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Your Essential Shopper™

March 2015

great finds inside Trendy and innovative items that engage and inspire

men

Pennant chronograph watch
\$250 | Michael Kors | nordstrom.com

- Rose-gold accents highlight detail and design.
- Has three-hand quartz movement with date function.
- Leather strap has buckle closure.



electronics

Z2300 instant 10 MP digital camera
\$179.99 | Polaroid | ritzcamera.com

- 10 megapixel camera prints photos.
- Pictures are the size of a business card.
- 3-inch color LCD screen for previewing.



home

Marine glass lamp
\$39.99 | Pier 1 Imports | pier1.com

- Lamp has a clean, simple silhouette.
- Can use light bulbs up to 100 watts.
- Measures 12 inches in diameter and 25 inches high.



accessories

Powerstation mini
\$59.95 | Mophie | walmart.com

- High-current battery charges devices faster than traditional USB batteries.
- Compatible with a variety of USB devices.
- LED indicator light shows how much battery is left.



Petite petals

Light colors and fresh flowers mark spring

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Designers are ready to shed the layers of winter clothes with looks for men and women that reflect what we all want to see — lots and lots of flowers. From tiny buds to bigger blooms, these pieces have us all ready for spring.



■ Gianni Bini Erynn floral romper, \$119 at dillards.com.



■ Tommy Bahama desert bloom batik, \$118 at zappos.com.



■ Charter club floral dress, \$89.50 at macys.com.



■ Women's patterned poplin shorts, \$22.94 at oldnavy.com.



■ Made Cam Newton long-sleeve blue floral woven shirt, \$39 at belk.com.



■ Vintage-inspired floral fit-and-flare dress is the epitome of spring. \$118 at maggylondon.com.



■ Get a pop of floral in your dress best with this Stafford all-over floral tie. \$30 at jcpenny.com.



■ Cynthia Rowley bonded squared V-neck party dress, \$279, with bonded denim jacket, \$289. Both available at cynthia-rowley.com.



Go-to tools

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April showers can bring May flowers, but only if you plant properly. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or planting your first bulbs, here are a few tools you'll need.



■ Evergreen Molly Green Leaves hat, \$24.99 at rakuten.com.



■ Corona hand trowel with ergonomic grip, \$8.19 at amazon.com.



■ Womanswork garden gloves with arm savers, \$29 at womanswork.com.



■ Radius Garden 252 PRO-Lite shovel, \$34.68 at atgstores.com.



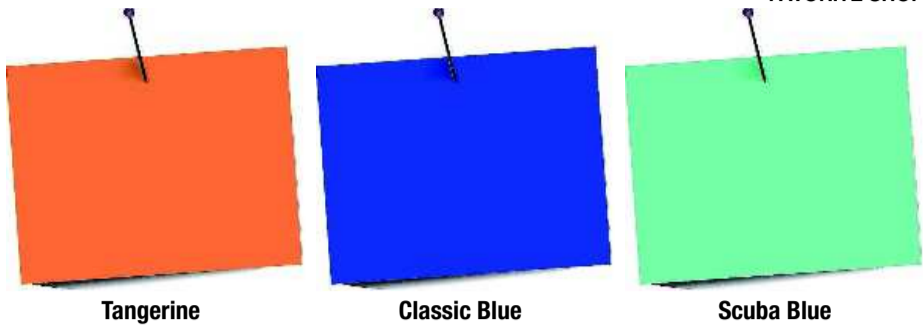
■ Fiskars PowerGear titanium pruner, \$24.97 at homedepot.com.



■ Tip bags, \$24.95 to \$29.95 at gardeners.com.

local finds

FAVORITE SHOPPING DISCOVERIES



Tangerine

Classic Blue

Scuba Blue

En plein air

Like this season's fashions, home accessories are taking their cue from nature.

Pantone's 2015 Color Report suggests we're drawn by the soft, cool side of the spectrum that blends nicely with subtle, warm tones and neutrals. "En Plein Air" is how Pantone's Leatrice Eiseman describes inspiration drawn from tropical landscapes, flowers, sky, beach and water, intermingled with folkloric and retro influences.

A color like Tangerine (or coral/melon/sorbet) is refreshing, flattering and energizing. That old reliable, Classic Blue, inspires calm and confidence, while Scuba Blue is infused with playfulness.

We found all of these colors in accessories at several local retailers.

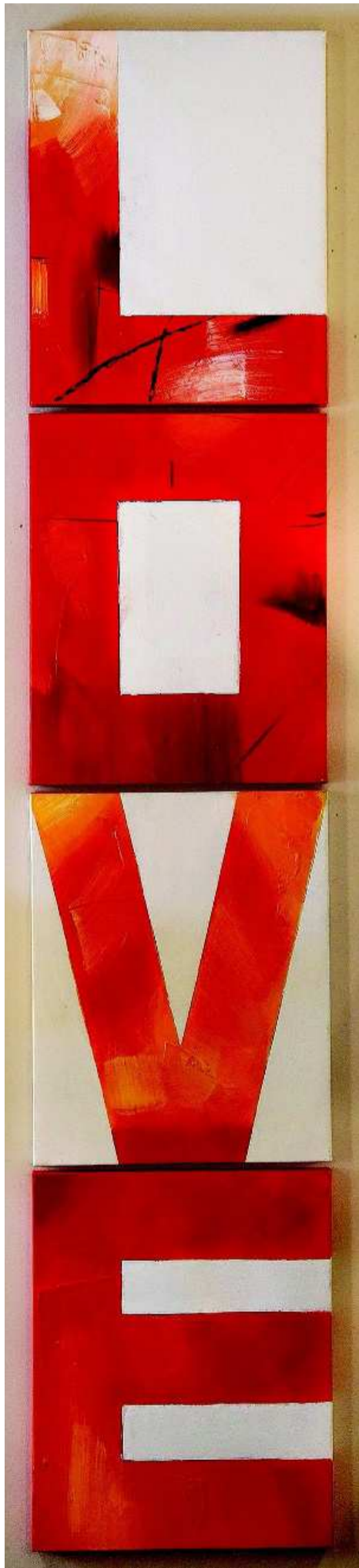
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Any time is cookie time with this old-fashioned cookie jar, \$40, Calico Hen House, Waterloo.



Carol Eldridge's cheerful and fun riff on a souvenir pillow proves needlepoint never goes out of style, Fig & Frolic, Cedar Falls.



Ready to assemble letters spell out "L-O-V-E" in a tangerine-colored wall hanging, \$224, Distinctions, Independence.



Cool blue and a tad rustic, these ceramic vases make a statement together or separately, \$32.95 and \$44.95 respectively, Little Red Schoolhouse, Independence.



"You are special" – and so are these cups, \$12 each, arranged on a slender tray, Covenant Gift Shop, Waterloo.



Fill these sorbet-colored decorative ceramic pots with green silk or real foliage, \$33.50 and \$49.95, Basket of Daisies, Cedar Falls.



Hot diggity dog! This whimsical graphic pooch print has all the "it" colors — tangerine and blues, (\$38), Vintage Iron, Cedar Falls.



Pint-sized painted wood wall art, \$10, evokes a summer scene, For Goodness Sake, Waterloo.



What would Johnny Cash do? He'd plump up this pillow and grab a nap, \$32, Vintage Iron, Cedar Falls.



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A pretty platter

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Square trays fit neatly on ottomans, coffee tables and buffets. Use them for serving or as accent pieces to hold everything from mail to magazines to makeup.



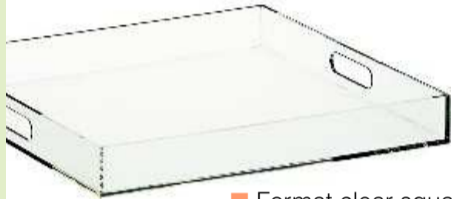
Woodland Imports wood tray with leather lining, \$47 for three at lowes.com.



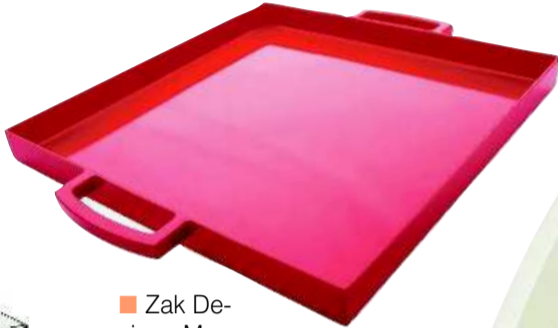
Marble square tray comes in small and large sizes. \$99 to \$129 at williams-sonoma.com.



