

Gifts for holiday hosts

Items for the home make great gifts for anyone who entertains. And during the holidays, who doesn't entertain?

When selecting a gift for the home entertainer, "think about what they don't have," advised Stephen Cardino, Macy's home fashion director.

Stay away from the basics and focus on one of the many new, fun items available. "Look for unique statement items," Cardino said.

The Macy's Home Department is full of gift ideas that will surprise and delight the recipient, items that put a modern twist on something or find inspiration in unexpected places.



Whimsical salt and pepper shakers. These nickel-plated beauties from Godinger are much more than a way to season potatoes. They really are table jewelry. The designs are inspired by great architecture — such as the Eiffel Tower — and by nature, with artichoke, asparagus and pineapple designs. Just think how fun it will be to say "Please pass the Empire State Building." The price is \$40 per set.



Starbucks Verisimo single-serve coffee machine. It's like having your own personal barista who can brew regular coffee plus a cup of cappuccino or latte whenever you want. Just put the coffee pod in the machine and press a button. You don't even need to froth the milk separately. The coffeemaker uses Starbucks single-serve pods or any other brand you like. Available only at select Macy's stores, through macys.com and at certain Starbucks outlets, the Verisimo retails for \$199.98.

Michael Aram's Lotus and Lily Collection. Designer Micheal Aram found inspiration in the lotus flower for his collection of hand-crafted metal giftware, serveware and candles. Each piece is delicate and detailed, hinting at an Asian influence, but the brilliant nickel-plated items will look at home in any décor. Options in the Lotus and Lily Collection include a wine bottle stopper and coaster, napkin holder, salt and pepper shakers, picture frame, candle and diffuser. Price points range from \$59 to \$119.



Bella Family Fun Chocolate Collection. Making family-friendly desserts can be just as fun as eating them. Choose from a double-tiered chocolate fountain, a fondue set perfect for chocolate fondue, or an ice cream maker. If you prefer baked goods, Bella offers waffle-iron-like appliances to quickly bake cakesicles and cake pops. Prices range from \$29.99 to \$49.99.

The Modern Vintage Collection. Your great-grandmother probably had pressed glassware she used when serving guests. Everything old becomes new again, and vintage-looking pressed glass items are popular with

