



Star-Spangled Shoes

"Is this what they mean by 'America the Beautiful'? These sexy sandals will make you look patriotic right down to your toes."

(Red, white, and blue heels, \$465, *left*, and \$795, Manolo Blahnik; 212-582-3007; and Neiman Marcus, 888-888-4757)

Flower Boxes

"Here's a terrific way to send fresh flowers. And they look just as beautiful when they dry." (Boxed in Blooms, \$95 to \$220 [shown], Jane Carroll; 800-203-1527; www.jane-carroll.com)



Nuts and Bolt

"The perfect little gadget when guests come by for a glass of wine—it's also kind of great when you just feel like sliding into couch-potato mode and watching a video."

(Hasselho wooden nutcracker, \$15, Bodum; 800-232-6388; www.bodum.com)