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Big, bigger, biggest. Make an extravagant impression with Diptyque oversized jar candles. \$275, at Longoria Collection.

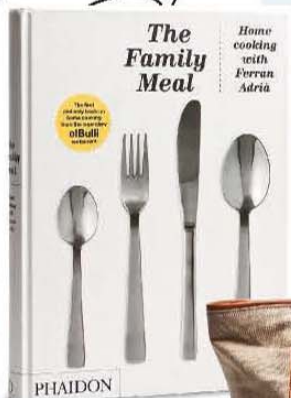


I adore giving a Juliska vide poche. My new favorite pattern includes a chic gift box. \$42, at Indulge.



The classic pea coat, only in gray, is the perfect choice for Black Fleece. \$1,250, at Brooks Brothers.

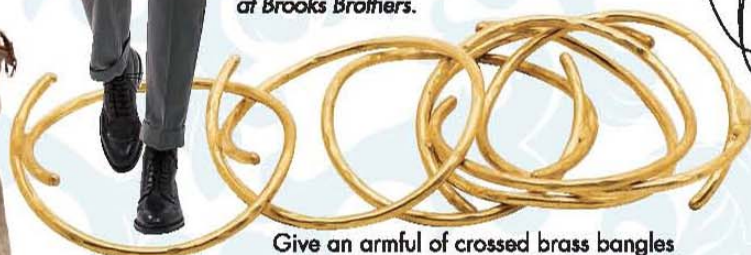
I'm all about pearls and pavé ... DeVille's 18K white-gold and diamond (love) knot ring is a stunner. \$4,570, at DeVille Fine Jewelry.



Inspire them to cook like superstar chef Ferran Adrià of el Bulli with *The Family Meal: Home Cooking with Ferran Adrià* (Phaidon Press, \$29.95). At local booksellers; amazon.com.



I'm mad about this carryall by Boulevard. \$158, to order at A Bientôt.



Give an armful of crossed brass bangles by designer Olga Prieto. \$26 each, at Gift - Curated Shopping by Peel (West Ave).

No other little lacy thing is more chic worn inside or out. VPL cami top \$225, and shorts \$85, both at La Mode Lingerie.



Houston photographer David Bates has captured myriad colorful birds, from woodpeckers to hummingbirds, in his hauntingly glorious "Feathery Fates" still lifes. From \$595, at batesphotostudio.com.



David Bates



DAZZLING

on a bar cart or in your bath, this Georgian decanter dates to the late 18th century. \$495, at Town & Country Antiques and Accessories at Antiques of River Oaks.



Not born with a silver spoon in your mouth? Let your progeny dine from a silver ladle made in London, circa 1766. \$300, at David Lackey Antiques at Antiques of River Oaks.

Break open the bottles with this cool brass bottle opener. \$68, at PH Design Shop.



I'm loving Luisa Cerano's elegant take on the cardy. \$595, at Linda Cunningham.

JEWELS OF WONDER, JEWELS OF NIGHT



Who better to inspire gift giving than three iconic kings from the Orient? We reimagined the Wise Men's trek across the sands with frankincense, myrrh and gold — lots of gold. Here's our take: gilded pieces that glitter like the Northern Star, with Old World and Persian influences, plus a touch of crosses and crowns. *Kate Allen Stukenberg*



BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON.
Early Victorian crescent-moon pin with Persian turquoise and pearls \$985, at Queen of Heirs, Bellaire.

SAY A PRAYER.
Van Cleef & Arpels Estate Maltese cross clip on chain in gold with onyx, diamonds and one emerald, price upon request, at Neiman Marcus.



STAR BRIGHT.
Buccellati one-of-a-kind wide cuff bracelet, price upon request, at Deutsch & Deutsch.

ARABIAN JEWELS.
Kara Ross Arabian Nights large titanium cuff with sapphire and diamonds, made to order, through Kara Ross, 212.223.7272.

WHITE KNIGHT.
Konstantino oval faceted mother-of-pearl ring in gold and sterling silver \$530, at Lewis Jewelers, Webster.



VINTAGE REVIVAL.
Etruscan Revival hinged bypass bracelet, circa 1870, \$3,950, at Past Era Fine Antique Jewelry.

REGAL RING
Charriol Celtique ring \$1,495, at I W Marks, Zadok Jewelers.

BOLD BAUBLE.
Stephen Dweck quartz and bronze ring \$1,820, at I.W. Marks.



TINY VESSEL.
Gold, turquoise and lapis perfume-bottle necklace \$3,200, at Louis Tenenbaum.



A CROSS TO BEAR.
Bakelite and tourmaline cuff \$6,650, at DeVille Fine Jewelry.