

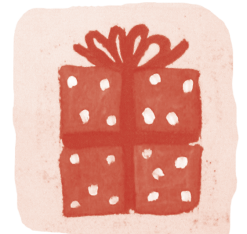
ENTREE'S TOP GIFT IDEAS FOR 2010

Let the shopping begin. But please, it is not a blood sport. Crazed shopping can reduce one to a state of unconsciousness, much like a sugar high. Let's not forget the reason behind all this: the simple spirit of giving. Around here we still hold to the notion that Santa is coming on reindeer, elves make the presents and that there is no sweeter sound than jingle bells. Snowflakes and Rudolph dance with sugar plums in our heads. Surely, one well-thought-out gift trumps six poorly selected, frantic ones. And with this in mind, we present to you some of the best ideas we've come across in the last year. They come with our fondest wishes for a very merry and happy holiday season.

Books: *COOKING FOR GEEKS*, a science-packed, fun and adventurous cookbook full of tips and tricks by Jeff Potter that tells us why some things work in the kitchen and some things don't, www.cookingforgeeks.com; *MOVEABLE FEAST*, published by Lonely Planet, presents a collection of travelers' tales set around the world, written by a well-seasoned spectrum of contributors, from celebrity chefs and best-selling travel writers to never-before-published travelers, the theme threading through this delectable multicourse concoction is the inimitable ability of food to inspire our serendipities, satiate our senses and enlighten our journeys — in short, to transform the planet into an endless all-you-can-eat buffet for mind, soul, and stomach, www.lonelyplanet.com.

Recommendations for your wine cellar: Schrader Cellars' meticulously handcrafted 100% Cabernet Sauvignons, from two of Napa Valley's most prestigious and historic single vineyard estates—the Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard in Oakville and the Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard in Rutherford, without a doubt the best 2008 California Cabs we tasted in 2010.

Lamborn Family Vineyard in Napa produces only 1,600 cases annually, so it shouldn't come as a surprise that it's hard to come by, but you can purchase directly through their website, the Family Zinfandel for \$42 or the Cabernet Sauvignon for \$110, www.lamborn.com; Last spring, ANNIKA Vineyards, a joint venture between Hall of Fame golfer Annika Sorenstam and family-owned Wente Vineyards, introduced a full-bodied 2008 Chardonnay that has a great balance of apricot, peach, and tangerine interlaced throughout that leads to graham, vanilla, and ground spice flavors on the finish, \$40, www.annikavineyards.com; The Electric Blue Push-Button Corkscrew from Wine Enthusiast removes the cork from a bottle with the press of a button, \$29.95, to see a video demonstration visit www.wineenthusiast.com; Voga Italia wine offers nice flavors for your holiday table at an affordable price, \$10-\$15, www.vogaitalia.com; Wines That Rock, a Mendocino County winery famous for creating



musically inspired bottles of wine, recently announced the release of The Police Synchronicity Red Blend to go along with other creations, including The Dark Side of the Moon Cabernet Sauvignon, \$50.97 for three bottles, www.winesthatrock.com; Paradise Springs Winery's 2009 Chardonnay was awarded the 2010 Virginia Governor's Cup for White Wine, the only first-year winery to ever receive the honor, it is fruit forward with hints of pear and crisp green apples followed by a long, smooth finish of warm butter and toasted marshmallow, \$27, www.paradisep Springswinery.com; Worthy wines that will surely adorn our holiday table: Luce red and whites, bubbly Perrier Jouet; Ruby Hill Zin Estate Reserve 2007, a rich, creamy and jammy delight, Chardonnays and Pinots from Sonoma-Cutrer, Niner, Boot Jack Ranch, 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, Wild Horse Unbridled 2007 Pinot Noir from Santa Barbara County, bursting with bright raspberry, cinnamon, and earthen sage; Annika 2008 Chardonnay; Lungarotti 2009 Bianco Torgiano, their 2005 Rubesco Vigna Monticchio and their 2004 San Giorgio Umbria Rosso, Swanson 2008 Alexis Cabernet Sauvignon, Navarra Seniorio de Unx Garnacha, Castillo de Monjardin 2006 Deyo, JAQK 2007 High Roller Cabernet Sauvignon, Twelve C Cabernet Sauvignon 2007, Moody Press 2008 Viognier, L.A. Cetto 2008 Chardonnay from Mexico, Four Vines Naked 2009 Chardonnay and their 2008 Old Vine Cuvee Zin, Barra of Mendocino 2007 Cab, M2 Artist Series 2007 Zinfandel, Hall 2006 Merlot, Dry Creek 2008 Heritage Zinfandel, Wente 2007 Charles Wetmore Cabernet Sauvignon, Blackbird Vineyards 2009 Rose, Wood Family Vineyards 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon McGrail Vineyard, Paso Creek 2007 Cab Sauvignon, Estancia 2009 Savignon Blanc, Dry Creek 2009 Dry Chenin Blanc, Paradise Springs of Clifton 2009 Chardonnay, Raymond Generations Vineyards 2006 limited edition Cabernet Sauvignon, Wines that Rock 2008 Merlot, 2008 Chardonnay and 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon with labels that amuse and delight like the wines which claim to be the wines of rock 'n roll, Prosecco Sforsin Colli Trevigiani Vigna Dogarina, One Hope Zin 2007, 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2009 Merlot, wines that help support the troops and fight autism and AIDS, Silvertap 2009 Sauvignon Blanc and 2008 Chardonnay.

