

THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE GIFT-GIVING THINGS...

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It's hard to believe, but holiday time is fast approaching! How about enhancing someone's cooking and dining experience with a gift of good quality cooking equipment, specialty ingredients, cookbooks, or of course, wine? I've compiled a list of some of my favorites, and wow, this list could go on and on! It represents a sampling - some have been around for a while and are tried and true, others are new to the scene. I hope it provides you with a bit of inspiration for any time you are gift giving.

NOTE: I receive no compensation for any listings below. I simply wish to share.

BOOKS

Pantry

- [Start Simple: Eleven Everyday Ingredients for Countless Weeknight Meals](#) by Lukas Volger
- [The Essential Pantry: Streamline Your Ingredients, Simplify Your Meals](#)
or
[The Essential Plant-Based Pantry: Streamline Your Ingredients, Simplify Your Meals](#) both by Maggie Green

Preserving and Fermenting

- [Foolproof Preserving: A Guide to Small Batch Jams, Jellies, Pickles, Condiments & More](#) by America's Test Kitchen
- [Jam Session: A Fruit-Preserving Handbook \[A Cookbook\]](#) by Joyce Goldstein
- [Fermented Vegetables: Creative Recipes for Fermenting 64 Vegetables & Herbs in Krauts, Kimchis, Brined Pickles, Chutneys, Relishes & Pastes](#) by Christopher Shockey and Kirsten K. Shockey
- [Ferment: A Guide to the Ancient Art of Culturing Foods, from Kombucha to Sourdough](#) by Holly Davis and Sandor Ellix Katz

General Interest

- [Mediterranean Grains and Greens: A Book of Savory, Sun-Drenched Recipes](#) by Paula Wolfert
- [Keeping It Simple: Easy Weeknight One-pot Recipes](#) by Yasmin Fahr
- [The Moosewood Cookbook: 40th Anniversary Edition](#) by Mollie Katzen
- [Weber's Ultimate Grilling: A Step-by-Step Guide to Barbecue Genius](#) by Jamie Purviance
- [California Home Cooking: 400 Recipes that Celebrate the Abundance of Farm and Garden, Orchard and Vineyard, Land and Sea](#) by Michele Jordan
- [Indian Instant Pot® Cookbook: Traditional Indian Dishes Made Easy](#) by Urvashi Pitre
- [Just Peachy](#) or [Let's Brunch: 100 Recipes for the Best Meal of the Week](#) both by Belinda Smith-Sullivan

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| | <p>Food and Wine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasting Wine and Cheese: An Insider's Guide to Mastering the Principles of Pairing by Adam Centamore • Wine Food: New Adventures in Drinking and Cooking by Dana Frank and Andrea Slonecker <p>Also, check out these “BEST COOKBOOKS” Lists for recent releases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 14 Best Cookbooks of Fall 2020 - New York Times • 20 Cookbooks Coming Out This Fall That We Can't Wait to Get Our Hands On - the Kitchn • 23 Cookbooks to Add to Your Shelves - Food & Wine • The Best Vegetarian and Vegan Cookbooks, According to Vegetarian and Vegan Chefs - NY Mag |
| <p>KITCHEN AND HOME GOODS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautiful, Good Quality Wood Cutting Boards - such as John Boos or Proteak or Food52 or Etsy • Cast Iron Cookware - Le Creuset or Lodge • Knives - such as Victorinox or Shun or Zwilling J.A. Henckels • Pots and Pans - such as All-Clad or Tramontina • Fused Glass Coaster Set by LRC Glassworks • Herb Gardens Kits - Etsy or The Spruce or Gardener's Supply Company |
| <p>BALSAMIC VINEGARS - Traditional Aged and Fruit-Infused</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pour - Charlotte, NC • The Olive Grove - Mendota Heights, MN • Navidi's - Camas, WA • The Culinarium - Jacksonville, OR • Vom Fass - based in Germany; franchises across USA |
| <p>SPICES</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chef Belinda Spices • Golden Fig Fine Foods • Minnesota Nice Spice (charitable organization) • Penzy's • Spicewalla • The Spice House |
| <p>WINE</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DeLille (Washington) • The Four Graces (Oregon) • Macchia (California) • Penner-Ash (Oregon) • Stoller (Oregon) • Torii Mor (Oregon; especially their Port) |