Simply Bamboo serving tray by Mountain Woods measures 17 x 17 inches. \$39.95 at amazon.com.



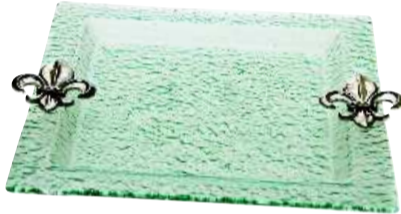
Format clear square tray, \$39.95 at cb2.com.



Zak Designs Meeme small tray, \$18 at jcpenny.com.



Wood-and-embossed square metal tray, \$24.99 at worldmarket.com.



Thirstystone Fleur-de-Lis hammered-glass serving tray has pewter handles. \$44.99 at kohls.com.



Herb garden four-tile serving tray by Certified International, \$33.99 at wayfair.com.

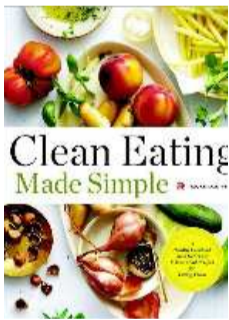
Clean & natural

"100 Days of Real Food" by Lisa Leake is based on the author's popular blog. \$20.25 at Target.

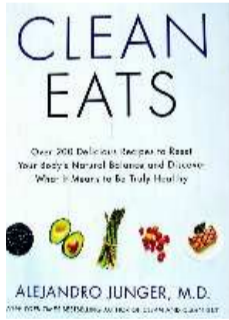
Books for whole food eating add seasonal flavor

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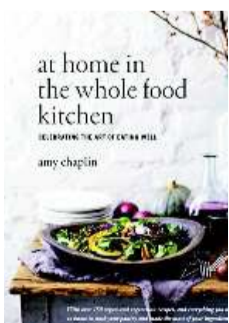
We all know eating clean and unprocessed foods is a healthier way to live. With so many cookbooks out there now, a delicious natural dinner is just a recipe away.



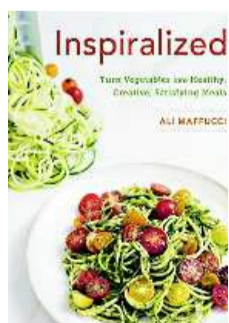
"Clean Eating Made Simple" from Rockridge Press, \$19.99 at Barnes & Noble.



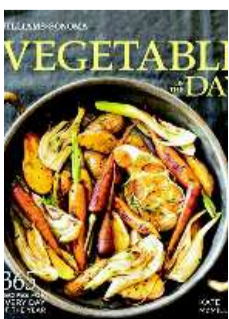
"Clean Eats" by Dr. Alejandro Junger has more than 200 recipes tailored to clean eating. \$22.04 at wordery.com.



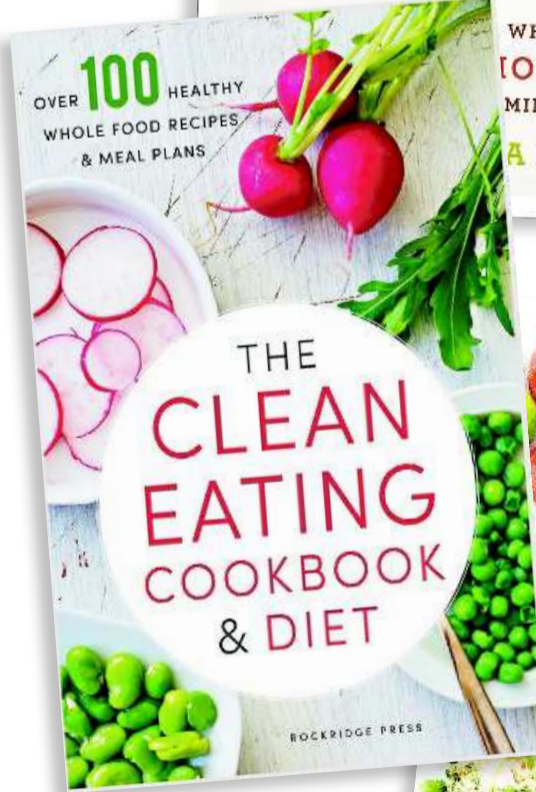
"At Home in the Whole Food Kitchen" by Amy Chaplin helps you create treats like beet tartlets. \$35 at roostbooks.com.



Make spaghetti out of zucchini and fries out of jicama with "Inspiralized" by Ali Maffucci. \$13.20 at amazon.com.



"Williams-Sonoma Vegetable of the Day" by Kate McMillan is a calendar-style cookbook. \$34.95 at williams-sonoma.com.



"The Clean Eating Cookbook and Diet" features over 100 healthy whole food recipes and meal plans. \$9.65 at abebooks.com.



"Clean Slate: A Cookbook and Guide" by the editors of Martha Stewart Living doesn't leave out the snacks or sweets. \$26 at randomhouse.com.



■ Monterey entryway shelf with coat hooks and cubbies, **\$97.99** online only at homedepot.com.



■ Bedford hall tree has storage cubbies and hooks. **\$395.99** at amazon.com.

Make a mudroom

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An organized entryway or dedicated room can keep wet shoes and coats from making a mess in the rest of your home.

Catch coats, mess at the door



■ Safavieh American Home Damien bench doubles as a storage unit. **\$194.99** at wayfair.com.



■ Scrusher boot and shoe brush removes any mess before you walk in the house. **\$29.99** at northerntool.com.



■ Holly & Martin entryway wall mount storage. **\$79.99** online only at bedbathandbeyond.com.



■ Zinc boot tray with vulcanized rubber liner, **\$39.95** at crateandbarrel.com.



■ Carson lidded storage basket keeps extra layers out of sight. **\$29.95** at pier1.com.

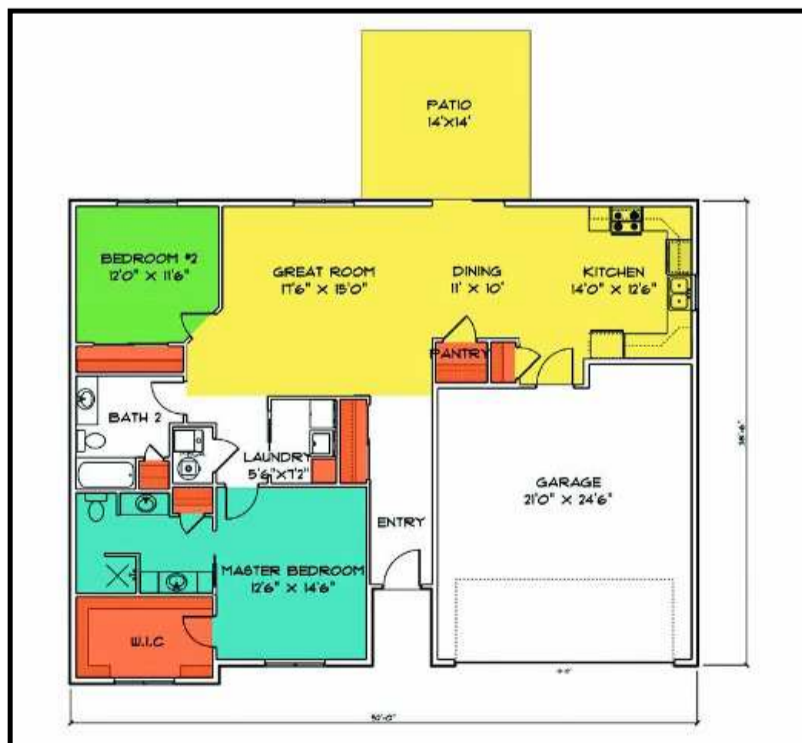


■ 16-compartment shoe organizer has wipe-clean fabric. **\$64** at homedecorators.com.

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Outdoor essentials

Welcome guests into your backyard space

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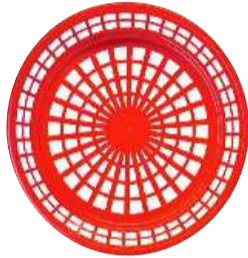
If there's anything that takes a backyard party from okay to awesome, it's getting the right food and having the right gear. Plan your party around these accessories, and you and your guests will be savoring good times.



