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Sumptuous satin ribbon. Crisp, colorful wrapping paper. A gorgeous box. A beautiful bag. These all signify that something really special awaits inside, and you don't want anyone on your list to be disappointed upon opening your gift. We've hand-picked a fabulous selection of perfect presents in every category, size, and price point, so whatever you choose inside this portfolio, it's sure to delight the recipient. Don't miss our celebrity interviews and guide to holiday happenings and shopping hot spots, too. It's true that a great gift can add to holiday cheer, but it's family and friends who really make this the most wonderful time of the year. The only thing better than opening a package with just what you wanted inside is spending time with the people who make all your seasons bright—and they deserve the best. We wish you great gifting, and happy holidays!



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LIVE

get the dish

new dessert plates are a real treat.



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1 Rosanna

Portico coupe plates,
set of four; \$44.
rosannainc.com

2 Mottahedeh

Cornflower lace butterfly
dessert plate; \$65.
mottahedeh.com

3 Anthropologie

Natural world dessert
plate; \$18.
anthropologie.com



4 Versace

Asian dream plate; \$75.
saks.com

5 Juliska

Delft blue party plates, set
of four different scenes;
\$95. juliska.com

6 Alberto Pinto

Lagon dessert plate;
\$166. graciousstyle.com



bubbly bath

toast the season!

HISTORICAL NOTE:

At **Baccarat**, it takes fifteen years to train a glassblower before he masters the crystal fabrication process. The (extremely steady-handed) craftsmen engrave freehand using a wheel.





1 Baccarat

Variations champagne flute; \$175.

us.baccarat.com

2 Waterford

Lismore essence champagne flute; \$80.

hoaglands.com

3 Varga Crystal

Imperial raspberry champagne flute; \$278.

lrcollection.com

4 LSA

Polka assorted pastel champagne flutes, set of four; \$42.

us.amara.com

5 Kate Spade

Percival Places champagne flute; \$40.

lenox.com



LIVE

take off *get away this holiday.*

**HISTORICAL
NOTE:**

Jumby Bay Island takes its name from "jumbie," Antiguan for "playful spirit." It was first discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493, but developed as a resort and vacation community in the 1980s.



ROSEWOOD JUMBY BAY

Touch down in Antigua, and paradise awaits you after a seven-minute private cruise to Jumby Bay Island, just two miles off the coast. Lounge on the white-sand beaches with a cocktail from the open bar or take advantage of your access to the putting green, watersports, and snorkeling. Not sold? Last time we checked, the temperature there was 84 degrees. rosewoodhotels.com

HISTORICAL NOTE:

You'll be joining an impressive guest list if you stay at **La Mamounia**. Opened in 1932, the resort has hosted celebrities like Winston Churchill and Princess Caroline of Monaco.

LA MAMOUNIA

A romantic, relaxing trip to Marrakech's 136-room La Mamounia includes three signature restaurants; a world-class, 27,000-square-foot spa; sprawling grounds with a vegetable garden and twenty-acre park; and magnificent swimming pools, all set within twelfth-century ramparts surrounding the old medina. Enjoy the peaceful, restful resort, or venture out into the bustle of the nearby souks. mamounia.com



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WOODSTOCK INN

Located in “the prettiest small town in America,” Woodstock, Vermont, this rustic retreat is close to home, but a world away. There’s hiking, biking, golfing, and, of course, hitting the slopes, but visitors can also visit The Billings Farm & Museum, check out local artisans like the glassblowers at Simon Pearce, and so much more. If you’re looking for a place to enjoy this season in true New England style, the Woodstock Inn & Resort is as good as it gets. woodstockinn.com



big shot *snap up the latest in travel tech before your trip.*

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1 Leica
Leica M camera;
\$6,590 (body only).
leica-camera.com

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2 Fujifilm
Fujifilm X-M1 camera;
\$800 (body only).
fujifilmusa.com

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3 Canon
Canon EOS 70D
DSLR camera;
\$1,199 (body only).
camerawholesalers.com

4 Restoration Hardware
Artisan leather hard shell
iPad cover; \$99.
restorationhardware.com

5 Mujjo
iPad and MacBook
sleeves; \$50–\$72.
mujjo.com

6 Apple
iPad Air; starting at \$499.
apple.com



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DESIGN NOTE:
Every sleeve created
by the Dutch label
Mujjo is handcrafted
with a combination of
wool felt and
high-quality
leather.



