

Southern Living®

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Thanksgiving Classics

**HEARTWARMING
RECIPES TO SAVOR
AND SHARE**

**CREATIVE
MENUS
SLOW-COOKER
SIDES**

**LUSCIOUS
DESSERTS**



The South's Best
Sweet Potato Pie
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WEEKEND GETAWAYS
UNDER \$500**

**SEASONAL DECORATING
SOLUTIONS**

Exclusive Interview!
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Best of the **South**

Made by Southern Hands Hostess Gifts



16-Piece Chocolate Assortment
Charlottesville, Virginia, chocolatier Tim Gearhart uses fresh ingredients, including Venezuelan chocolate, local sweet cream, and pure butter, to create his exquisite confections. gearhartschocolates.com; \$23



Vanilla Crêpe Cake
Give yourself and your oven a break—order a decadent holiday dessert from Charleston Crêpe Company. The signature vanilla crepe cake serves 12 and ships nationwide. charlestoncrepecompany.com; \$50

SHOWSTOPPER!
25 impressive layers



Biscotti
An Italian favorite with a Southern twist: These hearty cookies, in delicious fall flavors like pumpkin pecan and apple walnut, are made by hand in Jacksonville, Florida. uncannybiscotti.com; \$22 per dozen



Chicken Soup
Warm someone's tummy (and heart!) with a jar of old-fashioned chicken soup, prepared in small batches in Bradenton, Florida, using all-natural ingredients. spoonfulofcomfort.com; \$32 per jar



SO GIFT-ABLE!
Packed in tin boxes

Cheese Straws
Made in Yazoo City, Mississippi, using an heirloom family recipe, these tasty cheese straws are a must-have holiday party snack. mscheesestraws.com; \$14 per square tin



Yellow Grit Sandies
Friends and neighbors will swoon over the delicate cookies from Chilhowie, Virginia's Town House restaurant. They're made with yellow corn grits from South Carolina's Anson Mills. townhouseva.com; \$9

Whether you're a dinner guest or a weekend visitor, you know not to ever show up empty-handed. **Show your appreciation for good ol' Southern hospitality** with our roundup of stylish hostess gifts, both edible and decorative, all made right here in our region.

BY JENNIFER BERNO



Beeswax Candles
These earthy, unscented Seda Naturals 100% beeswax candles are hand-poured into German glass jars in Austin, Texas.
sedafrance.com; \$15 (small), \$35 (large)

ECO-CHIC!
Reusable clasped jar

HANDMADE!
A family business

Fleur de Lis Soaps
With their soft tuberose fragrance and so-Southern fleur de lis design, these pretty guest soaps, made in Louisville, Kentucky, make lovely shower or luncheon favors.
mosshill.net; \$6.50 each



Vintage Hand Towels
With letters inspired by an old French alphabet, these Grande Monogram hand towels, embroidered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, have a beautiful personal touch.
twogirlsinavignon.com; \$75 each



Custom Beverage Napkins
New Orleans-based artist Alexa Pulitzer works one-on-one with clients to customize a two-letter monogram for these printed paper cocktail napkins, suitable for special occasions.
alexapulitzer.com; \$225 (250 napkins)



Guest Books
Be a star house-guest: Give your host a keepsake leather guest book, handcrafted in San Antonio, Texas, and available in 12 colors.
jonhartdesign.com; \$82 each *