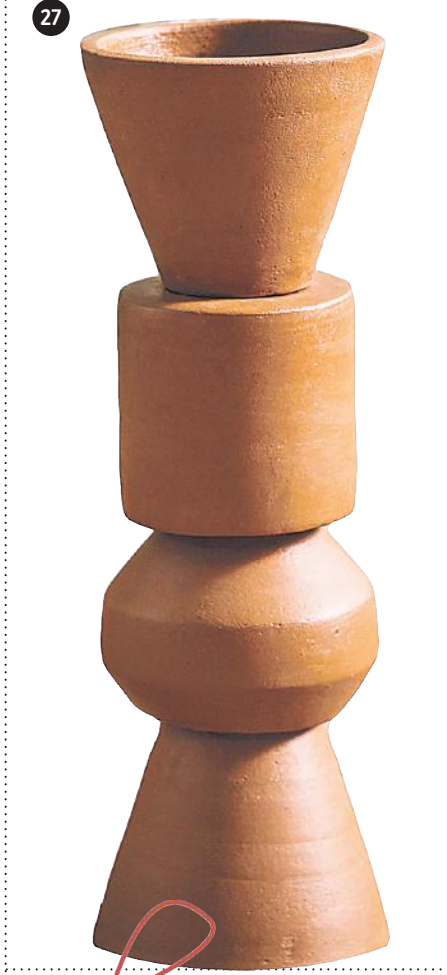


THE OFF DUTY 50 | HOLIDAY GIFTS



THE MOST EXTRAVAGANT GIFT I'VE EVER GIVEN



"The year I turned 50, I invited five girlfriends to join me on a bucket-list trip to Iceland and covered everything but their airfare. I didn't want to give anyone a reason to say no! We went horseback riding, snowmobiling, even dog-sledding on a glacier. At night, we'd return to our hotel—an elegant Art Deco gem called the Hotel Borg—for a lovely dinner. It wasn't cheap, but the sense of community and camaraderie was priceless."

**Sheila Bridges**  
Harlem, New York City-based interior designer who has been named America's Best interior designer by CNN.



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The Suit Carrier Holdall

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Moment  
Of Sleuth

Here's a mystery: How does this classy coat—worthy of an old-school detective—cost just \$130? (That's about 1/20th of some Burberry trench.) Your giftee will assume your pockets are even deeper than the coat's as he wraps himself in the roomy, padded design—or pops its collar to telegraph he's as brooding as a sleuth. A collaboration between Uniqlo and U.K. brand JW Anderson, this minimalist, cotton-and-polyester gem also comes in beige, but black feels cooler. Trench Coat, \$130, [Uniqlo.com](#)

27  
High and  
Mighty

The design-pro secret to making even a dollar-store spider plant look like a million bucks? Perch it on a pedestal. Any green-thumbed sophisticate worth her dirt will approve of this geometric planter from Terrain. Present it as a twofer: Not only can the on-trend terracotta vessel stylishly cradle a mature houseplant, at a leggy 19-inches tall it

also relieves the burden of scouring shops for a (likely pricier) stand. Tall Geo Terracotta Planter in Large, \$78, [ShopTerrain.com](#)

28  
Strap-turous

Sixty-five dollars is a small price to pay to help giftees overcome a nagging, modern, style conundrum: Namely, how to wear an Apple Watch and not look dorky. These sophisticated, unisex straps from Brooklyn brand Hyer Goods take the tech-y edge off the blocky step-counters. Fashioned from scraps of premium leather salvaged from a factory that manufactures for luxury brands in Shenzhen, China, they come in several sizes, shades and hides, including "Choco Croco" and "Wine Lizard." Apple Watch Band, \$65, [HyerGoods.com](#)

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Nice Try,  
Pickpockets

The true value of this unassuming tool? The sum of all items in a traveler's luggage. That's because this souped-up carabiner thwarts thieves with a TSA-approved lock that lets travelers secure belongings to deck rails, bus seats, cafe tables and the like. Include the add-on cable (\$10) and your giftee can even bind multiple items to a single lock. Highlight the words "aircraft-grade aluminum" on the package. That sounds expensive! Matador BetaLock, \$30, [MatadorEquipment.com](#)

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Sip Along

The Cognac-curious will appreciate the videos that

accompany this collection almost as much as they do the bottles themselves, each of which contains 100 ml of a different expression: Ferrand 1840 Original Formula, Ferrand Double Cask Réserve, Ferrand 10 Générations and Ferrand Ambré. Bumping up the bang-for-buck proposition, the edifying videos—accessible via a QR code—feature Alexandre Gabriel, owner of the venerable Maison Ferrand and Master Blender, as he tastes and discusses each bottle. Ferrand Cognac, The Collection, \$55, [Bassins.com](#)

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This Little  
Light of  
Theirs

The diminutive Hozuki LED camping light has an alluring globular shape and emits a soft, candle-like glow. But it will satisfy outdoorsy sorts who demand more than aesthetics: Its hook can be clipped to the inside of a tent or used to comfortably carry the lamp to the campsite showers. And for those who fear the great outdoors, it could double as a nice reading light inside a cozy bungalow. Mini Hozuki Lantern, \$50, [SnowPeak.com](#)

