London Travel Journal, \$35, [Papier.com](#); Off the Beaten Track Soho Travel Journal in Panama in Navy, \$280, [Smythson.com](#)

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Singular Shirt

When anything slightly daring is still considered iffy, it's rare to find a men's shirt with enduring charisma. But we think we succeeded: Crafty Los Angeles brand Atelier & Repairs specializes in idiosyncratic designs, like this band-collar style, that make for memorable gifts. The shirt has one button that's a differ-

ent color than the rest (a subtle quirk) and a patch pocket of antique Japanese fabric. Finished with hand-sewn details, every piece is slightly different—and that's part of the fun. Pehoe Shirt, \$250, [AtelierAndRepairs.com](#)

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Book Mark

For literary types who wouldn't be caught dead with an e-reader, Milan-based artist Clara De Lorenzi offers personalized bookplates, or Ex Libris. Bookplates date to around the 15th century, when the heraldic designs (often reflecting their owner's hobbies—falconry, anyone?) were used to mark precious manuscripts. Surprise a bibliophile with one of Ms. De Lorenzi's ready-made stamps, or commission a bespoke one tailored to their name and tastes. Extra credit: Give a vintage hardcover to christen it with. Ex Libris Basic Collection 04, *from about \$31, ClaraDeLorenzi.com*

WHAT HEIRLOOM MEANS TO ME

"My mother passed down her taste, among other things. When I am gone, I hope someone will treasure these things as much as I do: my great grandmother's ostrich-feather-and-tortoise-shell fan, a diamond-eyed leopard pin with a note from my mother; my grandmother's silver serving bowl!"

Betty Halbreich
Author and founder of the Solutions Department at the iconic New York department store Bergdorf Goodman.

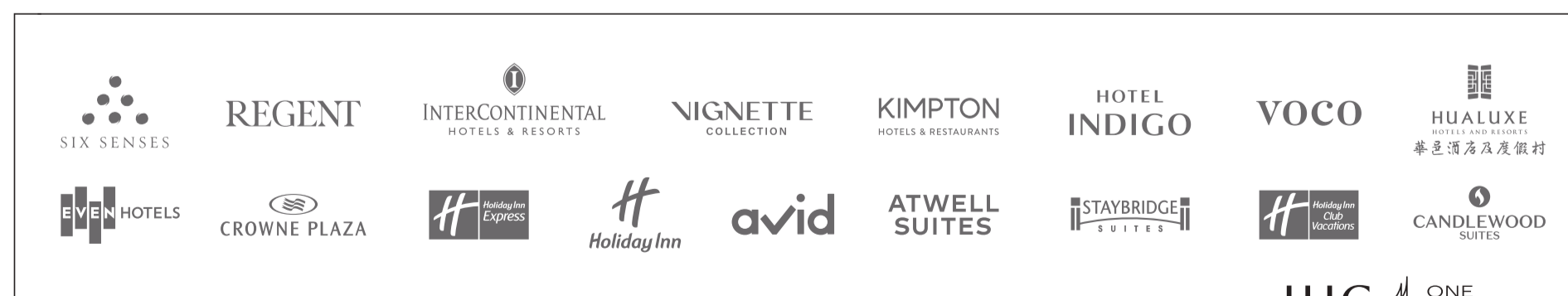
signer Elsa Peretti. Decades after she introduced her iconic, organic designs, they're as covetable as ever. Thumbprint Pillbox, \$150, [Tiffany.com](#), 212-755-8000

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Round Trip

Packed with nostalgic elegance, the hat box recalls trips by convertible to a country house in the Cotswolds, bellmen at the Viennese grande dame awaiting mountains of luggage and fancy occasions that required an array of bonnets. This modestly priced case from Calpak brings a whiff of glamour to today's ruthless travel but serves a practical purpose: It doubles as a smart weekend bag, one where your hat (and more) will survive the journey unscathed. Trnk Medium Hat Box in Black, \$175, [CalpakTravel.com](#). Inside the hatbox: Turtleneck Sweater, \$595, [Vince.com](#); Worth & Worth Fellini Hat, \$725, [HatShop.com](#); One Day Toiletries Pouch, \$490; Many Day Toiletries Pouch, \$590, [US.Metier.com](#)



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