What to buy

hat better way to show your thoughtfulness for a friend than the perfect addition to his or her home? Many of these lasting items bring local flavor well past

the holiday season. Or, take advantage of these suggestions for your own house.

— RYAN DUNN,BLADE STAFF WRITER



Nora Fleming Chip and Dip: Give the gift that will be the center of any future gathering. This chip and dip is just the right size. You can even get it personalized with an inscription. \$49.95 at Fiddle Stix Boutique & Gallery at Levis Commons, 4165 Chappel Dr., Perrysburg.



Eclectic mercury votives:
This will bring to "light" any seasonal celebration. The set includes six that are made of blown glass and have a silver finish on the inside. Add them to a friend's living room for holiday display. \$27 at Pottery Barn, 5001 Monroe St. at Franklin Park Mall.



Hyacinth basket: Place something under the tree that is both decorative and practical. This basket can be used for storage around the house. \$20 at Paula Brown Shop, 912 Monroe St.



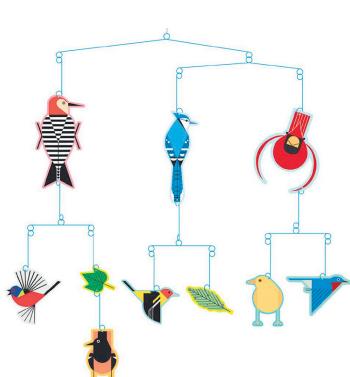
Didrika Blue Vase: Gift this well-crafted vase for the center of any friend's living room. With an inward design, this creative style will stand out. \$39.99 at Furniture Palace, multiple locations.



419 Stemless Wine Glass: Show your pride in the 419 with every sip. The print is featured on this stemless wine glass. It is a beautiful logo worth any home space. \$8 at Jupmode, 2022 Adams St.



18-Piece Knife Block Set: This Amazon knife set would serve as a fine starter to any burgeoning chef's kitchen. With 18 pieces, the variety of knives include chef's, slicing, and paring. When blades dull, a provided sharpener will do just the trick. \$57.77 at Amazon.com.



Charley Harper Birds Mobile: For anyone on your list with a newborn or expecting, this mobile will inspire. The eight birds and two leaves hang above to capture the young one's attention. \$34.95 at Toledo Museum of Art Store, 2445 Monroe St.

Copper T-Loop candle holder: This unique candle holder is made from a single

piece of wire and could sit above the fireplace.

The box has two tea lights included. \$32 at Toledo

Museum of Art Store, 2445 Monroe St.



Automatic cocktail mixer: Make the holiday season a little more cheerful with the Epicureanist automatic cocktail mixer. At 21 ounces, it serves several thirsty guests at once. Your friends will appreciate a spout designed to stop spills. **\$29.99 at Best Buy,** multiple locations.

Bicycle book end: This split miniature bicycle will keep books in place. Comprised of metal and wood, the bike sits atop a wooden base. It would not look out of place on HGTV. **\$19.99 at Target, multiple locations.**



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