For the traveling crowd: Balanza Mini Digital Luggage Scale helps travelers avoid overweight bags, compact device attaches to handle and measures weight as you lift the bag, \$24.95, www.balanza.com; Book & Travel Light from Verilux, a practical, powerful and portable reading and computer lamp for visual comfort when you need it most, www.verilux.com; A travel friendly toy: whether your travel plans consist of a walk down the block to the beach, a cross-country journey to get to the coast or a mountain getaway, entertainment on any trip is vital for a vacation's success, especially if you are traveling with children, luggage space is a hot commodity these days, so packing video games and other bulky toys is no longer an option for most parents, but the Pocket Disc, a crocheted, cotton, flying disc, solves packing problems and can keep children and kids trapped in adult bodies occupied for hours, a cross between a Hacky Sac and Frisbee, the Pocket Disc can fly hundreds of feet, comes with a variety of suggested games and without the worry of creating an angry brawl in a park or at the beach if a stray toss accidentally collides with a stranger, \$15, www.livlovecatch.com; Check out www.3floz.com for high-end TSA-friendly beauty and grooming items such as Air Repair Rescue Balm and Herban Essentials Towelettes, as well as the new health and wellness brands, Physique 57 and David Kirsch Wellness Co.; Whether you are backpacking in a remote location or just forgot your charger at home, there is nothing more frustrating than listening to a mobile device beep at you or flash a warning icon as it loses battery power and shuts down, and a portable solar charger, the Powermonkey-eXplorer, has been created as a solution, providing mobile phones, digital cameras, iPods, MP3/MP4 players, PDAs and portable gaming consoles with hours of additional charge, equipped with compact solar panels, the Powermonkey-eXplorer can also be used to charge your devices directly from the sun, \$129.95, www.powertraveller.com; National Geographic is offering a new travel phone through Cellular Abroad, designed to be a budget-conscious option for those traveling in Europe, Asia and Africa, with affordable calling in 150+ countries, unlimited free incoming calls in 70+ countries and 30 minutes of outgoing call credit (most countries), \$99, www.CellularAbroad.com; Feel safer when you travel by using the Ila Wedge