■ Ultimate Burger Seasoning is perfect for beef, turkey or chicken burgers. **\$10.95** for 3 ounces at williams-sonoma.com.



■ Wild Sports football toss makes from great backyard entertainment. **\$59.18** at amazon.com.



■ These paper plate holders make sure your plate can sustain the weight of your meal. **\$6.99** for a set of four at campingworld.com.



■ The Sportula BBQ set includes a grilling spatula, tongs and a fork with maple handles and your favorite football team's logo. **\$44.99** at bedbathandbeyond.com.



■ Man-Law's stainless steel hot dog grill, **\$24.99** at bbqguys.com.



■ Picnic Times portable reclining camp chair, **\$69** at amazon.com.

■ The Preferred Nation Rolling Speaker Cooler features an MP3 hookup and built-in speakers and holds 48 cans. **\$50.32** at wayfair.com.

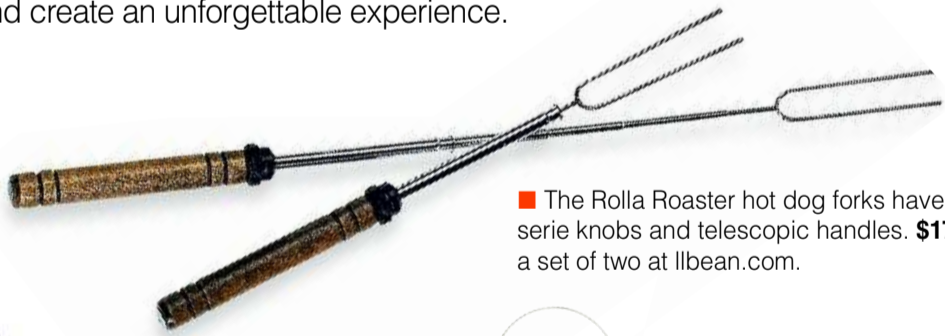
■ The Coleman Roadtrip LXE Grill folds into a portable size. **\$159.99** at dickssportinggoods.com.

Getting campy

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Mother Nature is just steps away

Maybe you're not quite hardy enough to go on a true camping trip. Like, in the woods. You can still enjoy nature in your own yard. Just pitch a tent outside and create an unforgettable experience.



■ The Rolla Roaster hot dog forks have rotisserie knobs and telescopic handles. **\$17.95** for a set of two at lbean.com.



■ The new Zippo all-terrain portable grill can be used in the backyard, at a tailgate or in the woods. **\$299.95** at zippo.com.



■ Citronella Mason filled candles, **\$12** each at pier1.com.



■ REI Kingdom 4 tent sleeps four and has a center divider to create two private rooms. **\$389** at rei.com.



■ Alpine Flame 29-inch copper portable wood burning fire pit with bronze retractable legs, **\$129.99** at ultimatepatio.com.



■ The Coleman Northstar PerfectFlow Instastart propane lantern fires up with the push of a button. **\$64.99** at coleman.com.



■ Bravo Sports Quik Bronze series chair, **\$12.99** at amazon.com.



■ Wildkin makes numerous flannel-lined sleeping bags for kids, which come with a travel pillow and carrying case. **\$71.99** at wildkin.com.

Gifts that cook

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There's no shortage of fun, useful gifts for home chefs, whether they're dabblers or die-hard gourmands.



■ Mini Donut Factory, **\$185.99** at thegiftsformen.com.



■ All-Clad c2 8-inch copper-clad fry pan, **\$250** at bloomingdales.com.



■ The Crisp avocado tool, **\$18.99** at crispcooking.com.



■ Philips Viva Collection Digital Airfryer fries, bakes, roasts and grills. **\$349** online only at homedepot.com.



■ My Perfect Kitchen pasta machine, **\$34.99** at bedbathandbeyond.com.



■ Temp-tations Old World 10-piece gadget essentials kit, **\$24.96** at qvc.com.



■ Bialetti single-serve espresso machine, **\$149.99** online only at target.com.



■ Epicureanist electronic cheese grater, **\$29.99** online only at kohls.com.



■ Bonavita's 1.7-liter variable temperature electric gooseneck kettle, **\$109.99** at rakuten.com.



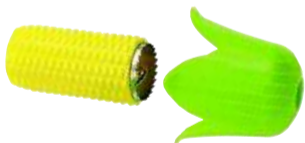
■ The Krups egg cooker boils seven eggs at once. **\$29.90** at thekrupsstore.com.

Kitchen wizardry

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The latest kitchen tools help you whip up a meal or beverage quickly, creatively and efficiently — and often with less mess. And they're not all high-tech.

Gadgets get the job done right



■ The Kuhn Rikon Corn Twister lets you swiftly remove corn from the cob. **\$15.95** at surlatable.com.



■ Use the Excalibur clear door dehydrator to make granola, yogurt, apple chips, jerky — and homemade paper! **\$269.95** for a five-tray at excaliburdehydrator.com.



■ The Omega NC900HDC goes beyond juicing. Make homemade nut butters, almond/soy milk, baby food, frozen fruit sorbet — you can even mince herbs. **\$318.06** at amazon.com.



■ Nostalgia Electrics EQM-200 electric quesadilla maker, **\$19** at walmart.com.



■ Just press the button and all-in-one Moo Mixer Supreme blends chocolate milk without a spoon. **\$24.95** at gadgetsandgear.com.



■ Smart Planet corn dog maker, **\$25.99** at amazon.com.



■ Holstein Housewares pound cake maker produces a quick dessert and wipes clean. **\$39.99** online only at kohls.com.



■ Hamilton Beach Breakfast Maker lets you assemble egg sandwiches in no time. **\$24.49** at target.com.

Mirror, mirror

Reflect your home's style

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As part of your décor, mirrors can add depth, light and color to any room. With so many to choose from, it's easy to find one that emulates your design cues.

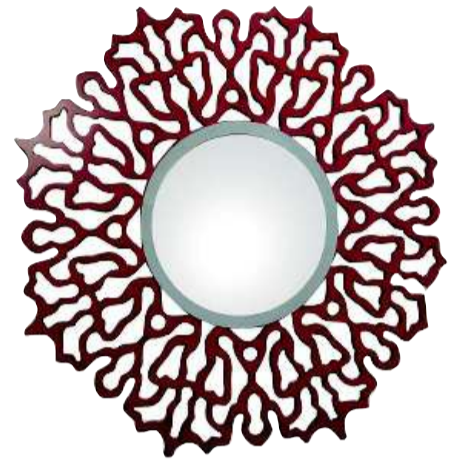


■ Garden window mirror, **\$199** at pier1.com.

■ IMAX Finely Baroque wall mirror, **\$97.99** at wayfair.com.



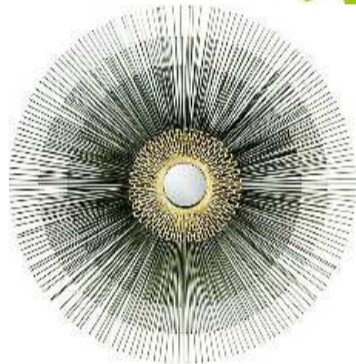
■ Stay classic with this 45 rpm record recycled vinyl mirror. **\$95.95** at kegworks.com.



■ Metro Design USA swirl wall mirror, **\$84.99** at kohls.com.



■ Kenroy Home 60086 gear wall mirror in weathered steel, **\$196.20** at homeclick.com.



■ Eye-catching starburst wall mirror, **\$199** at cratebarrel.com.



■ Tula floral round wall mirror, **\$330** online only at jcpenny.com.



■ Eleanor frameless mirrors, **\$79 to \$99** at potterybarn.com.

Perfect fit

Nesting tables add extra space when you need it

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Tight on space? Nesting tables store compactly and provide an extra place for drinks and appetizer plates when guests are around.



■ Holly & Martin Ocelle three-piece nesting tables, **\$199.99** at bellacor.com.



■ Avenue Six wood nesting tables, **\$99.27** online only at kmart.com.



■ Project a contemporary flair with these glass nesting tables. **\$250** at brickellcollection.com.



■ Set of two beveled mirror nesting tables, **\$349.99** online only at bedbathandbeyond.com.



