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TASTEMAKERS SHARE THE BEST HOLIDAY TREATS TO GIVE AND GET

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Ask any kid what he's wishing for this holiday season, and you get a deeply considered, finely detailed, bullet-pointed list that pays no heed to practicality or need. Ask most adults, and you get a blank look and some mutterings about lip balm and world peace. This year, we urge you to channel your inner child. We asked style-setting Angelenos to share their personal wish lists to inspire your holiday gift hunting (and wanting). Of course, peace would be the greatest gift of all. But a special something, thoughtfully chosen and tied with a bow? A close second.

by **Suzanne Ennis**



Clockwise from top: Antonio Aguilar Grecian Peony pillow from Floral Art in Venice; dinnerware from Heath Ceramics on Beverly Boulevard; Joyce Chen scissors from Cookin' Stuff in Torrance; Giulii clutch at Tod's in Beverly Hills; 24-piece truffle box from Jin Patisserie in Venice.

SARAH MAIZES/writer, comedian, blogger If it takes a sense of humor to survive parenthood, the prognosis for Sarah Maizes is excellent. Maizes is a blogger, comedian, founder of *mommyliteonline.com*, a contributor to multiple news Web sites and national TV shows, and an author whose titles include *Got Milf? The Modern Mom's Guide to Feeling Fabulous, Looking Great and Rocking a Minivan* and children's picture book *On My Way to the Bath*. But that's not all—she's also a single parent to three kids: Isabel, 12, and twins Ben and Livi, 9. Maizes grabbed a rare moment of quiet to share what the whole family pines for this holiday season.

So So Happy Lulu hat Livi saw this hat at Popular, read its bio (each So So Happy item comes with its own bio of the character) and it read just like Livi's own personality! **Popular** 219 S. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, 424.777.0698

A night at the Montage Beverly Hills This would be the best present in the world to me. Twenty-four hours of peace and quiet—I'll take it! **Montage Beverly Hills** 225 N. Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, 310.860.7800

Helen Ficalora Project Sunshine charm I love suns, peace signs ... anything that reminds me to smile. Even better, 25% of the proceeds go to Project Sunshine, a nonprofit organization that provides free educational, recreational and social programs to children and families living with medical challenges. **Helen Ficalora** 9632 S. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, 310.777.0098

Madison T gift certificate What do you get a teen girl in L.A.? The gift of shopping! Nothing would make Isabel happier than a gift certificate to Madison T in the Palisades. (The "T" stands for teen.) **Madison T** 1017 Swarthmore Ave., Pacific Palisades, 310.454.5087

Scientific Explorer Chemistry Kit For my son, a chemistry set from ExploraStore, the gift shop at the California Science Center. Ben is obsessed with science and invention. **Explorastore** California Science Center, 700 State Drive, downtown, 213.744.7422

BRIDGID COULTER/interior designer Growing up in a 1908 Craftsman house awakened Bridgid Coulter's love of interior design, so it's no wonder that the Craftsman aesthetic continues to be one of her firm's favorites. That said, a look through recent projects by Bridgid Coulter Design suggests no matter the style, from eco-modern to traditional, Coulter can nail it—and will work in her signature global, boho-chic flair to maximum effect. The designer (who lives with her longtime partner, actor Don Cheadle, and their two daughters in Santa Monica) assembled a wish list that reflects her appreciation for artistic accents.

Nason Moretti I Gottici glasses The craftsmanship is absolutely stunning and would lend brilliance to my holiday tabletop decor ... and what's not to love about this shade of red? **TableArt** 8024 Melrose Ave., L.A., 323.653.8278

Heath Ceramics tableware If my wish were granted to upgrade our current standard tableware to some of these warm, earthy sets, maybe I'd cook even more creative, home-gourmet meals! **Heath Ceramics** 7525 Beverly Blvd., L.A., 323.965.0800

Colorfall I love nothing more than hanging out with my family. And what better way to spend quality time than with a few rounds of a challenging board game? The new Colorfall game set is a creative take on dominoes using colors that any designer could work with. **Marbles: The Brain Store** Santa Monica Place Mall, 395 Santa Monica Place, Santa Monica, 310.395.1526



LAURI FIRSTENBERG/gallery curator Lauri Firstenberg founded the independent, nonprofit art gallery LAXART (2640 S. La Cienega Blvd., L.A., 310.559.0166) in 2005 to provide a space for a new generation of artists to produce and show their work. Since then, LAXART has been a pivotal player in L.A.'s contemporary art scene, credited for introducing a broader audience to experimental art through public art initiatives. Firstenberg took a curatorial approach to her holiday wish list.

Cerre limited-edition artist silk scarves Cerre are leading designers in L.A. who are launching a series of collaborations with contemporary designers. **Cerre** 8920 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood, 310.385.9051

Vintage Asian urns Lily Lodge is a highly curated store with vintage vessels that are rare. We send a vintage elephant vase when an artist gets engaged, and a vintage baby booty when a board member has a baby. **Lily Lodge** 644 N. Robertson Blvd., L.A., 310.360.9400

Liz Glynn jewelry Liz Glynn is one of the most interesting artists in L.A. who creates surrogates for art historical objects with contested histories. **Redling Fine Art** 6757 Santa Monica Blvd., L.A., 323.230.7415

From left: Floral and furnishings designer and boutique owner Jennifer McGarigle; interior designer Bridgid Coulter; fashion stylist Anita Patrickson; chef Micah Wexler. Above: Sydney Evan Love necklace from Ron Herman on Melrose Avenue.