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ORIENT EXPRESS SAFARIS

The company's three African safari experiences have the best of both worlds. All offer the chance to see nature at its finest, with safarai walks and daily excursions. But the accommodations take "camping" to a whole new level. Guests stay in luxurious, air-conditioned thatched residences complete with pool and viewing deck, and can dine alfresco en suite or in the camp's restaurant. orient-express.com

HISTORICAL NOTE:

Thought the Orient Express was just a train? Take another look: Today, you can book a hotel, rail, or river journey on six continents.





VICEROY ZIHUATANEJO

Soak up the Mexican sun at Viceroy Zihuatanejo, where visitors can take advantage of yoga with a private instructor and offerings of its world-class spa. Want to take a piece of paradise home with you? Check out the resort's cooking classes, including a personalized tour of the local market with Executive Chef Paco Isordia. Guest suites feature private terraces, plunge pools, and gorgeous views. viceroyhotelsandresorts.com

grab bags

Get carried away!



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1 **Stuart Weitzman** Gemma Jade Gems; \$695. stuartweitzman.com

grab bags

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2 Nancy Gonzalez

Snap-top floral clutch bag; \$1,950.
neimanmarcus.com

3 Charlotte Olympia

In Bloom pochette; \$695.
charlotteolympia.com

4 Alexander McQueen

Embroidered cherub knuckle-duster clutch; \$4,030.
alexandermcqueen.com



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5 Kara Ross

Priscilla lizard clutch bag;
\$1,810. bergdorfgoodman.com

6 Edie Parker

Flavia palm trees clutch bag;
\$1,495. edie-parker.com

7 Marchesa

Valentina floral embroidered envelope clutch bag;
\$3,495. neimanmarcus.com

grab bags



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8 Kate Spade

Miss Penny's
Emanuelle clutch; \$348.
katespade.com

9 Proenza Schouler

PS1 Medium leather
satchel bag; \$1,695.
proenzaschouler.com

10 Tory Burch

Amanda foldover
messenger; \$435.
toryburch.com

11 Marc by Marc Jacobs

Classic Q slim zip-around
wallet; \$198.
marcjacobs.com

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Clinton Kelly

Author, co-host of ABC's "The Chew" and TLC's "What Not to Wear," and Litchfield County Resident

What do you like most about the holiday season in Connecticut?

There's no place like Connie with a light dusting of fresh snow to make you feel as though you've stepped into a Norman Rockwell scene.

Do you have any favorite ways to decorate for the holidays?

For the past few years, I've been decorating our Christmas tree as though it's a big gay ice-cream

cone—with red lights and white feather boas. When lit, it looks like a giant strawberry soft serve. It makes me laugh every time I see it.

Tell us about your new book. Who would it make a great gift for?

Freakin' Fabulous on a Budget is all about making your life a little bit more fabulous everyday through food, fashion, and décor—without breaking the bank. I strongly believe that fabulousness is about the state of your mind, not the state of your bank account.

What's your favorite holiday food or meal?

My grandmother Kona's Pear Crunch Pie. It's a recipe she brought to America from her home in New Zealand. I like to tell people she immigrated lugging her Louis Vuitton steamer trunk with one hand and clutching this recipe in the other.

What was your best moment of 2013?

One day, a random guy tweeted me that he saw me coming out of the gym and that I looked #jacked. It took me forty-four years to be described as #jacked and I will never forget it.



Three must-have items for holiday party dressing?

A gold dress, some sexy shoe booties, and micro-fishnets. Not to be worn together necessarily—but maybe!

Best tip for being a great host or hostess?

Relax! Just as your shoe always sets the tone for your outfit, the host sets the tone for his party. A frazzled host makes guests uneasy, and a host that complains about all the work she did is a bore. The host who makes entertaining seem easy is the one who makes everyone feel comfortable. If you practically have to throw people out at the end of the night, you've won.

