



III. Gifts

Nigella's favorite picks to give—and get



GIVE

COOL MOUSE PADS

"These are a great silly gift for a guy. They're made of rubberized fabric but look like antique Persian rugs!" Mouse pad, available in 49 patterns, Fiberlok, \$20; 877-210-3582 or mouserug.com.



GET CARRY-ON BAG

"I am hopeless at fashion, but that isn't to say that I don't have my weaknesses. I'd like a Kate Spade Duchess bag—it seems to be a perfect travel companion." Heavy canvas Lisbon Duchess case (also available in chocolate with green piping), Kate Spade, \$295; 800-519-3778 for stores.



GIVE CUSTOMIZED BREAD

"Poiâne is a famous French bakery that makes the most delicious bread—and it can be personalized. Add someone's name or any saying. I think 'Be Mine' would be cute." 4.2-pound boule, \$63 (includes inscription and overnight shipping); poilane.com.



GET ROBE

"This is the world's most comfortable robe. It's nice and thin and comes with a very absorbent terrycloth lining. I just love the gorgeous sheen." Shawl robe in polyester lined with cotton terry (in cloud pink and 12 additional colors, S-XL), Robeworks, \$160; 888-772-7623 or robeworks.com.



GIVE MEN'S GROOMING PRODUCTS

"Toiletries from the 155-year-old Kiehl's company are resolutely un-girlie. They're totally acceptable for the manly man in your life." From left: Facial Fuel (\$30), Eye Alert (\$20), Close Shavers cream (\$15), Ultimate Man soap (\$11), Creme de Corps (\$16), Ultimate Strength hand salve (\$19), Close Shavers oil (\$18), lip balm (\$6) and Fortifying skin therapy (\$25); kiehls.com.



GIVE BIRDCALLS

"There's something rather charming about these birdcalls. I like romantic gifts that aren't necessarily needed by the person. It's a token of your love and something to make them smile." Wooden, handcrafted Western American birdcalls, Canoe, \$125/6; 503-889-8545 or canoeonline.net.



GET HOME FRAGRANCE

"When it's cold outside, I like to warm up the house with soothing scents. Right now I'm using L'Occitane Candied Fruit home perfume. It fills the house with hints of flowers, honey and vanilla." \$24/3.4 oz.; at L'Occitane en Provence, 888-623-2880.

GET CHAMPAGNE

"Taittinger makes an opulent, full-flavored bubbly—the Comtes de Champagne Rosé 1999—which is a splurge at over \$200. But I have to admit that I'm very happy with the crisp La Française Brut NV. At \$35 it's an excellent value." At wine stores nationwide, or at Sherry-Lehmann, 212-838-7500 or sherry-lehmann.com.



GET SCENTS

"I wear Coco by Chanel perfume. For Valentine's, I want bath items since I'd never buy them for myself. I only wish they would do a scented candle." Bath gel (\$49/6.8 oz.) and soap (\$18); at Chanel, 800-550-0005.



GIVE CHOCOLATE

"I dream about the Vosges Barcelona bar studded with smoked almonds and sprinkled with sea salt. It's the perfect remedy for people who can't stand to give a box of heart-shaped chocolates." Dark milk chocolate Barcelona Exotic candy bar, Vosges Haut Chocolat, \$7/3 oz.; 888-301-9866 or vosgeschocolate.com.

GIVE CAMERA

"I think a lovely present to give (and get) is the Cybershot digital camera. It looks like a little toy, but it's loaded with options and fitted with a quality lens." Cybershot DSC-T50 with 35mm Carl Zeiss lens and 3" LCD screen, also available in silver and black, Sony, \$450; 877-865-7669 or sonystyle.com.