■ Imax Knoxlin three-piece nesting tables, **\$165** at wayfair.com.



■ Industrial nesting tables, **\$455** for a set of two at luluandgeorgia.com.

Blue heaven

Create an impact with cobalt accessories

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From curtains to glassware to lamps, cobalt blue is making a comeback on store shelves. This rich color, favored by royalty, is always a classic.



■ KitchenAid tilt-head standing mixer, **\$349.99** at bestbuy.com.



■ Frank Blue, a Sherwin-Williams hue, **\$38.99** a gallon at Sherwin-Williams stores.



■ CBK end table gives a room a pop of color. **\$120** at wayfair.com.



■ Decor Therapy distressed box wall mirror in blue, **\$82** at kohls.com.



■ Cambria 12-piece beverage ware set, **\$200** online only at jcpenny.com.



■ L'Objet porcelain bleu dinner plates, **\$44** to **\$64** at bloomingdales.com.

■ Jezebel Radiance Lily cobalt glass pendant light, **\$199.91** at lampsplus.com.



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Sitting pretty

Dining chairs can be great accents

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Showcase your style with dining room chairs that add a whimsical twist to entertaining décor. From bright colors to unique structure, chairs can spice up any meal — formal or informal.



■ Peacock Paige round back dining chair, **\$399.98** for a set of two at worldmarket.com.



■ Hand-woven rattan Kubu dining chair, **\$119.95** each at pier1.com.



■ Curved leather chair from West Elm may remind you a bit of your favorite comfy recliner. **\$598** for a set of two at westelm.com.



■ Safavieh two-piece Karna dining chair set, **\$275** online only at kohls.com.



■ HomePop Suzani Parsons fabric chair, **\$162.89** for a set of two at overstock.com.



■ Dark brown two-chair set by Baxton Casablanca adds a modern touch to your table. **\$249.96** at amazon.com.



■ Light beech Bojne chair, **\$89.99** each at ikea.com.

Media matters

Stylish pieces showcase your favorite show

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Flat-screen TVs and increasingly smaller music devices influence media consoles that create a statement rather than simply serve as shelves.



■ White plantation media stand is a good mix of classic and contemporary. **\$349.99** online only at worldmarket.com.



■ Tremont corner TV stand by Coaster Furniture. **\$296** online only at brookstone.com.



■ Blake grey 42-inch wash media storage console blends primitive style with modern sensibility. **\$999** at houzz.com.



■ Bassett Mirror Pemberton entertainment console table, **\$629.99** at wayfair.com.



■ Kaden electric fireplace doubles as a media stand. **\$349.98** at fingerhut.com.



■ Retro-cool Draper media console, **\$279** at urbanoutfitters.com.

■ Premier RTA Simple Connect Transitions stand, **\$349.99** at sears.com.



technology & home entertainment

Automated abodes

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Gadgets and appliances make it easier than ever to keep a house up and running. Whether you need to unlock the front door or turn on the oven, there's a device for every chore.

Manage the household while on the go



SmartThings' Smart Home Starter Kit works in conjunction with a smartphone app so you can receive alerts when doors open unexpectedly. It also programs lights to turn on when kids come home from school. **\$199** at shop.smarthings.com.



Dropcam Pro by Nest has a 130-degree field of view for live-streaming video of an entire room, and its built-in microphone and speaker allows you to talk to family members or pets. **\$199** at dropcam.com.



When a pet wearing a Smart-Key on its collar approaches the electronic SmartDoor, the flap unlocks then automatically locks back into place when it no longer senses the key. **\$134.95** or **\$199.95** at petsafe.net.



The Lyric thermostat by Honeywell uses a smartphone's location to automatically switch into energy-saving mode when you're away, then it heats or cools the house when you're coming home. **\$249** at lyric.honeywell.com.



Unlock the front door without fumbling for your keys with the August smart lock. It uses Bluetooth technology to unlock the door from a smartphone or tablet. **\$249.99** at august.com.



Come home to a clean floor thanks to Deebot D77's time scheduling technology, which cleans all types of flooring from marble to low-pile carpet. **\$549** at amazon.com.

Theater at home

Create the hot spot for sports and movies

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Everyone knows the second-best thing to being at a big football or basketball game is experiencing the game with a sweet theater set up. Check out these items that can help spruce up your home theater.



In addition to surge protection, the Monster Home Theater Power HTS950 boasts color-coded outlets, and extra wide spacing. **\$149.95** at audiolab.com.



Inspired by vintage footballs, this 24-inch Football Espresso lamp base adds a sporty feel. **\$79** at pbteen.com.



Create a dark theater vibe with the Eclipse Absolute Zero velvet blackout home theater window panel. **\$94.99** to **\$119.99** per panel, at kohls.com.



Reuse these plastic popcorn cups each time you watch a movie or game. **\$2.68** each at partycheap.com.



Each Ariel home theater seat has power recline and cup holders. **\$799.99** per seat at htseating.com.



New Air AB-1200 features a stainless steel design and holds up to 126 beverage cans. **\$299.95** at homeclick.com.

The Bose CineMate 15 home theater speaker system is small on space and big on sound. **\$599.95** at bose.com.



Helping hands

Fitness info at your fingertips

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With so many different watches and fitness bands to choose from, tracking your physical activity has never been easier. So get out of your seat, fasten up your wrist and go for it.



■ Soleus Watch GO fitness band activity tracker counts calories, sleep, weather, temperature and more. **\$129** at kohls.com.



■ Nike+ FuelBand SE is a watch, fitness tracker, and keeps you connected to your phone via Bluetooth. **\$79** at nike.com.



■ The stylish Wellograph watch tracks activity, heart rate, steps and more. **\$299** at microsoftstore.com.



■ The Striiv Fusion comes with three wristbands to personalize your look. **\$99.99** at bestbuy.com.



■ Jawbone's UP MOVE comes in several colors, which can be mixed and matched with different accessories. **\$49.99** for UP MOVE, plus **\$14.99** for wristband at jawbone.com.



■ New Balance LifeTRN Sync Fitness watch is a pedometer and keeps track of your heart rate. **\$89.95** at llbean.com.



■ The iFit Active tracks activity, sleep and calories. **\$79** at ifit.com.

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Flying high with personal drones

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Forget airplanes — people are gaining altitude and a new perspective being their own pilots. Personal drones are multiplying, with choices for people of all experience and income levels.



■ UDI U818A Axis Gyro RC quadcopter captures video and photos with pilot control options for precise positioning. **\$59.99** at amazon.com.



■ The new Parrot Jumping Sumo mini drone performs acrobatics, always lands on its wheels and comes with a wide-angle camera, which can stream directly to your smart phone or tablet. **\$159.99** at parrotshopping.com.



■ The Hexo+ flying camera follows and films you using a Go-Pro camera (not included). Pre-order for **\$1,149** at hexoplus.com.



■ Newly touted at this year's CES, the DJI Inspire 1 features a 4K stabilized camera, HD wireless video and more. **\$2,899** for the drone and a single remote at store.dji.com.



■ 3d Robotics Iris+ multicopter comes with GoPro camera mount, and features Follow Me technology for a hands-free aerial camera. **\$750** at ritzcamera.com.



■ The Xtrem QuadForce video drone features a video camera and MicroSD card. **\$89.99** at mcmelectronics.com.

Photo ready

Apps that up your smartphone photography game

GANNETT

Between Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, your mobile pictures are constantly on display. Make sure you're posting the prettiest photos with these picture-perfect apps.



Photoshop Touch makes the Adobe Photoshop features portable. **\$9.99** on play.google.com. and on itunes.apple.com.



Afterlight is a simple photo-editing platform, which offers 59 filters and 66 textures. **99 cents** on itunes.apple.com.



A Beautiful Mess is full of quirky filters, frames, doodles and text that you can add to images. **99 cents** on play.google.com and itunes.apple.com.



Camera Zoom FX Premium has many features, including the fastest camera for Android phones. **\$2.99** on play.google.com.



PicLab HD is a simple design studio app, in which you can easily add text, artwork, light leaks, textures, filters and more to your photos. **\$1.99** on itunes.apple.com.



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Must-see TVs

Score big with small HDTVs

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It isn't always about the size when it comes to televisions. These stunning displays offer brilliant HDTV viewing in small living quarters like dorms and apartments.