Doorstop Alarm, a pressure sensitive alarm that slides under any door and will sound if it is opened, \$19.99, www.dailygrommet.com; Injinji Travel Series Performance Toesocks utilize the individual 5-toe sleeve design and Lycra fibers to provide a consistent and overall light compression for the lower leg and foot that prevents swelling, reduces muscle fatigue and enhances circulation, \$24, www.injinjistore.com; iSafe has introduced a backpack that is perfect for both kids and adults. The bags have a built in security system, which can be activated by the wearer pulling on a cord. Once the cord is pulled, the bag sounds off as loud as a car alarm. Whether you are going on vacation, going to the office, or off to elementary school, you can never be too safe, \$60-\$100, www.isafebags.com; Invisible Dry Spray Shampoo by Salon Grafix, perfect for traveling, a spray on, brush out product that cleans and refreshes with no white powder residue, safe for all hair types, www.salon-grafix.com; Innovative British architect Kevin Foley stopped designing hotels and yachts when he started designing toiletries for travel, RADIUS is a line of stylish, fun toothbrushes and cases (including razor and soap cases in addition to toothbrush cases) that are convenient for travel, available in simple, sleek designs, the cases are designed without drain holes to keep purses, bags and items dry, with highly effective locking tabs to prevent opening in transit, the cases are the perfect way to keep one's toiletries and other personal items private and protected while traveling, they don't just look good, they are also better for the environment and your oral health, <http://www.radius toothbrush.com>; As more airlines charge for baggage, parents can skip the stroller and travel with BabyHawk, this new carrier allows mom to carry the baby with great comfort, Mei Tai (Asian Baby Carrier) allows mom to carry the baby on both the front and back, and the adjustable straps means it fits any size mom, the new 'Oh Snap' model is great for bigger babies and toddlers, what's more, the BabyHawk is collapsible, making it easy to toss it in the diaper bag, custom designs available, www.babyhawk.com; Filter Stream's Air Tamer A300 Premium Travel Ionic Air Purifier, worn to create a cleaner zone of healthier air while traveling or in other poor air quality locations. AirTamer has been tested best by the world's largest independent test laboratory with up to 110% more cleaning power than the competition, \$59.95.

For the Family: Ever lose track of your phone? ZOMM is a Bluetooth wireless leash for mobile phones with call notification and personal safety, hands-free with speakerphone, \$79.99, www.zomm.com; Thermoworks Digital Thermometer takes readings in three seconds and can be used in a variety of ways: food service, home cooking or medical, \$96, www.thermoworks.com; Kobo eReader, a lightweight reader for your digital library that rivals the Kindle at a better price, with wireless service, E ink customizable font, and a no-glare screen, <http://koboereader.com/usd/>; Marbles: The Brain Store offers more than 200 products that are specifically designed to stimulate and strengthen the brain, boost attention span and improve memory, www.marblesthebrainstore.com; Vermont Soap's Aromatherapy Air Fresheners freshen naturally, perfect for health-conscious and eco-friendly consumers, scented with natural essential oils instead of chemical fragrances and propellants, these are safe and nontoxic and can be sprayed directly into the air, on skin, fine linens and other fabrics and all water-safe surfaces – revitalize personal space at home, school, work, in cars, and any other environment that could use a pleasant and uplifting scent, offered in three pleasant aromatherapy scents to induce different moods, Country Lavender, Lemongrass Zen and Peppermint Magic, sold in an 8-ounce reusable spray bottle, \$8.75, www.vermontsoap.com; Dentisse, a new line of natural oral care products, includes a toothpaste (\$16.99) made from two kinds of clay: kaolin (a natural polishing agent) and bentonite (for a creamy consistency), and an ethanol-free mouthwash (\$14.99) with aloe vera and xylitol, www.dentisse.com; Create documents, manage E-mail and surf the Web without typing a word, Dragon NaturallySpeaking Premium Edition from Nuance transcribes your voice onto the screen and even controls applications, \$199.99, www.nuance.com; Wells Lamont garden gloves come in all different styles, high dexterity, blister armor, wet and muddy conditions, and washable kid's sizes, www.wellslamont.com; Chrome, the San Francisco-based maker of premium messenger bags, backpacks and footwear for cyclists, has

a line was designed with durable features to withstand both daily use in urban cycling environments (with special features to carry groceries, protect laptops and withstand inclement weather), as well as being functional for mountain sports, camping and extensive traveling, Chrome also features fashionable footwear designed specifically for urban cyclists, www.chromesf.com; Give your ears a break and let children enjoy rich stereo sound quality when watching DVDs, listening to MP3s or the radio in the car with Kidz Gear Wireless Headphones, \$25.99, www.gearforkidz.com; For those of you that often work with your hands, O'Keeffe's Working Hands Cream helps heal dry hands that crack and split, and also try O'Keeffe's for Healthy Feet, \$6.99, www.okeeffescompany.com; The JVC HA-EBX5 sports clip headphones come equipped with a soft rubber ear hook that fits around the outer ear to hold the earpieces comfortably in place, making them ideal for fitness activities, available for \$19.95 in nine colors, www.jvc.com; Motorola Talkabout 2-Way Radios keep you connected up to 35 miles in optimal conditions and features a built in flashlight as well as weather updates, \$79.99, www.motorola.com.

