

GIFTED DESIGNERS

These designer favorites will bring style to your holiday gift-giving.

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It's only natural that interior designers have a knack for selecting the perfect gift. After all, gift-giving is an art, and designers know exactly what makes people happy at home. We turned to local designers for their favorite gift ideas—and how they like to wrap

their goodies. Whether you're shopping for the impossible-tobuy-for or seeking inspiration for the finishing touches, you'll find ideas here.

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"NOTHING EMBODIES
THE SPIRIT OF THE
SOUTH LIKE A FRESH
MAGNOLIA WREATH. WE
LOVE THE SELECTION
OF LUXURIOUS LOCAL
GREENS FROM WESTON
FARMS IN GARNER, NORTH
CAROLINA. OUR FAVORITE
IS EMERALD LACE."

—ROBERT MACNEILL, ROUX MACNEILL STUDIO



Emerald Lace 36-inch Wreath / \$340 / westonfarms.com





"I LOVE TO GIVE MICHAEL ARAM CANDLES TO FRIENDS AND CLIENTS AS I CAN CUSTOMIZE EACH ONE TO THEIR PERSONALITIES—SCENTS, TASTE, AND STYLE. I LOVE TO RECEIVE CANDLES. I HAVE A CANDLE BURNING IN MY OFFICE ALL DAY AND IN MY HOME EVERY EVENING; CANDLES EVOKE A RELAXING ATMOSPHERE."

—TULA SUMMERFORD, DESIGN BY TULA

"WHEN I GIVE A GIFT, I SPEND TIME THINKING ABOUT WHAT I KNOW ABOUT THAT PERSON AND I TRY TO GIVE THEM SOMETHING VERY INTIMATE TO THEIR TASTE. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME TO TREAT THEM TO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL THAT THEY WOULDN'T DO FOR THEMSELVES."

—MARTHA SCHNEIDER, LA MAISON INTERIORS

Capri Dolce Vita / \$85 / assouline.com







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"I LOVE TO GIVE PRACTICAL AND UNIQUE GIFTS. I LOVE TO RECEIVE THINGS I WOULD NEVER BUY FOR MYSELF BUT ARE STILL USEFUL AND FUNCTION IN MY HOME."

—KATHERINE CONNELL, KATHERINE CONNELL INTERIOR DESIGN



"I LIKE TO GIVE GIFTS THAT THE RECIPIENT WOULD LOVE TO USE FOR THEMSELVES BUT CAN ALSO SHARE. FOR EXAMPLE, ITEMS THEY CAN BRING OUT WHEN ENTERTAINING

FRIENDS AND FAMILY. I HAVE FOUND THE GIFTS I USE THE MOST ARE ONES I CAN ENJOY WITH OTHERS."

—JEFF SNYDER, SIMON'S HOUSE INTERIORS

Philippos Hellenic Goods Organic Greek Extra Virgin Olive Oil / \$30 / zelosgreekartisan.com