■ Pyle 15-inch wall-mount TFT LCD flat panel monitor has both VGA & RCA inputs, so it can be connected to a TV or computer. **\$149.99** at amazon.com.



■ Enjoy a funky vibe with the latest technology with this 22-inch retro-design HDTV by Seiki. **\$399.95** at amazon.com.



■ The Vizio 24-inch 60Hz Razor LED HDTV has smart capabilities for Internet browsing. **\$178** online only at walmart.com.



■ Sceptre 16-inch 720p LED HDTV, **\$109** at amazon.com.



■ Naxa 22-inch 1080p TV/DVD combo, **\$239.99** at overstock.com.



■ RCA 24-inch 60Hz rear-lit LED HDTV with built-in DVD player, **\$189.99** at kmart.com.



■ Axess 13.3-inch LED AC/DC TV with DVD player, **\$193.22** at sears.com.



■ Samsung 22-inch 5000 series full HD LED TV, **\$167.99** at bhphotovideo.com.

Streaming wars

Devices that make it easier to cut the cable cord

GANNETT

More and more TV viewers are using streaming devices to watch their shows. And with many options on the market, from high-tech and pricey, to minimal and cost-efficient, there's a device for everyone.

■ Apple TV wirelessly streams 1080p HD web content and works with Netflix, HBO Go, Watch ESPN, YouTube and much more. It has a remote for easy control, but you can also mirror what's displayed on your iOS device, perfect for sharing photos. **\$99** at store.apple.com.



■ Google's take on the streaming device is definitely a minimalist approach, but the low price makes it worth it. The thumb-sized device plugs right into your HDMI port and works with Netflix, HBO Go, YouTube, Watch ESPN and Pandora. Plus, you can cast any website you have open in Google Chrome onto your TV. **\$35** at staples.com.



■ Amazon's answer to the streaming game is Amazon Fire, a device that works with a huge number of apps and has the added bonus of streaming Amazon Instant Video for Amazon Prime members. It also comes with a remote and is equipped with voice search. **\$99** at amazon.com.



■ Roku 3 is a 1080p HD streaming device that's compatible with more than 1,000 entertainment channels. Use the included remote, which has a headphone jack for late-night binge-watching sessions, to control the device. **\$89.99** at roku.com.

Tabletop standouts

Games get gorgeous with detailed design

GANNETT

It can be difficult to get the kids to put down the video games and play a classic game together as a family. But if they look as nice as these gorgeous sets do, they'll not only get a chance to appreciate the classics, they will request weekly game nights.



■ Oversized, hand-blown marbles in black and white complement a varnished cherry board of this Noughts and Crosses game. **\$100** at thosbaker.com.



■ Manopoulos Padauk wood backgammon set, **\$199.95** at thebackgammonstore.com.



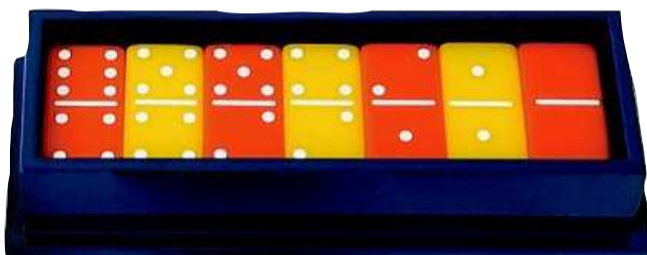
■ This iconic Isle of Lewis chessmen set is created using laser scans of the original Isle of Lewis artifacts, which date back a thousand years or more. **\$240** at amazon.com.



■ Finished in burl veneer with an ebony stain, this Statement Tic Tac Toe game never looked so elegant. **\$39.99** at bombaycompany.com.



■ Get the family fired up with the classic old-time game of Town Hall Bingo. **\$129** at restorationhardware.com.



■ Navy Lacquer domino set, **\$138** at jonathanadler.com.



■ Orsa Maggiore poker set features 348 opalescent chips. **\$730** at zontikgames.com.

Vacation gear

Portable entertainment can give you a connection

GANNETT

Summer is coming, and it's time to gear up for vacations. Take your favorite music, shows and games on the road with these portable devices that can keep you as connected as you want to be.



■ The MN2SW Bluetooth smartwatch by Sony is great if you don't want to carry your phone, but still need to keep an eye on emails. **\$76.88** at amazon.com.



■ Experienced gamers can keep skills sharp with the Nintendo 2DS. **\$129.96** at walmart.com.



■ 3.5-inch digital LCD television with FM radio by NAXA, **\$59.95** at amazon.com.



■ Both siblings can have their own screen with this 7-inch dual screen DVD player by GPX. **\$88.98** at walmart.com.



■ Wacom Intuos Pro professional pen and touch tablet, **\$249.99** to **\$499.99** at bhphotovideo.com.



■ This Lexibook compact cyber arcade handheld game console keeps it old school. **\$21.99** at kmart.com.



■ Walkman Sports pink MP3 Player by Sony, **\$98** at adorama.com.

Wi-Fi wherever

Handy devices give your gadgets Internet access anywhere

GANNETT

Mobile hotspots are becoming a must-have when you're on the go. Here are some options to keep your laptop, tablet or other device connected. (Remember to get a data plan!)



■ Sprint's LivePro is both a hotspot and a projector. **\$449.99** (less with service plan) at sprint.com.



■ U.S. Cellular's ZTE Unite II has a full-color screen and lots of security and customization options. **\$159.99** (less with service plan) at uscellular.com.



■ Pay as you go, with no contracts, using the sleek and stylish Karma. **\$99** at yourkarma.com.



■ The 4G LTE Netgear Mingle for Virgin Mobile connects up to 10 devices and offers password protection. **\$49.99** at virginmobileusa.com.



■ The Samsung LTE Mobile Hotspot Pro for T-Mobile has an SD card slot and the ability to charge your device. **\$156 plus \$10 SIM Starter Kit** at amazon.com.



■ XCom Global offers mobile hotspot for rent — perfect for temporary needs. **\$14.95** per day at xcomglobal.com.



■ Connect up to five devices with the 3G Straight Talk Wifi Mobile Hotspot. **\$79.88** at walmart.com.

Trendy tablets

Take your tech with you

GANNETT

Complete with dazzling displays and speedy processors, tablets are having a moment. Choose from these streamlined options.

■ Microsoft Surface Pro 3 boasts the power and performance of a laptop. Starting at **\$699** at microsoftstore.com.



■ Google Nexus 9 has distortion-free sound with front-facing speakers. Starting at **\$399** for 16 GB at play.google.com.



■ Lenovo Yoga Tablet 2 Pro has a built-in projector that lets you show movies or TV shows on a nearby wall or screen. Starting at **\$469.99** at shop.lenovo.com.



■ The iPad Air 2 is the lightest yet and comes in three finishes: silver, gold or gray. Starting at **\$499** at the.store.apple.com.

■ Amazon Fire HD 7 comes with unlimited storage in the cloud. Starting at **\$114** at amazon.com.



■ Sony Xperia Z2 Tablet is waterproof and dust-resistant. Starting at **\$499.99** at store.sony.com.



■ The five-element lens on the Asus Transformer Pad in champagne gold makes photos clear. **\$269** at kmart.com.



■ The screen on the Samsung Galaxy Tab S has four times the pixels of an HDTV. Starting at **\$329.99** at walmart.com.

It's all rosy

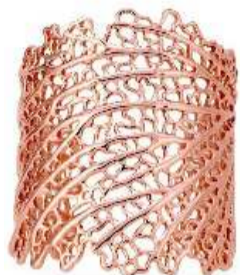
Rose hues add warmth to gold tones

GANNETT

Yellow gold looks great against the tans picked up from the sun, but when the color fades, look to rose gold pieces to capture that warm tone again. When featured in textured pieces, rose gold stands out as ultra-feminine.



■ Frieda Rothman Metropolitan teardrop pendant necklace, **\$150** at nordstrom.com.



■ Laurel cuff, **\$98** at stelladot.com.



■ Interwoven hollow rings on the Infinity rings pendant are super lightweight. **\$295** at bluenile.com.



■ Pave disc ring, **\$85** at macys.com.



■ Jennifer Lopez rose-gold-tone stainless steel crystal automatic skeleton watch, **\$215** at kohls.com.



■ The scrollwork in this Tiffany Enchant Heart pendant is reflective of 19th-century gates. **\$300** at tiffany.com.