For the office: The good looking SlimTouch Desktop Keyboard from Adesso (model #AKB-440UB) has a built-in touch pad that eliminates the need for a mouse and saves desk space, \$59.95, www.adesso.com; The Retro 51 Tornado Pen sold by Santa Fe Pens, a New Mexico business specializing in modern and vintage pen sales, is as smooth as it gets, perfect for the home or office, www.santafepens.com; Dragon naturally speaking voice recognition software, to create documents, spreadsheets, manage email, surf the web, and more. All by voice command. Wireless. Three times faster than typing. Work faster and smarter. It's like having your own assistant in constant reach.

For Her: Tzen jewelry, some of the prettiest we have found this season. Inspired by fashionable women around the globe Tzen is distinguished by lush colors, vibrant designs and fashion forward designs with a tint of classics. Each piece is carefully crafted and designed by Julie Liu in solid precious metal and gemstones. Wearing Tzen, women seem to feel their own presence being magnified with jewelry that lends a statement. The meaning of TZEN stems from the Asian language meaning sunset. These are jewels that show the colors across the light spectrum of the sun which carries into the meaning of life. TZEN is playful in combining colors just like how life is ever changing. Tzen jewelry is as beautiful as watching the sunset on a beach and we enjoy life boldly with bursts of color. All pieces are limited collection pieces that are never mass produced. One of a kind pieces are commonplace at TZEN filled with a burst of unique freshness, www.shoptzen.com. Temptu Dereon (accent on second e) temporary tattoos inspired by Beyonce (accent on last e), www.temptu.com; Lia Sophia offers high-quality jewelry, affordable prices and a lifetime replacement guarantee, its artisans are committed to designing unique pieces that are sure to last a lifetime, www.liasophia.com; Jemma Kid Signature Shadows and NP Set Smoke Signals, eye-shadow palettes that ensure smoky looks and a touch of mystery in moody shades, <http://www.jemmakidd.com/> and <http://www.npsetcosmetics.com/>; Burt's Bee's Natural Manicure Set, with almond hand cream, lip balm, and lemon butter cuticle cream that smell so good, they're almost tempting to taste, <http://www.burtsbees.com/>.

Nifty Gift Ideas: Edible Gifts Plus is a good source for unique and delicious edibles for special occasions, corporate gifts, fundraisers, and upcoming holiday events, from giant fortune cookies to picture cakes, www.ediblegiftsplus.com; To accommodate lightweight items like keys, credit cards, iPods, the Original SPIbelt, the SPIband, and the SPIbelt Water Bottle balance form and function. Available in dozens of different color combinations, these fitness accessories are also available in several sizes for men, women, and children. People looking to free their hands without compromising their

style can learn more about SPIbelt online at www.spibelt.com; Scene It? DVD games, with clips, trivia and on-screen puzzles, perfect for the whole family. Take your pick from Hollywood's funniest comedies, Disney and Disney Pixar, Twilight Saga, or Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, www.screenlifegames.com.

For the Kitchen: Beautiful knives by Chicago Cutlery are guaranteed for life and designed to meet the tough demands of professional knife users, now available for home use, www.chicagocutlery.com; Lotus Bakeries' Biscoff Holiday Cookie Tubes, nicknamed "Europe's favorite cookie with coffee," the tubes make a great gift or stocking stuffer, \$14.95 plus shipping for a set of six tubes, www.biscoff.com.

Beer and spirits: The supreme beer drinking experience: 2009 Utopias from Sam Adams, a strong, rich, ruby-black dark non-carbonated beer crafted to be served and savored at room temperature in a snifter glass, this connoisseur's beer is made in small batches from yeasts usually reserved for Champagne, rare malts and three Noble hops, it is the world's strongest beer at 27% alcohol and has true floral character and spicy cinnamon, vanilla, and maple notes partly gained from aging in single-sue bourbon casks, www.samueladams.com; Casa Herradura has been dedicated to excellence for over 140 years, originating from the blue agave fields of Jalisco, Mexico, Herradura is an ultra-premium tequila that is hand-crafted, earning the distinction as one of the world's finest tequilas, www.herradura.com; Cabo Wabo Tequila, made and bottled in Jalisco, Mexico, using only homegrown blue agave, was founded by legendary rocker, Sammy Hagar, www.cabowabo.com; Other superlative recommendations for your holiday table include Chambord Black Raspberry Liqueur, Chambord Flavored Vodka, Casa Noble Crystal Tequila and The Dalmore King Alexander, a luxurious single malt aged scotch whiskey.

