

WHAT TO BUY IF YOU'RE A PROCRASTINATOR

► Socks can elicit groans as a Christmas gift. But **Solmate Socks** are colorful, funky, and warm, and worn by babies, children, and adults. Don't worry if the socks are mismatched; they're supposed to be. *The American Gallery* has a selection of the footwear made from recycled cotton garments. A pair costs \$22, with gift-wrapping included.

▼ The **Root Candle Co.** has been in business for more than 130 years. Its products are known for their even-burning character and leave no waste wax. They also have a nice fragrance. *Schramm's Flowers* has a selection that includes the 22-ounce Queen Bee Jar for \$28.95 and the seven-ounce Tumbler for \$11, with gift-wrapping included.

▼ Need a quick gift for that Christmas Eve party you're heading to tonight? *The Andersons Market* has two popular **red wine blends from California**: Menage a Trois and Apothic. Both are \$11.99. If you prefer a white, try a Selbach German Riesling for \$10.99.

► **Christmas cookies** are a reliable last minute gift. *Wixey Bakery* sells a dozen decorated Christmas cookie cut-outs for \$10.20.

▼ It's not too late to make Christmas treats, and the **Cuisinart Electric Cookie Press** is just the gadget to help if you deliver it to the pastry chef tonight. It can be used to make beautiful cookies or decorate cakes. It also can fill deviled eggs and pasta shells. *JCPenney* carries it for \$29.95.

► Dog owners will appreciate **Mutt Mitts**, a strong, biodegradable bag that is used to pick up after a pooch. The double-ply reinforced design ties into a neat package that's easy to dispose of. One hundred bags are \$14.99 at *Target*.

► Who doesn't want a clean car? **Car wash vouchers** are a welcome find in any stocking. *Russ' Auto Wash* sells a book of coupons for five exterior washes for \$28. For \$45, you can get five washes that include a Rain-X treatment. Gift vouchers for detailing also are available.

▲ The **Oster Electric Wine Opener** can serve as a last minute hostess gift or Christmas Day gift. It eliminates the effort of uncorking a bottle of wine manually. The rechargeable device operates with the touch of a button and opens up to 30 bottles on a charge. It comes with a foil cutter and thermal stainless steel wine chiller. \$29.99 at *JCPenney*.

◀ The **Keurig Elite Single Cup Home Brewing System** can brew an 8 ounce or 10 ounce cup of coffee. It's \$109.99 at *Target*.

▲ A **AAA Classic Membership** may not be used much, but its benefits, such as free towing and battery service, certainly are appreciated when needed. You can buy a one-year gift membership today at any AAA outlet for \$50.