

COMPLIMENTARY

JOY OF CLOTHES
Party Dresses to Power Suits

feast festive
Readers' Sweet
& Savory Faves

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Than Perfect**
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25 YEARS!

North Pole Down South

Gifts for everyone on your list *By Debra Simon*

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire? Jack Frost nipping at your nose? We don't have to tell you to be of good cheer – after all, the holidays are here! Carolina Woman has handpicked treasures for many ages and personalities. Spread the joy with presents your loved ones will cherish. While you're in the gift-giving mood, toss in a few for yourself!

Adventurers

Eagle Creek Morphus

International Carry-on – This tech-friendly, weatherproof bag – the world's largest carry-on – features three-in-one capacity: wear it on shoulders; wheel it on the ground; or separate it for a distinct backpack and piece of luggage. \$329 eaglecreek.com



Helinox Sunset Chair – Relax at the end of a long day in this outdoor companion, a comfortable and compact camp chair, which weighs only three pounds. \$150 helinox.com

Motorola Talkabout T265

Designed for lovers of the great outdoors,

these two-way radios feature push-to-talk earbuds with microphone; reliable two-way communications; up to a 25-mile range; hands-free capability; and weather channels. \$85 motorolasolutions.com



Rumpl Down Puffy Blanket

Made with durable nylon fabric that repels water, stains, dirt and odor, the travel blanket's 600-fill goose down keeps a user cozy without adding weight. \$159 rumpl.com

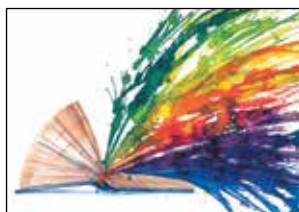


Straw Hat Bike Helmet – Updated for a sensation-seeking modern woman, the helmet from Bike Pretty sports a 3-inch halo brim to protect the skin from harmful UV rays and a hypoallergenic elastic band to keep the cover fastened to the helmet at speeds up to 30 miles per hour. \$179 bikepretty.com



Creatives

"Fascinating Book" – This vibrant print, one of many offerings from Art.com that can add wonder to a room, brings color to a reading corner. Pricing, which starts at \$35, depends on sizing and finishing options. art.com



Tenth Street Hats' Quito

by Biltmore – A handwoven Ecuadorian panama hat, made in the United States, sports a 2-3/8-inch dimensional brim and leather sweatband. \$135 tenthstreethats.com



The Slate Collection Mercer Journal – A new line of practical yet refined leather goods includes this large refillable journal, a water-resistant, stitched-binding book filled

with acid- and lignin-free premium paper. \$75 slatecollection.com

Divas

Crystal Hills Bath Salts – Infused with organic ingredients, essential oils and healing crystals, these salts are said to purify the body and generate zen. \$44 crystalhills.com



BioSphère Naturel France

Lumière Crème Jour – A lightweight cream from the South of France, permeated with organic rice powder, bamboo extract and other rejuvenating botanicals, is perfect for pampering. \$47 biospherenaturel.com



Evo Tropic Thunder Hydrate Set – The kit includes calming shampoo, conditioner and moisture mask, which work together to strengthen, smooth and hydrate hair. \$12 evohair.com



Hollywood Silk Solution Pillowcase

The highest grade of long-fiber mulberry silk and top-end cotton is used to give the recipient a beautiful night's sleep. \$45 thehollywoodsilkssolution.com



Foodies

BakerStone Pizza Oven Box – Compatible with gas ranges and stovetops, this oven's patented design raises the temperature of the stove to that of a wood-burning pizza oven, making it easy to create pizzeria-quality pies in a few minutes. \$130. bakerstonebox.com



Cuisinart Professional Portable Gas Grill

Perfect for tailgating as well as impromptu entertaining, the grill offers 20,000 BTUs of cooking power in a convenient, portable design. \$200 cuisinart.com



MasterPan – A 12.5-inch, multi-section skillet invites home chefs to prepare multiple foods in just one pan, allowing for meal prep on the stovetop or in the oven in record time. \$30 masterpan.com



Gardeners

Centurion Double Gear Telescoping Bypass Lopper – Powerful double gears make cutting easier while the aluminum alloy handles keep the weight at a minimum. \$32 centurionbrands.com



Orbit B-hyve Hose Faucet Timer – A sprinkler timer lets a homeowner automate, manage and optimize the entire watering process from her phone. \$99 orbitonline.com



WORX 40V Cordless 17-inch Lawn Mower –

This beast is packed with features, including: two removable batteries that cut up to 5,500 square feet per charge; two-in-one design that provides mulch and bag/rear discharge; and an easy-start switch. \$250 worx.com



Hostesses



Coyuchi Air Weight Organic Towels – Loomed from pure cotton in colors drawn from earth, water and sky, the four-piece group of bath towels is designed to wear beautifully and dry quickly. \$178 coyuchi.com