■ Double stacked ring in 14-karat rose gold by Vari & Oro, **\$415** at vraiaodoro.com.



■ Oval hoop earrings in 14-karat rose gold, **\$169** at kay.com.



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■ Jewel neck long-sleeve tee, **\$32.50** at anntaylor.com.



Green with envy

Jewel tones enrich your fashion palette

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Jewel-hued fashion strikes a rich and sophisticated level that can make anyone a bit jealous. Rock this precious stone color in your clothing and accessories for an elegant look.



■ York Zip passport continental wallet, **\$195** at toryburch.com.



■ Bling jewelry emerald-color flower cubic zirconia marquise oval silver tennis bracelet, **\$40** at sears.com.



■ Jaz spotted calf-leather shoulder bag by Eric Javits, **\$153** at neimanmarcus.com.



■ Satin halter dress, **\$188** at cache.com.



■ Asos Premium cold-shoulder pencil dress, **\$111** at us.asos.com.



■ Anne Klein classic one-button blazer, **\$74.99** at macys.com.



■ Embellished shoulder drape-back jersey gown by Tahari, **\$158** at nordstrom.com.

Heads up

The Mad Hatter was on to something

GANNETT

Changing the look of your outfit is as easy as accessorizing. Hats not only add some flavor to ensembles, they can help cover up a bad hair day. Sounds like a win-win to us.



■ This Catarzi classic trilby hat is made of smooth felt fabric. **\$65** at us.asos.com.



■ Kangol's Colette cap, from **\$46** at kangolstore.com.



■ The Eugenia Kim Elyse tweed Marine cap can be a fall staple. **\$119** at neimanmarcus.com.

■ Forever 21's favorite ribbed beanie is good for cool days and casual outfits. **\$3.90** at forever21.com.



■ Floppy straw hat, **\$44.50** at loft.com.

■ Dante fedora by Rocket 448, **\$49** at bluefly.com.



■ Ellie hat by Sunday Afternoons is available in three colors. **\$42** at sundayafternoons.com.



■ The leather lacing floppy hat by Callanan has an adjustable drawstring. **\$50** at villagehatshop.com.

Bucket list

Hot handbags offer convenience, style

GANNETT

Roomy and accessible, the bucket bag is back in vogue. But today's versions have more sass and class than the bags of yesteryear.

■ Amenapih Tika bag, \$179 at bluefly.com.

■ Sak heritage bucket bag, \$139 at zappos.com.

■ Elizabeth and James Cynnie tie-dye mini bucket, \$495 at bergdorf goodman.com.

■ Tory Burch Thea mini crossbody bag, \$250 at nieman marcus.com.

■ Izzy convertible backpack/bucket bag does double duty. \$595 at barneys.com.

■ Frye campus vintage bucket bag has retro appeal. \$248 online only at urban outfitters.com.

■ Vince Camuto Leila drawstring bucket bag, \$278 at nordstrom.com.

■ Downing bucket bag comes in three colors. \$138 at jcrew.com.



■ Slip-on leather Caliana loafer by Ralph Lauren comes in six saturated colors. \$98 at ralphlauren.com.



■ Nine West Royalli flats, \$34.99 at 6pm.com.

■ Poetic Licence Brightly Beaming wedge, \$97.97 at onlineshoes.com.



■ Candy crystal peep-toe pump by Lauren Lorraine, \$129.95 at nordstrom.com.

Wild style

Statement shoes that pop

GANNETT

Wild colors, crazy patterns and funky shapes can bring your shoes to the next level.

Step out and take center stage in powerful shoes made to remember.



■ Chevron Heel by Smooth Statement features an adorable fox face on the toe. \$64.99 at modcloth.com.



■ Tory Burch Issy high-heel floral pump, \$295 at toryburch.com.



■ Nouveau pump in silver foil, \$375 at nordstrom.com.



■ Pink hope Waleo heel by Jessica Simpson, \$99.99 at heels.com.

Eye on health

Protect your eyes this summer

GANNETT

Glare, wind and seasonal allergies can all lead to puffy, dry and irritated eyes. UV rays can cause wrinkling and eye damage. Fight back with these defensive products.



■ Read that beach novel in style with the Drama bi-focal sun reader. **\$18.95** at readers.com.



■ Infused with coconut, argan oil and papaya, Alaffia Everyday Coconut Eye Cream nourishes, hydrates and fights lines caused by the sun. **\$7.49** at luckyvitamin.com.



■ Boiron's Optique 1 is an all-in-one drop that tackles eye irritation and redness. **\$10.49** at vitaminshoppe.com.



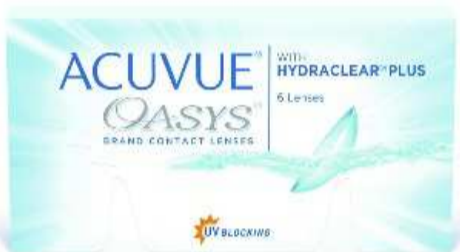
■ Clear Eyes All Seasons Outdoor Dry Eye Protection combats the effects of sun, chlorine and wind. **\$4.99** at drugstore.com.



■ Skin Authority Reviving Eye Brightener reduces inflammation, fine lines, puffiness and dark circles. **\$79.50** at skinauthority.com.



■ Basq's cucumber tea eye gel refreshes and fights puffiness. **\$24** at basqny.com.



■ Acuvue Oasys contact lenses contain UV protection. Starting as low as **\$34** with a prescription at visiondirect.com.



■ Costa Sea Fan sunglasses feature 100 percent UV light blockage and 100 percent polarization. **\$169** at costadelmar.com.

Gym bag basics

GANNETT

From pre-workout prep to post-sweat pampering, your gym bag holds the essentials to make it all happen smoothly and seamlessly. Make your workout the star and forget about the rest by keeping your gym bag stocked with these products.

■ Gear up to sweat with Duo Dry endurance tank, **\$8.98**, Fashion Run knee tight capri, **\$14.98**, all by C9 by Champion and available at target.com.

Locker room essentials to always have on hand



■ Garmin Vivofit fitness band is a tracker with a battery that lasts for a year or longer and has a heart monitor to boot. **\$129.99** at amazon.com.



■ Keep your toiletries stashed in the Pack-It Specter Wallaby that can easily be hung on a locker. **\$38** at shop.eaglecreek.com.



■ Kor One Hydration Vessel, **\$25** at korwater.com.



■ The latest iPod nano has a larger 2.5-inch screen with a built-in Nike app and pedometer to track daily fitness goals. **\$149** at store.apple.com.



■ Women's AquaSport one-piece swimsuit will keep water workouts fashionable. **\$44.99** to **\$79** at landsend.com.



■ The Everything Fits gym bag lives up to its name with a vented exterior compartment for shoes or a wet suit, interior pockets and a bottom strap for your yoga mat. **\$60** at gaiam.com

Casual

COOL

Great sneakers tie up well for a laid-back look



■ Sperry top-sider women's seacoast sneaker, \$60 at macys.com.

GANNETT

Fun footwear makes a statement when it's a jeans-and-T-shirt kind of day. Try one of these looks for a comfy and fashionable finish to your outfit.



■ Converse All Star stars & bars high-top sneaker, \$42 at kohls.com.



■ Taylor Swift's Champion Sunpie floral-print sneakers from Keds, \$29.95 at keds.com.



■ Imitation leather white sneakers, \$24.95 at hm.com.



■ Get high style with the Cindy sneaker from DKNY. \$150 at dkny.com.



■ Sketchers Equalizer Vivid Dream sneaker, \$64.99 at belk.com.



■ Add some shine to any outfit with Ecco Bluma casual sneakers. \$79.99 at dillards.com.

