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REAL SIMPLE'S SUMMER GIFT GUIDE

CONGRATULATE, THANK, AND
CHEER ON YOUR LOVED ONES WITH
THESE THOUGHTFUL PRESENTS.

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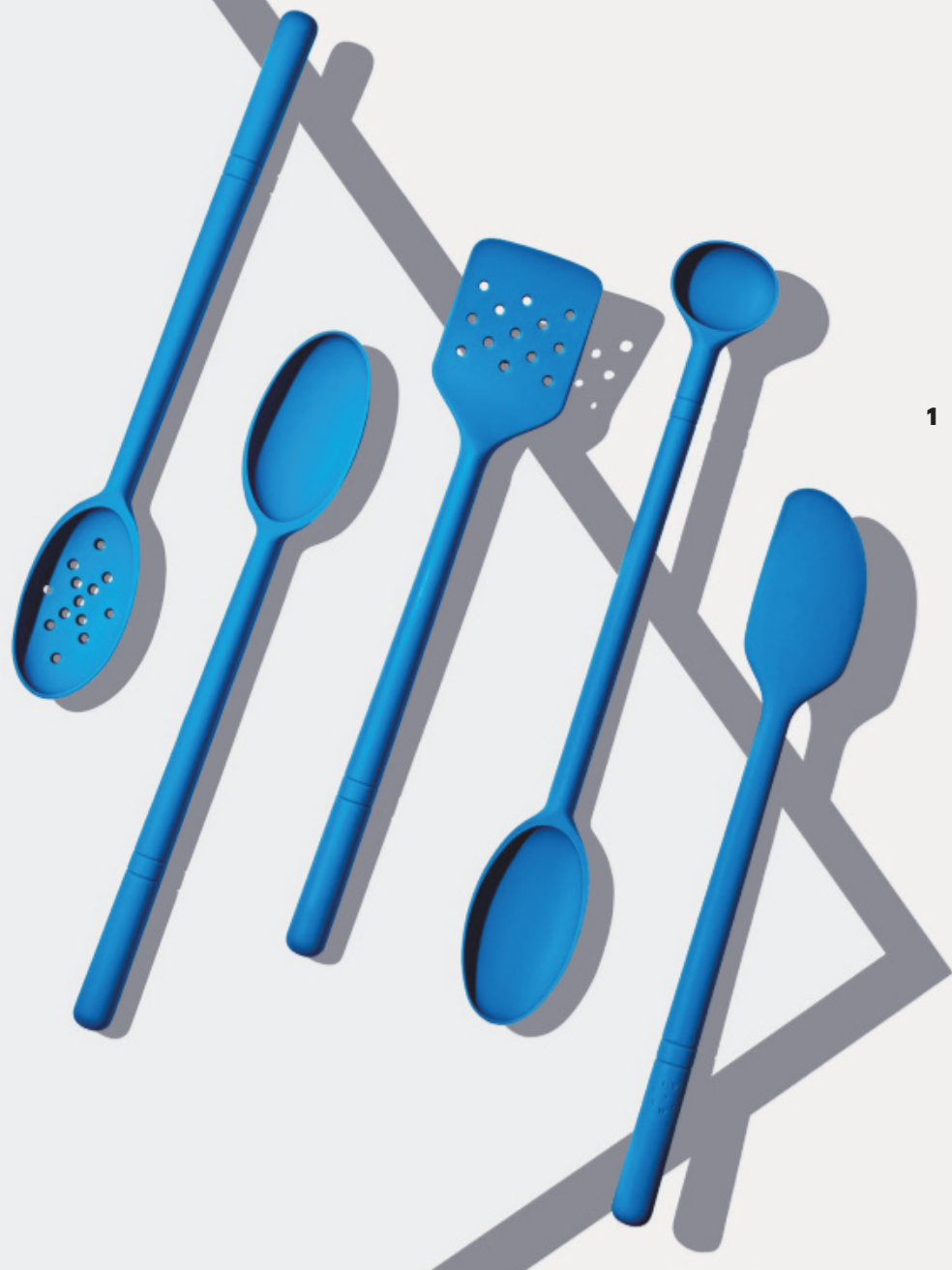


WATER COLORS

A jewel-tone pitcher will brighten the bedside table in your host's guest room. The ingenious lid doubles as a drinking glass.

TO BUY: Two-Tone Carafe, \$75; store.moma.org.

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1 STIR THINGS UP

When you go to the neighborhood mixer, bring these colorful spoons. **TO BUY:** Five Two Silicone Spoons, \$49 for 5; food52.com.

2 THIRD-DATE RULE

A Medjool date is the closest nature comes to making caramel. Get the three-pack of one-pound boxes, give two away, and enjoy one yourself. **TO BUY:** Gift Pack, \$42 for 3 lb.; ranchomeladuco.com.

3 SOMETHING FISHY

The four separate dishes can stay assembled as a whole or be spread around the room. **TO BUY:** Celebrate Summer Together 4-Piece Fish Serving Set, \$50; kohls.com.

4 CHALK IT UP

These wildly shaped chunks of chalk are a great gift for kids—and parents, since little ones will be kept busy for hours decorating the driveway. **TO BUY:** Moon Chalk Color Set, \$34 for 3 pieces; areaware.com.

5 A LAYERED APPROACH

Treat your host (and their green thumb!) to a stylish pot with a saucer that blends in with the rings. **TO BUY:** Tall Stacking Planter, \$90; areaware.com.

6 WAX ELOQUENT

Friends who entertain may have more candles than they can shake a stick at, but probably lack holders as chic—not stuffy—as these. **TO BUY:** Flare Candleholders, \$25 each; us.hay.com.