Tea Forté Warming Joy Tea Chest –

This delicious collection of festive teas, an expansive assortment of 40 infusers in 20 blends, is lovely whether company comes calling or someone's savoring a quiet moment. \$60 teafort.com



The Sisters Pinot Noir – A bright red with hints of purple, this young vino sports a label that emphasizes woman power. \$20 thesisterswine.co.nz



Music-Lovers

Como Audio Musica –

This high-fidelity wi-fi music system with an integrated CD player can easily access music from all sources and stream it to other Como Audio products throughout the home. \$599-\$649 comoaudio.com



Flexound HUMU Augmented Audio Cushion – An innovative product provides an immersive audio experience that leads one not just to hear but to feel entertainment, such as the vibration of songs and the intensity of games. \$279 flexound.com

Soundcast VG5 – Powerful and portable, this Bluetooth speaker is designed for durability and clear, amplified sound in any outdoor or indoor environment. \$499 gosoundcast.com



Techies

myCharge UnPlugged 5K – The compact, wireless charger provides extra battery life for phones and features a built-in USB port to charge non-wireless devices as well. \$50 mycharge.com



Taplock One – This smart-fingerprint padlock can be unlocked in 0.8 seconds without having to remember a combination or key. \$100 taplock.com



Weego 22 – Compact but loaded with power, this device can jumpstart motorcycles, boats and 95 percent of cars and trucks on the road today. \$100 myweego.com



Babies

Abiie Huggs – Ergonomic design ensures a healthy sitting position for a growing infant in this baby carrier booster, which provides all-day comfort. \$129 abiie.com



Britax B-Ready G-3 Stroller – This premium stroller features a modular design with 12 seating options; an oversized, storage basket with front and rear access; and convenient, one-step fold, even with the second seat attached. \$500-\$600 us.britax.com

évolur Voyager Stroller –

With a 5-point harness system, 360-degree swivel front wheel, suspension rear wheels, and a relaxing seat with canopy, this travel stroller offers a lightweight, quick-fold design with an adjustable handlebar for pushing. \$199 evolurbaby.com



Nuna LEAF Grow –

A gentle nudge (no batteries, cords or noise) from an adult sways this bouncer from side-to-side with a movement so calming a tot may just start snoozing. \$290 nuna.eu/leaf-grow-usa



Stokke MyCarrier –

The front-and-back carrier was developed to give a superior, adjustable and tailor-made fit to parents and babies of all sizes. \$200 stokke.com



Toddlers

Bright Basics Bath Blocks – This toy from Educational Insights lets little ones stack the 20 floating foam pieces on the base or stick them to tub tile to create underwater castle scenes. \$20 educationalinsights.com



Crayola Kids@Work Action Blocks

Crayon Tube – Classic building blocks in this 115-piece set inspire hours of interactive, cognitive and imaginative play, as each sturdy and stackable block can spin, rotate, turn and twist. **amlroid.com**



Hide & Seek Learning Treehouse – Shaped like a big, leafy tree, this engaging educational set

from Learning Resources enhances development and learning. \$25 **learningresources.com**

Plus-Plus Big Tube – The 15 pieces and idea guide included in a travel-friendly, resealable, clear tube help children develop fine motor skills when they create flowers, cars, people and more. \$10 **plus-plus.us**



Kids

Blue Orange Games

Happy Bunny – In this cooperative activity, everyone helps the bunny pick the best carrots to bring home to his family. \$18 **blueorangegames.com**



Keds Kickstart Sneakers – The classic company's memory-foam foot bed allows for all-day ease and support, and the tassels give the shoe a fun twist. \$40 **keds.com**



“Smithsonian Exploration Station: Solar System”

– With informative text and full-color photographs, young astronomers learn about the intricate makeup of our solar system as well as distant galaxies and constellations. \$22 **silverdolphinbooks.com**



Stomp Rocket

Stunt Planes – Three stunt planes were designed by aeronautical engineers to loop, glide and flip. \$30 **stomprocket.com**

Thermal-Aid Zoo

Comforting, effective and reusable, these heating-and-cooling packs give both children and their parents a simple way to treat common boo-boos. \$20 **thermalaidproducts.com**



Teens

Catalyst Waterproof Case for AirPods

Made from soft silicone to protect AirPods from scratches and scrapes, the waterproof, drop-proof case allows easy access to the lightning port and attachment to a belt, bag or purse. \$25 **catalystcase.com**



KiiPix from TOMY – Printing photos is a snap for tweens and teens with this portable, easy-to-use instant film printer, which doesn't require an app or batteries. \$40 **tomy.com**



Oxygenetix's Oxygenating Acne-Control Foundation

This SPF 25, waterproof makeup heals, conceals and treats acne with effective ingredients, including time-released salicylic. \$76 **shopoxygenetix.com** ☼

