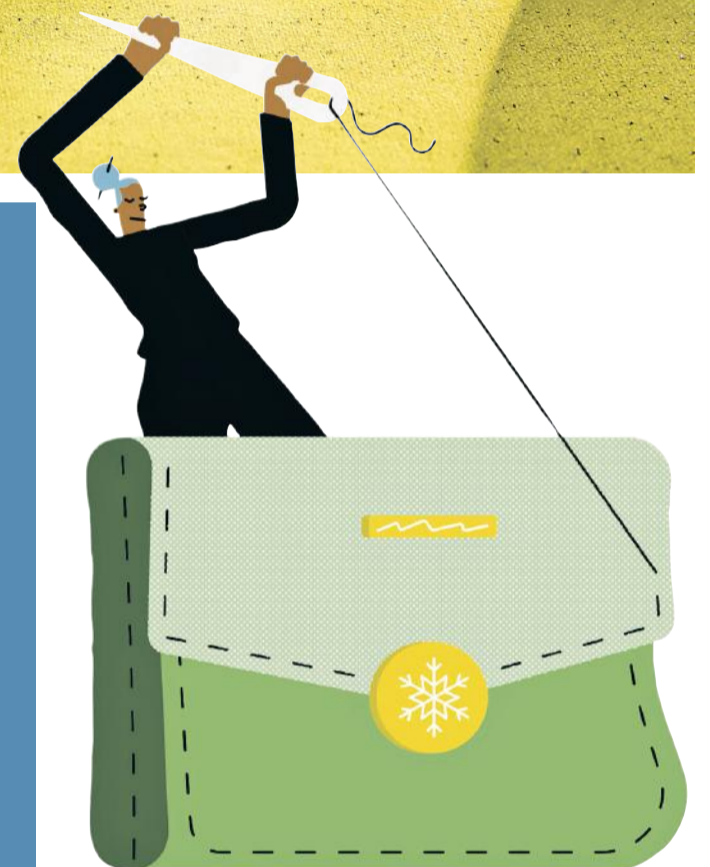


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their exemplary iterations of the thin, delicate spice cookies that are a Christmas classic in North Carolina's Moravian communities. Rolled, cut and packed by hand, these traditional favorites come in holiday-favorite flavors like sugar and ginger, and in less-common (but no less delicious) versions like butterscotch and black walnut. Mrs. Hanes' Moravian Cookies Black Walnut Crisps, \$31 for a 14-ounce tin

1 Up in Smoke

Got a meditative giftee? These intimate incense-crafting workshops—held in both Los Angeles and Brooklyn—transport participants on an aromatic journey through time and tradition. Over an afternoon, Hyungi Park, a Korean-American multimedia artist, schools students in the art of stick and cone incense-making using natural ingredients like sage and frankincense—and gives tips for foraging your own materials at home. A keepsake zine and a spread of traditional Korean treats sweeten the experience. Hyungi Park Incense Workshop, \$100

5 Wright On Cue

Turn uninitiated youngsters on to Frank Lloyd Wright's aesthetic, or help adult fans live vicariously in one of his sui generis buildings, with this origami kit—an appropriate nod to the famed Midwestern architect's Japanese influence. The bundle's 78 sheets of paper feature seven Wright-inspired patterns, including two repeats based upon his (sadly demolished) Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. Included instructions show a giftee how to make three lidded boxes: a square, pyramid and hexagon. Galison Frank Lloyd Wright Origami Kit, \$18

2 Traveler's Clogs

Kyrgyzstan might be on the other side of the world, but these unusually cozy wool slides will let someone you love transport themselves to the Central Asian country without moving an inch. Handmade in its capital, Bishkek, they honor a centuries-old tradition of sheep herding and wool craftsmanship. And should your giftees get the urge to make an actual trip, these finds—breathable, easy to pop on and off, and equipped with a durable rubber sole—will get them through the TSA line with no awkward untying. Kyrgies Outdoor Wool Slides, \$79

4 Show Some Bottle

Long after your giftee gets through a bottle of Casa Obsidiana tequila, the ceramic vessel itself, handcrafted in Oaxaca, Mexico, will undoubtedly remain on display or serve elegantly as a pitcher or vase. Fortunately, this trio of tequilas more than lives up to its packaging. The Blanco is floral, peppery and surprisingly

3 Best of the Crunch

For nine generations, the Hanes family of Clemmons, N.C., has made and sold



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