

2011 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

The holiday season is upon us once again and finding the perfect gift for friends and loved ones is a top priority. If you need a bit of inspiration, this edition of our annual gift guide offers some of our favorite suggestions at a wide range of price points for the diverse personalities on your list, from the jet-set traveler to environmentally conscious consumer.

The term "eco-friendly" remains ubiquitous and the elegant options in this arena continue to grow. Wine lovers with a rustic style are sure to love the **Rail Yard Wine Rack** from Rail Yard Studios. 16 pieces of rail dating from 1908 form the wine rack shelves jutting from a striking, golden stained solid piece of hickory.

The feet of the rack are formed by railroad switch plate cuffs. Each unique piece is individually numbered with a salvaged railroad tie nail. \$995; RailyardStudios.com

Another great place to find novel repurposed products and gifts is **Hipcycle**. A wide range of interesting "upcycled" options is perfect for someone who appreciates both green initiatives and fine design. Selections include Recycled Teak Nesting Tables, made from reclaimed Indian teak the versatile tables marry a smart functionality with a bold look. \$399; Hipcycle.com



For a table centerpiece, porcelain creations from renowned **KleinReid** add a sophisticated, contemporary look. Shown in gallery

and museum exhibitions, the chic vases and bowls are also sought by celebrities and public figures, including First Lady Michelle Obama. Their new Prime collection features a variety of handmade porcelain pieces atop a hand-turned walnut base. \$144 - \$285; KleinReid.com



From globally sourced and artistic products to something for a creative globetrotter – the **Tiffany & Co. passport cover**. The leather cover in Tiffany's signature blue is a stylish way for the elite traveler to protect their important document and also show off a keen fashion sense. \$145; Tiffany.com



Also great for the jet-setter always on the go is something to help store their important data. An elegant way to consolidate files and save space is the sleek **Christofle Pebble USB key**. Handcrafted by skilled silversmiths, the device offers 4 GB of storage and easily attaches to keys or slides into pockets or purses. \$130; Christofle.com



A perhaps more masculine alternative is the **Swiss Army USB** that combines data storage with the foldout design the company is known for. Available in a variety of colors, styles include storage device/bladed multi-tool combinations and a more travel-friendly bladeless version for frequent flyers. \$45 - \$500 depending on features; SwissArmy.com



Weary road warriors or anyone with a hectic



schedule can rejuvenate with **Woodley & Bunny's Anti-Fatigue Mask**. The anti-bacterial and anti-pollutant spray revitalizes and brightens skin while also smoothing its texture and tone. A true shot of energy. \$65; WoodleyandBunny.com

An uncommon twist on a traditional gift is provided with the **Sprout biodegradable watch**. Yes, a biodegradable watch – but don't worry, it won't disintegrate on the gift recipient's wrist. Made from a corn resin, the watch will last a lifetime of normal wear and tear, but will break down in a compost environment. The unique timepiece also features a natural mother of pearl dial and runs on a mercury-free battery. \$60 women's, \$65 men's; SproutWatches.com



For a new baby or expectant parents, consider the organic products from **Coyuchi**. Innovators in organic cotton bedding, they have introduced an extensive line of baby wear.



Instill an environmental awareness early with organic clothing, crib bedding and bath accessories naturally soft against a baby's skin. *Jumpers \$28, Blankets from \$45, Bath Set \$6 - \$59*; Coyuchi.com

Give the gift of functional whimsy with **Skybar Chill Cubes** – stainless steel cubes to chill cocktails without the risk of watering them down. The cubes are washable and can be stored in the freezer. \$40; available on Amazon.com