For the home: Roclok, the only rock that locks, perfect for a spare key that is cleverly hidden from view, www.roclok.com.

Excellent edibles: Tonnino Tuna fillets with only the finest cuts wild-caught hand-packed in olive oil; spring water; jalapeno pepper sauce; oregano; or garlic, exceptional as an appetizer or accompaniment for a meal, www.Tonninotuna.com; California Ranch Olive Oils come in a variety of styles, including Miller's Blend: a combination of oils from all over California, extra virgin, 100% California grown, Fresh California: California olives are cold-pressed within hours of picking and the green-tinted bottle keeps the extra virgin oil tasting fresh, Arbosana: a subtle, Spanish extra virgin varietal grown from imported root stock with a hint of almond in the taste, Arbequina: a fruity and fragrant extra virgin olive oil, for more information or recipes visit www.californiaoliveranch.com; Santa Claus is coming to town in a big way: his bearded smiling face is on a delicious, 12-inch cookie cake that can even be personalized with your own happy holiday message. It's the gift they'll be talking about for years to come. Serves 8-12 people. Available at www.EdibleGiftsPlus.com, <http://www.EdibleGiftsPlus.com>.

Snazzy luggage: Briggs & Riley 28" Rolling Duffle, easily converts into a backpack with quick-convert backpack suspension. Simply zip-away the back panel for access to padded backpack harness with sternum strap, www.briggs-riley.com; Antler Duolite Upright Black Hybrid Luggage 28.7"—large, lightweight, expandable with a padded top handle and racing wheels, Duolite is suitable for any traveler requiring a lightweight expandable structured case. Adding to this the TSA lock allows the traveler to have ease of mind regarding their luggage, www.antler.co.uk.

For music lovers: Putumayo World Music has released their first yoga album, simply entitled Yoga, a collection of soothing songs for yoga, meditation and relaxation, as well as Tribute to a Reggae Legend, the newest addition to Putumayo's successful reggae series, which includes African Reggae, World Reggae, Jamaica: Reggae Homeland and Reggae Playground, www.putumayo.com. Their just-released World Christmas Party will have you decking the halls to the tune of African, reggae, ska and other global carols.

For gadget fans: Zippo's deluxe Outdoor Line Hand Warmer, up to 12 hours of warmth with one filling, www.zippo.com. Zippo's Outdoor Utility Lighter, \$19.95, is also just right for the outdoors, rugged and reliable, to start that camping, fishing and hiking fire.

For the Kids: Kidz Gear headphones that deliver grown up performance and built with children in mind, www.gearforkidz.com; Club Penguin: Game Day, a family-friendly Wii game featuring teams of penguins and activities like Sumo Smash and Dance Off; Disney Sing It: Family Hits, learn vocal tips and sing along to over 30 of your favorite Disney movie moments in this fun karaoke-style Wii game, up to eight can play at once; Disney Guilty Party, Wii, use the Wii controller as a lockpick and flashlight to search for clues and interrogate suspects to solve mysteries with up to four friends; Camp Rock, The Final Jam, Nintendo DS, kids can create their own musician character and play along in a competition between rival bands; Phineas and Ferb Ride Again, Nintendo DS, play as the two Nickelodeon characters and skateboard, surf, through theme park rides you create yourself; Tinkerbell and the Great Fairy Rescue, Nintendo DS, kids can create their own fairies to compete in quests and mini-games in an effort to bring summer back to the English Countryside; Batman The Brave and the Bold, Nintendo DS, jump, swing, fight, and discover gadgets while saving Gotham City, London, and Atlantis from The Joker and other DC villains; The Lord of the Rings: Aragorn's Quest, take on the hero's quest while using sword, bow, and spear in battles from the famous Tolkein series; Super Scribblenauts, Nintendo DS, solve a blend of 120 puzzles and even paint your own platforming levels; Scooby Doo! and the Spooky Swamp, Nintendo DS, brain-teasing puzzles using the wits of the famous mystery-solving friends, their trusty canine, and many cool gadgets; Tetris Party Deluxe, Wii and Nintendo DS, with six new game modes for those who can't get enough of the famous fast-paced video game puzzle series.

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