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Dinner tonight



SERVES 4

pork medallions with blue cheese

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Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Cut the tenderloin into 1-inch slices. Sprinkle with pepper. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add the pork slices and cook for 2 to 4 minutes or until they are brown, turning them once. Transfer the pork

slices to a baking sheet. In a small bowl, mix together the blue cheese, chives and bread crumbs. Break any large pieces of cheese into fine crumbs. Top the pork slices evenly with the cheese mixture. Bake for about 10 minutes or until the internal temperature is 150 degrees. To make the chive sauce, discard the drippings from the skillet used to sauté the pork. Wipe the skillet with paper towels. Add the heavy cream or half-and-half and cook until the

cream is reduced by half. Stir in the chives. Spoon the sauce onto each plate and arrange 3 pork medallions on top.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound pork tenderloin
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 4 ounces (1 cup) crumbled blue cheese
- 3 tablespoons finely snipped fresh chives

- 1 tablespoon plain breadcrumbs

Optional creamy chive sauce

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream or half-and-half
- 1 teaspoon finely snipped fresh chives

Approximate values per serving:
259 calories, 14 g fat, 84 mg cholesterol, 29 g protein, 2 g carbohydrates, 0 g fiber, 453 mg sodium, 50 percent calories from fat.

Refined spirit

Tequila is for more than just shots

GANNETT

The younger crowd may be looking for the salt and lime wedge when someone says tequila, but this liquor can be so much more than just a shot. Try it for sipping, in a mixed drink or an after-dinner beverage.



el Jimador
mango
mango

From the Casa Herradura distillery, this tequila features an exciting blend of ripe mango, rich tropical fruit, and a hint of crisp citrus paired with creamy vanilla notes. This flavored tequila is perfect for mixed drinks.

■ **Price:** \$19.99.



Cognac
Cask Finish
Reposado

Casa Herradura has created this small-batch spirit by aging it in American oak barrels for 11 months and then French oak casks from the Cognac region for three months. This double-barrel maturation accentuates the agave and dried fruit and gives the tequila warm caramel and vanilla undertones.

■ **Price:** \$89.99.



Cazadores
Reposado

This premium tequila, made from 100 percent blue agave, is produced with the same recipe and process developed more than 90 years ago. Harvested and distilled in Jalisco, Mexico, the premier agave gives the liquor a smooth, flavorful taste.

■ **Price:** \$26.99.

Groovy smoothies

Whip up a healthy, nutritious treat

GANNETT

The popularity of smoothies as a breakfast and snack staple shows no signs of slowing down — perhaps because the flavors and nutrition combinations seem so endless. So get inspired and check out some of these smooth operators.



■ The Back to Basics Blender Express can blend up to 24 ounces at a time and features grab-and-go cup with a sip-top lid. **\$30.58** online only at walmart.com.



■ Kismos jumbo flex straws are designed for thick drinks. **\$1.99** for 125 at pfaltzgraff.com.

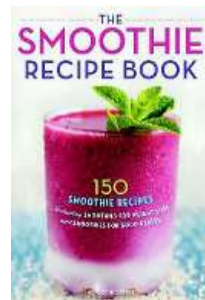


■ The Thermos 16-ounce vacuum-insulated stainless steel tumbler keeps liquid cool for up to nine hours. **\$24.99** at amazon.com.



■ Boost your metabolism and fight off stress with Get Burning smoothie mix from The Republic of Tea. **\$16.95** for 4 ounces at williams-sonoma.com.

■ Keep your concoctions interesting using "The Smoothie Recipe Book" by Mendicino Press. **\$9.99** at barnesandnoble.com.



Dinner tonight



SERVES 6

cold sesame noodles

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Cook noodles according to package directions. Drain noodles and rinse under cold water. Add to a large bowl. Set aside a few pieces of sliced green onion and carrot for garnish and add the remaining to the noodles. (You can add other vegetables like thinly

sliced red pepper or snow peas, if desired, and cooked chicken or shrimp.) In a glass measuring cup, whisk together vinegar, Sriracha, reduced-sodium soy sauce, sugar, salt, black pepper, sesame oil and garlic. Pour over noodles and toss to coat. Sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds and top with reserved green onion and carrot just before serving. Serve immediately or refrigerate and serve cold.

INGREDIENTS

Noodles

- 1 12-ounce package of fresh Chinese or Japanese noodles
- 3 green onions, washed, ends removed, thinly sliced
- 1 small carrot, peeled, ends removed, julienned

Dressing

- 1 tablespoon seasoned rice vinegar
- Sriracha or garlic chili sauce to taste
- 3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce or tamari

- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds

Approximate values per serving: 112 calories, 3 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 3 g protein, 18 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 204 mg sodium, 27 percent calories from fat.

In demand

Pinot noirs are worth a sip

THE TENNESSEAN

The noble pinot noir grape is widely considered the toughest grape to grow, but the resulting wine is well worth it. The grape typically produces a light-to-medium bodied red wine that is fruit-forward and perfect for sipping with whatever is on the menu.



2013
Hahn
pinot noir

This deep ruby red from Hahn Winery has scents of cherry, strawberry, cola and spice, with flavors of black plums and black cherry and a soft mouthfeel. Rounded tannins and a dash of acidity combine to give this pinot its clean finish.

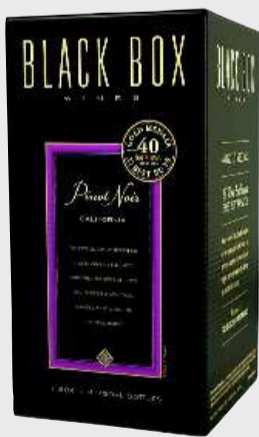
■ **Price:** \$14.



2013
Chamisal
Vineyards
stainless
pinot noir

Crafted with little manipulation and no oak influence, the resulting wine displays luscious fruit intensity of red cherry, plum and wild blackberry. The balanced acidity allows the true varietal characteristics to shine and produces a very clean finish.

■ **Price:** \$24.



2013
Black Box
California
pinot noir

A lighter-bodied red that's perfect for any occasion, this new offering from Black Box offers enticing aromas of lush strawberry, Bing cherry, and a hint of rose petal with notes of toasty oak on the palate. The Black Box pinot noir is ideal paired with grilled salmon or herb-roasted chicken.

■ **Price:** \$24.99.

Goodbye, gluten

It's easier than ever to skip this ingredient

GANNETT

Whether going gluten-free is a health or lifestyle choice for your family, good taste is still key. Many large companies are providing options for the gluten-free home that are just as easy and quick — and tasty — as their gluten-included counterparts.



■ Bisquick joins the fray with a gluten-free baking mix, great for pancakes, waffles and biscuits. **\$5.99** for 16 ounces at soap.com.



■ For dessert, the Gluten Free Double Chocolate Brownie Mix from Krusteaz will hit the spot. **\$5.39** at mybrands.com.



■ Nasoya recently debuted its gluten-free Pasta Zero with 15 calories and 4 grams of carbs per serving. **\$2.29** at mass retailers.



■ Balance Bar launches the new Balance Bare bars, made with whole foods like nuts and fruit. **\$1.69** each at mass retailers.

Dinner tonight



SERVES 4

rigatoni with turkey and peas

DETROIT FREE PRESS

Prepare pasta according to package directions, reserve 2 cups of the pasta water and then drain the pasta and leave in the colander. In the same pot, heat the olive oil and butter over medium heat. Add the garlic and sauté 1 minute. Add the mushrooms and sauté until they are tender. Add the sherry and deglaze the pot, scraping up any browned bits on

the bottom. Sprinkle the mixture with flour and cook 1 minute. Stir in the cream cheese until it melts. Slowly pour in the half-and-half or milk. Cook over medium heat until the mixture thickens and coats the back of a spoon. Season with salt, poultry seasoning and black pepper. Stir in the cubed turkey, cooked pasta and peas and heat through. If the mixture is too thick, add some of the reserved pasta water a little at a time to thin to desired consistency. Serve in bowl and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

INGREDIENTS

- 8 ounces rigatoni
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled, minced
- 8 ounces cremini mushrooms, cleaned and sliced
- 1/4 cup sherry
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
- 1 1/2 cups fat-free half-and-half or fat-free milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 cups cooked turkey breast, cubed
- 1 cup fresh or frozen peas
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Approximate values per serving: 352 calories, 13 g fat, 46 mg cholesterol, 19 g protein, 39 g carbohydrates, 2 g fiber, 737 mg sodium, 33 percent calories from fat.

Lighter fare

Trade heavy wines for lighter options

THE TENNESSEAN

It is time to put aside some of the big, heavy reds and go for something lighter and easier on the palate. Grapes such as viognier, muscat and gewürztraminer are uniquely floral and perfect for this time of year. So, get into the season and pick up some flowers in a bottle.



2013 Yalumba
Viognier

This silky and subtle wine from Yalumba, Australia's oldest family-owned winery, is made in the heart of Barossa. It is lemony and luscious with fruit flavors and honeysuckle.

