WHEN I THINK OF THE HOLIDAYS, I THINK OF:

"My maternal grandparents, Eddie and Dottie, who always hosted. Once, my grandfather made an amazing tapercandle centerpiece out of a birch log, which my grandmother decorated with stringed cranberries. They were both so ahead of their time."

The best design advice I ever received was:

"Your personal style doesn't have to be set in stone. Think of your home as a decorating laboratory where you can be free to experiment."



MY APPROACH TO

MY PARTY MUST-HAVES ARE:

"Good music, my grandmother's cole slaw (a fixture of every holiday meal), and a self-serve bar. I always label the bottles so that guests know what they're pouring."



THE BEST HOST GIFT I'VE EVER RECEIVED WAS:

"Matching Thanksgivingthemed, plaid bow ties for my Pekingeses, Chutney and Shiitake. They looked so cute, and it was so thoughtful and unexpected."



THE PERIGOLD PICK ON MY WISH LIST THIS YEAR:

"Michael Aram's Ivy and Oak Ice Bucket. I'd love to see it filled with fresh flowers or mixed nuts (paired with a vintage serving spoon, of course)."

Ivy and Oak Ice Bucket, Michael Aram MIAR1883 \$95

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