What are you doing this New Year's Eve?

Drinking Champagne and eating caviar. I just don't know where just yet.



Champagne
+ caviar =
Clinton's
perfect New
Year's Eve.

What are three ways to make 2014 freakin' fabulous?

1. Host a casual get-together with a signature drink and fun food, that brings together all of the wonderful people in your life. Take a minute to celebrate the people who are important to you; 2. Invest in a few key wardrobe pieces that make you feel like a million bucks, and when you feel like wearing yoga pants and sneakers all day, put on one of those instead; 3. Stage a closet cleanse! Clearing out the clutter and starting fresh is liberating.



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1 Sergio Rossi

Oblò suede
stiletto pump; \$750.
sergiorossi.com

2 Brian Atwood

Peyton 120; \$795.
brianatwood.com

need a lift?

vamp it up in the hautest heels.



3 Alice + Olivia by Stacey Bendet

Dina snake-embossed leather pumps; \$295.
aliceandolivia.com

4 Giuseppe Zanotti

Safety pin leather and suede sandal; \$995.
bergdorfgoodman.com

5 FENDI

Suede T-Strap diamond-heel pump; \$1,050.
nordstrom.com





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6 Alexander McQueen
Embroidered velvet pointy pump; \$995.
alexandermcqueen.com



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7 Paul Andrew
Zenadia Soir jeweled velvet cutout pumps; \$1,295. saks.com



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8 Stuart Weitzman
Feathery platform slingback; limited availability.
stuartweitzman.com



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9 Charlotte Olympia

Jennifer appliance-print platform pump; \$785.
neimanmarcus.com

10 Walter Steiger

Floral pointed-toe bowed heel pump; \$660.
bergdorfgoodman.com

11 Reed Krakoff

Perforated floral pointy pump; \$750.
reedkrakoff.com

12 Christian Louboutin

Iriza printed canvas d'Orsay pumps; \$625.
christianlouboutin.com



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HISTORICAL NOTE:

Shoe designer **Christian Louboutin** found inspiration for his red outer soles in 1993, when he saw his assistant painting her nails red. It was only supposed to last one season, but his customers loved the flirty look, and it's now his signature.

looking good



Andrew Stefanou Salon & Spa

ANDREW STEFANO SALON & SPA

Before the parties start, drive to Darien to visit Andrew Stefanou Salon & Spa. Treat yourself to a day of beauty and relaxation with one of their spa packages. Services include massage, manicure/pedicures, hair styling and treatments, makeup application and more. Better yet, pick up a gift certificate for a friend or family member who really deserves it. Andrewstefanousalonandspa.com

CAL-A-VIE

Looking for a truly luxurious, over-the-top gift? Give them a stay at Cal-a-Vie Health Spa in Vista, California. Located on 200 private acres, Cal-a-Vie is the ultimate in rejuvenation. Guests stay in luxury suites outfitted with sundeck or balcony, spacious bathroom, linens and spa wardrobe, and can take advantage of fitness classes and therapeutic spa treatments and services every day. This is the place to rest, relax and start fresh after the holidays. Cal-a-vie.com

GUERLAIN SPA

Taking out-of-towners into NYC over the holidays? Make it a little more luxurious with a trip to Guerlain Spa at the Waldorf Astoria. Located near Grand Central, the spa offers massage, nail treatments, facials and more, and has just launched a new cutting-edge skincare menu. Book your session before you catch your show—or the train home—for an experience you and your guests will never forget. Guerlainspas.com

FRINGE 125

At Fringe 125 in Westport, gorgeous hair is always the order of the day. From the Main Street salon overlooking the Saugatuck River, the staff offers haircuts and color, blowouts, updos, facial and body waxing, plus skincare treatments including botox and make-up applications. Fringe125westport.com

EXHALE

In Stamford, Exhale's waterfront studio offers yoga, cycling, and core fusion classes, and gift cards are available if you want to treat family and friends, too. It's easy to get overcommitted, overindulgent, and overwhelmed this time of year. If you want to keep fit and stress-free, visit Exhale. Exhalespa.com