■ **Price:** \$12.99.



2012 Foris
muscat

The muscat grape may be the oldest domesticated grape in the world and is grown worldwide. It is often called Moscato when vinified off-dry or sweet. This brand from Rogue Valley, Oregon, is sweet with peachy floral aromas; it's great for dessert or an aperitif.

■ **Price:** \$15.



2012 Zind-Humbrecht
gewürztraminer

The gewürztraminer traces its origins to the Alsace region in France and means spicy or fragrant Traminer. Zind-Humbrecht remains at the top of the pecking order when it comes to Alsatian producers.

■ **Price:** \$30.

At your service

Dress up your drinks

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For the most part, party beverages are not only tasty, but pretty. Setting up a drink dispenser is functional, and also gives your drinks a chance to show themselves off. Sangria, anyone?



■ Home Essentials' double jug server comes with chalk and chalkboards to label your drinks, as well as a stand. Each jug holds 1 gallon. **\$79.99** at kohls.com.



■ This 1.5-gallon glass infuser dispenser allows you to infuse beverages with fresh ingredients, which will stay put without clogging the spigot. **\$24.99** at worldmarket.com.



■ The oversize Mason jar dispenser by Yorkshire holds 2.85 gallons of your favorite beverage. **\$39.95** at pier1.com.



■ Add an elegant touch to your get-together with the Grahamsville beverage dispenser by Fifth Avenue Crystal, which holds 2.6 gallons. **\$74.99** at overstock.com.

Appetite for altruism

Delicious foods

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Feel even better about biting into that cookie or chocolate by selecting products that give a portion — or all — of the profit to charity.



■ A portion of the proceeds from Love Origins chocolates benefits the Rice Stove Project, which improves the lives of cacao farm workers and their families. **\$26** at normanloveconfections.com.



■ African Chocolate Collection by La Compartés benefits Relief International's efforts in Darfur. **\$20** for five pieces at compartes.com.



■ Ten percent from sale of each PEEPS sweet lemonade-flavored chicks goes to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, which helps fight childhood cancer. **99 cents** to **\$1.25** at mass retailers.



■ A portion from the sale of each Perfect 10 Kookie tin provides nutritious meals to those in need. **\$22** a tin at shopmilkbar.com.



■ A donation to World Vision will land you a whole bean coffee set. **\$65** at donate.worldvision.org.



■ All the profits of Newman's Own products go to charity. Marinara sauce is about **\$7** for two 24-ounce jars at supermarkets.



■ Three dollars from each sale of Savannah Bee Company's Bee Buddies Honey goes to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. **\$15** at savannahbee.com.



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Dinner tonight



SERVES 6

beef taco pizza

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Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Place beef in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook, breaking beef up, until browned, about 7 minutes. Stir in corn and chili powder, and cook until corn is warmed through.

Stir in beans. Place pizza dough on the lightly oiled reverse side of a baking sheet. Press or roll out until it is very thin, and you have an 11 x 15-inch oval, leaving a 1/2-inch border. Top evenly with beef mixture and sprinkle with cheese. Bake until crust is browned and crisp, and cheese is browned and bubbling, 15 to 20 minutes. Cut into 12 pieces and garnish as desired.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 3/4 cup fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 3/4 cup no-salt-added black beans or pinto beans (from a 15-ounce can), drained and rinsed
- 1 pound whole wheat pizza dough
- Canola spray oil
- 2/3 cup salsa, medium or hot

- 3/4 cup shredded mild cheddar cheese

Approximate values per serving: 430 calories, 16 g fat, 40 mg cholesterol, 21 g protein, 50 g carbohydrate, 7 g fiber, 650 mg sodium, 35 percent calories from fat.

Ballgame beer

Find some unique bottles for the game

GANNETT

What's baseball without beer? While watching your favorite team, down some out-of-the-park choices that might make you think about trading your standby brew.



Dos Equis ambar

This is a robust, classic Vienna-style lager with a full body. A beer with brawn from Germany, swagger from Mexico, and the finest North American pale and roasted malts. An amber-colored refreshment that's adventurous enough to be distinctly flavorful.

■ **Price:** \$7.99 for a six pack.



Kellerweis hefeweizen

Inspired by traditional Bavarian techniques, Kellerweis from Sierra Nevada is brewed in open fermentation tanks to let the ingredients truly shine. The result is a hazy wheat ale. With a full, fruity aroma and notes of spicy clove and banana bread, Kellerweis is unique.

■ **Price:** \$8.99 for a six pack.



Rebel Rouser double IPA

This Sam Adams IPA is brewed with 5 pounds of hops per barrel and dry-hopped with five varieties of American hops from the Pacific Northwest. It's a medium brew with a dark golden, hazy appearance and strong citrus notes, a piney backbone and resinous flavor.

■ **Price:** \$8.99 to \$10.99 for a six pack.

Batter up

Score a home run with these items

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There's nothing more all-American than baseball, and with the season on deck, it's time to start thinking about viewing parties and supplies for America's favorite pastime.



■ These MLB four-piece shot glasses will celebrate your team. **\$34.99** online only at kohls.com.



■ Each Tokens & Icons bottle opener is crafted from a game-used bat from your favorite team. **\$125** at allenedmonds.com.

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■ Use these Baseball Time 9-ounce paper cups to serve your peanuts. **\$2.99** for an eight-pack at birthdayexpress.com.



Dinner tonight



SERVES 12

strata with sausage, cheese and herbs

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Butter the bottom and sides of a 9-inch-by-13-inch baking dish. In a large skillet over medium heat, break up sausage and sauté until golden brown, about 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside on paper towel to drain. Add the butter to the same skillet and melt. Add the onions, mushrooms and bell pepper and sauté until they are tender. Remove from the heat and cool. In

a medium bowl, whisk the thyme, if using, with the cream, half-and-half, eggs, salt and pepper, and set aside. Lay half of the bread in the buttered baking dish, sprinkle with half of the sausage mixture, half of the mushroom mixture and about half of the cheese. Repeat layering with remaining bread, sausage, mushroom and cheese. Slowly pour egg mixture over top. Press down on the bread so it gets covered with the egg mixture. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes or overnight. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Remove the strata from the refrigerator while the oven is preheating. Uncover and place the baking dish on a baking

sheet to catch overflow. Bake 40 minutes, or until golden brown. Allow to sit 10 minutes before serving.

INGREDIENTS

- 20 ounces sweet Italian sausage, casings removed if in links
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped into 1/2-inch pieces (about 1 cup)
- 8 ounces cremini mushrooms, cleaned, sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme, optional
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream

- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- 10 eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 16 ounces egg bread or country bread (preferably one to two days old), cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 2 1/2 cups shredded Fontina or Swiss cheese

Approximate values per serving: 438 calories, 30 g fat, 269 mg cholesterol, 21 g protein, 23 g carbohydrates, 1 g fiber, 929 mg sodium, 61 percent calories from fat.

Red hot

Wines with a deep food connection

WHOLE FOODS MARKET

Red wines can be intense, but they are still easily enjoyed in the spring with a perfectly grilled pork chop, steak or other red meat. So pull out your corkscrew and enjoy a glass of one of these vinos from Whole Foods Market.



2012 Ventoux Soleil des Garrigues

Eighty winegrowing families at this cooperative winery in the Rhône River Valley of France created this red, made of 70 percent grenache, 15 percent syrah, 10 percent carignan, and 5 percent cinsault. Aromas of red licorice, white pepper and fresh tobacco mix with flavors of black fruit and spices.

■ Price: \$10.99.



2011 Mongrana Maremma Toscana

Querciabella in Italy pursues uncompromising quality, sustainability and authenticity. A blend of 50 percent sangiovese, 25 percent cabernet sauvignon and 25 percent merlot, this smooth super Tuscan blend is vegan, spicy and full of juicy black fruit.

■ Price: \$19.99.



2010 Santa Rita Organic Cabernet Sauvignon

Made for Whole Foods Market by one of Chile's premier wine estates, this Maipo Valley winery was one of the first to pioneer plantings of European grape varieties. This well-balanced red has aromas of bacon, pepper and jalapeno with intense flavors of black fruit and exotic spices.

■ Price: \$12.99.

Bowl them over

Perfect accessory for your morning staple

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