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Here is a colorful patchwork of Christmas gift ideas. Bulky things, gay things, sharp things, noisy things, handy things... things you can make, things you can shake, things you can break. See if you can match your Christmas shopping list with these.

For fun

Personalized ash trays for the crowd. Handsome red, green, gold or silver metal foil trays, personalized with your own name or initials, may be thrown away after use. They come in sets of 50 for $1.50 or 100 for $2.95.

Homemade felt pennant pillow. A college pennant designed out of felt yardage and stuffed as a pillow. The letter and year may be applied in the contrasting school color. See "Felt" in this issue.

Subscription to Cats magazine for cat lovers. Each monthly issue is filled with articles, fiction, poems, pictures, news about all kinds of cats. A year's subscription, $3.50.

Cheese mice are a cute stocking present. Ceramic mice have pink ears and long sharp tails to spear a chunk of cheese or an olive. $3.95 a dozen.

Toy slinky train. Blue plastic engine and bright red caboose joined by a flexible steel spring. A wonderful pull toy—turns corners easily without upsetting. About 10 inches long. $1.98.

Ornamental candy boxes. Highly colorful, gaily decorated metal boxes of all shapes and sizes, complete with tight-fitting hinged lids. Half the fun of having one is thinking up all the things that it can be used for!

Nursery rhyme wastebasket. Wastebaskets in fresh pastels with prints of nursery rhymes and accompanying pictures. Might be good strategy for inducing small fry to pick up after themselves. $1.35.

Decorative mailboxes. Mailboxes fashionably designed in copper, brass and wrought iron, and available in a variety of sizes, shapes and finishes. May be monogrammed if desired. $.98 to $7.95.

Candy striped sheets and pillowcases. Blue and white striped percale. Set of full size top sheet and matching pillowcases, $14.95, used with any plain white bottom sheet. These candy stripes lend themselves to any decorating scheme.

Banbury horse for young TV viewers. A foam rubber horse designed as a cushion to straddle a small, low stool. The horse's legs dangle over the side of the stool and the stuffed neck and head stand erect. The horse is covered with red and white checked gingham, complete with plastic reins, and clipped wool mane. 20 inches high, $5.95.

Assorted cheeses, from Iowa State. Send a box of several kinds or a wheel or piece of one variety. This is a personalized gift from your college.

For convenience

Onion chopper. A pyrex measuring cup outfitted with a tight-fitting lid and plunger for chopping onions, nuts and pimentos. $.59.


Check file box, for harried dads. To hold those cancelled checks for several years and avoid a lot of trouble. Covered with leather-like paper, the box comes with index dividers and holds 800 checks. 6 by 4 by 3 inches, $1.

Casserole warmer for those blustery winter meals. A beautiful glazed brown pottery casserole set with a polished aluminum dish and lid. To be plugged in and heated right at the table. $7.95.

Better Homes and Gardens' Handyman's Book. Contains sections on power tools, lumber, floors, windows, doors, exteriors,
furniture and storage. $3.95.

For Dad's workbench—specifically sorted and numbered screws of all sizes and kinds, as well as assorted varieties, available in tiny individual plastic boxes complete with hinged lids. The empty boxes are handy, too. $.20 per box. Stick several in Pop's stocking!

5-in-1 screwdriver. This handy driver has four extra attachments of different sizes which screw into the base handle. The attachments make it possible to work with any size screwhead. $.79.

For correspondence

Open stock stationery with contrasting ink. An attractive, rough-textured, coarse-edged paper with matching envelopes is available for re-order whenever your supply runs out. You can buy it in green, rose, grey, beige, blue, yellow. Try contrasting colored inks with these shades! 80 sheets, $1.

Desk lamp and book rack in one. Modern wrought iron desk lamp with the base designed as a book rack. Two indirect swivel fixtures in lamp. $11.95.

R.S.V.P. A charmingly-decorated metal basket filled with stationery. There are 150 sheets and 50 envelopes in white, blue or grey paper printed in blue or maroon. The basket is 6 inches high and will make a dandy letter holder when empty. $4.95.

For your hobby

For the stamp collector. Assorted packets of genuine stamps from any country of the world, including air mails, religious stamps, sport pictorials, sculptors, triangle and diamond shapes, coronation stamps and animal and bird stamps. $.25 to $2.

Old fashioned copper popper. Yes, it's a charming little copper-covered corn popper, complete with coffee grinder-style handle on top for stirring the kernels and an attached booklet of recipes, games and ideas. $2.95.

Full-color prints by famous artists, 16 to a folder. Each plate is accompanied by a detailed commentary and the plate itself is detachable for framing.

For him

Something in lavender. Running a second place to pink, clothes in lavender will make him really up-to-date.

Monogrammed playing cards. His initials stamped in gold on maroon, dark green or navy will make a personalized gift he can use all year.