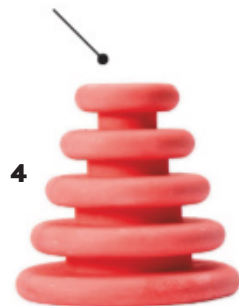
7 RAINBOW COLLECTION

The spectrum of colors is a bright take on this family-favorite block-stacking game. **TO BUY:** Sunnyslife Travel Jumbling Tower, \$16; bando.com.

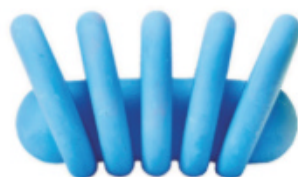
Each outer-space-inspired lump of chalk is a hefty three inches.



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Four bottles of real, made-in-Vermont maple syrup sweeten this deal.



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FOR THE dads

1 CUSTOM BEANS

He can be a real diva about his java. Let him take a preferences quiz and then receive a shipment of a roast chosen for his tastes.

TO BUY: Coffee, from \$12 per bag; drinktrade.com.

2 WRITE AWAY

Clever desk organizer meets good old-fashioned entertainment: Pops can play the classic game of pegs with colored pencils, not golf tees, during downtime. **TO BUY:** Writer's Block Game, \$48; store.moma.org.

3 BACK TO NATURE

Featuring icons from 61 national parks, this puzzle is just about all he needs for an afternoon or two of fun. **TO BUY:** 500-Piece National Parks Wilderness and Wonder Jigsaw Puzzle, \$26; blueribbongeneralstore.com.

4 INSIDE THE BOX

Who doesn't like a good box? He can stash his treasured mementos and important documents in this sturdy steel container. **TO BUY:** 12-Inch Strongbox, \$52; bestmadeco.com.

5 BEST FOOT FORWARD

For the sporty dad who's chasing a 10K personal record, these "smart" insoles provide invaluable metrics, like cadence and step length. **TO BUY:** Nurvv Run, \$300; us.nurvv.com.

6 WAFFLE HOUSE

He's always (lovably, justifiably) bragging about his short-order cooking skills—so feed his ego with this kit that has a waffle iron, flour mix, and syrups.

TO BUY: Breakfast Making Kit, \$80; mancrates.com.

7 TAKE IT OUTSIDE

Combine the best parts of cornhole, washer toss, and Frisbee golf and you've got this quick-assembly outdoor game that will keep him, his friends, and his neighbors occupied for hours.

TO BUY: Bean Bag Bucketz, \$60; amazon.com.

Love



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1 LIGHT UP THE ROOM

This funky neon sign is flexible, so your high school grad can mold it into truly personalized freshman dorm decor. **TO BUY:** Make Your Own Neon Sign, \$20; blueribbongeneralstore.com.

2 MULTIPURPOSE PACKING

Zipped shut, it's a very stylish duffel. Opened, it's a hanging organizer that keeps clothes and shoes within easy reach. **TO BUY:** The Weekender Bag, \$80; greatusefulstuff.com.

3 MORE-THAN-OK BOOMER

This mini speaker gives mega sound. Perfect for postage-stamp dorm rooms, it slips onto a bookcase or mounts to the wall to become a sleek nightstand. **TO BUY:** Symfonisk WiFi Bookshelf Speaker, \$99; ikea-usa.com.

4 MAKE A CASE

For the tech-obsessed teen whose skinny jeans don't leave much to the imagination, let alone room for a PopSocket, this silicone case has a sliding strip that loops into a handle. **TO BUY:** Hand Strap Case, from \$20; digitalnomadcorner.com.

5 GREAT LENGTHS

A valuable life lesson for graduates: When you have a ruler handy, you can measure that nightstand (or chair or coffee pot) so you don't make expensive mistakes. **TO BUY:** Leather Covered Tape Measure, \$42; leifshop.com.

6 TRUSTY TOOL

Every grad should have an emergency kit. This canister contains more than 46 first-aid staples and doubles as a flashlight. **TO BUY:** VSSL First Aid Kit, \$125; rei.com.

7 MIXED BAG

No more digging around the bottom of the tote—external pouches and pockets make pulling out pens and IDs so much simpler. **TO BUY:** OAD x CW Pencils Collab Tote, \$85; oadnewyork.com.

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FOR THE
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1 LOVE NEST

All eight stoneware plates and bowls nestle together—it's exactly the space-saving set a starter home needs. **TO BUY:** Luna Nesting Dinnerware Set, \$120; bedbathandbeyond.com.

2 HOME SWEET HOME

Bees are good for a garden, and this tiny wooden box will give them a place to stay.

TO BUY: Little Bee House, \$12; blueribbongeneralstore.com.

3 COOKWARE THAT SNUGGLES UP

Help get date night going with a colorful pan that includes a steamer basket, spatula, and easy-pour spout. **TO BUY:** Always Pan, \$145; fromourplace.com.

4 GOING GLOBAL

Jet-setting lovebirds can keep tabs on the places they've been—and the places they long to go. **TO BUY:** World Traveler's Cork Globe, from \$80; uncommongoods.com.

5 PRODUCE BAG

Couples can haul home their farmers' market finds in this felt carryall. A bamboo cutting board makes for a sturdy base—and facilitates impromptu picnics.

TO BUY: Farmer's Market Tote, \$50; greatusefulstuff.com.

6 THE GREATEST THING SINCE...

This chic powder-coated bread box with a faux-leather handle keeps loaves fresh. **TO BUY:** Casetto Pull-Out Tray Breadbox, \$100; store.moma.org.

7 MADE TO MATCH

When they go on their beach-hopping honeymoon, they can twin in quick-drying cotton ponchos. **TO BUY:** Watego Ponchos, \$75 each; maydestore.com.