NICHOLSMD

There's no better gift than one that helps someone you love feel better about themselves, and dermatologist Kim Nichols is the woman to call for skin treatments of all kinds. Visit her in Greenwich

to check out all the options. kimmicholsmd.com

MASSAGE ENVY

After the stressful whirlwind of holiday shopping, a two-hour deep tissue massage—and a healthy skin facial—may be just the thing you need. If that's the case, Massage Envy is the place to go. With several locations around Fairfield County, it offers memberships and gift cards so you can keep the relaxation going all year long—for yourself, or your friends and family. Massageenvy.com



Massage Envy offers massages and more.

toys for tots

LARSEN TOY LAB

For the littlest ones on your list, check out Westport-based Larsen Toy Lab, founded by brother-and-sister team Alex Larsen and Courtney Larsen Keller. The company makes hand crafted building block sets like their three-in-one Block Party game set, as well as children's stories, games, and puzzles. If you want to give a gift that will be handed down to the next generation, this is the place to go. **Bonus:** They're offering free personal engraving during the holiday season, and use code MOFFLYKIDS for 15% off your order! Larsentoylab.com

Block Party
from Larsen
Toy Lab.

SMART KIDS TOYS

For educational toys for kids of all ages, visit Smart Kids Toys in Greenwich. The locally-owned store has been in business for over two decades, and their friendly, expert staff will help find just the right gift for your youngster. From puppets and plush toys to science kits and books, it's all there. *17 East Elm Street, Greenwich; sktoys.com*

ANNA BANANA

For the future (or current) fashion plate on your list, look no further than Anna Banana, a children's clothing shop with all the best in colorful, unique pieces for kids ages newborn and up. The store also carries other small gift items to complete your present. *248 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich.*

SPLURGE

Splurge offers great gifts for Mom and Dad, too, but if you're looking for decorative room items or the perfect party favors for the kids, stop into Splurge to make your holiday shopping a bit easier. Personalize a piece for your little one, or if a children's soiree is on your calendar, the store's Party Pantry has tons of party favors to choose from. Splurge even offers goody bag assembly services. *Splurge, 39 Lewis Street, Greenwich; splurgegifts.com*

NEW CANAAN NATURE CENTER

If the little one on your list is the outdoorsy type (or you're going stir-crazy with everyone cooped up inside), give them a day of fun at the New Canaan Nature Center. A greenhouse and Birds of Prey exhibit, plus two miles of hiking trails criss-crossing the 40-acre site of diverse habitats, are sure to delight your little adventurer. *144 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan; newcanaannature.org*



last word



Stephanie Seymour

Super Model and Greenwich Resident

What is your favorite holiday memory?

When I was twelve years old, I got a bike. It was very warm in California and I rode it all Christmas day!

Does your family have any holiday traditions?

We do the usual: Christmas stockings, Santa comes, and we usually travel to a warm place.

Is there a gift you are looking forward to giving this year?

I am excited to give the new Balenciaga biography—it's amazing.

What is your go-to party outfit?

Anything Alaïa!

What was that one gift you really wanted as a kid?

I really wanted the new Elvis Presley record!



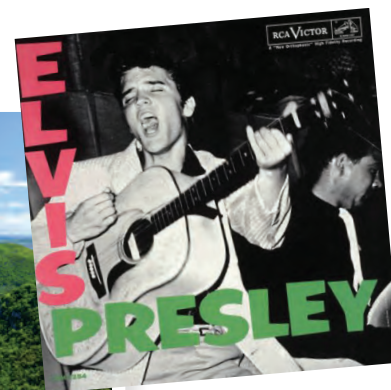
St. Bart's; the record Stephanie really wanted as a kid; and the book she can't wait to give.

How will you be spending the holidays this year?

We will be going to St. Bart's.

What are you looking forward to in 2014?

Opening my new lingerie company. So exciting!



Any tips for taking a good photo when the camera comes out at family parties?

Be happy; don't worry about the camera.

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