

# Holiday Happenings

## Gift-Giving Trends

(NAPSA)—Increasingly, it seems, Americans believe there's no place like home for the holidays—and nothing like gifts they can use at home. Continuing the trend toward “cocooning”—getting cozy at home and staying there—here are a number of this year's hottest gift ideas. Gifts of food, drink and kitchen gadgets are among this season's top sellers.

Food selections like Mrs. Prindable's Hand Dipped Apples are always a hit. In this sweet-lover's six-pack, all apples are dipped in delicious caramel and then rolled in toppings, two are topped with honey roasted peanuts, raisins, milk chocolate chips; two have almond toffee crunch toppings and two are draped in triple chocolate.

For the wine connoisseur, a “must have” is the Houdini Six-Piece Wine Tool Kit. The kit includes all of the tools needed to serve and savor a great bottle of wine or champagne this holiday season.

If your gift list includes the “romantic at heart” or you just want to create a festive mood in your home—candles are always a welcome treat. Valerie Parr Hill has a set of six holiday candles that capture the aromas of the holiday season and include Sugared Plum, Balsam Fir, Angel Vanilla, Cinnamon, Spiced Pear and Sugar Cookie. They all come with coordinating gift boxes, labels, hangtags and gift tags so that you can break up the set and take care of a few people on your list.



**Home is where the heart is this holiday season, and the gifts many Americans hope to get are those that can contribute to happy times at home.**

One way to keep your kids close to home is with their own set of wheels. The newest Big Wheel is not the same one from years ago. This new scooter is much cooler with a sturdy steel frame and a rubber front wheel.

For the do-it-yourselfer on your list, tools are always a good idea. Tools that use one base (corded or cordless) and have interchangeable heads, like the Strategy 18-Volt Cordless Five-In-One Combination Tool Kit with Accessories, are very popular this year.

For many home-lovers, perhaps the best news is that all these items, and many more, can be ordered from home from QVC, Inc. by calling 800-354-2525 or online at [QVC.com](http://QVC.com).