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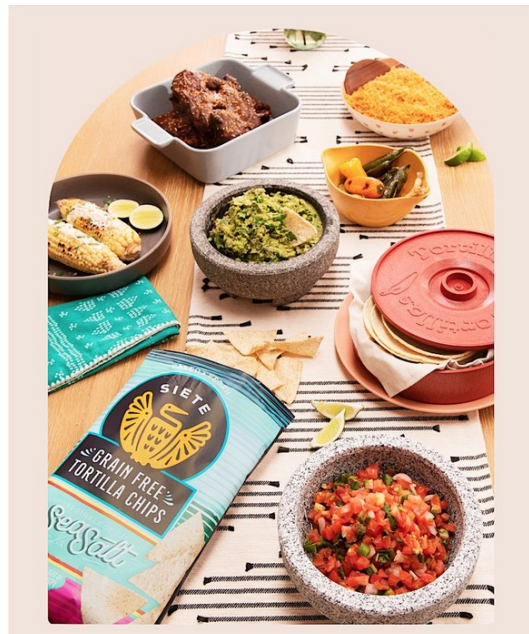
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WOUR PICKS

This vintage wallet has four pockets so you don't get overwhelmed when you need your cash.

So you want your laptop, files, and a passport after take-off? Here is a sleeve with much more.

British designer Margo's case has pockets for an iPad mini and an old-fashioned journal.

Card case is a handy solution for those on-the-go.

Baggy's pouch corrects your lip hole, and keeps essentials off the random accessories that tend to go MIA.

THERE'S A BAG FOR THAT

We've come a long way from basic duffels and rollers. These new pouches and cases ensure everything has its place.

—ANDREW RICHDALE

Clockwise from top: Smythson currency case, \$220, smythson.com; Essential document sleeve, \$25, hampstead.com; Essential document case, \$16, hampstead.com; Baggy's small pouch, \$20, baggy.com; Margo's iPad mini case, \$112, smythson.com; This is Ground's card case, \$25 for a three-pack, thisisground.com.

All you need at the gate is a Tumi bag, which holds a phone, passport, and boarding pass.

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COMFORT+JOY=HOME

1) For friends wanting a holiday getaway, but stuck with a creature a checked-out house that whippers "luxurious cabin" things. These \$220. thehouseweaver.com

2) The best way to go to the big game? Great owners with a hand-cut olive-wood parrot of the family patch. If you're great (available in 20-cm custom parrots on request. \$90. brooklynship.com)

3) This custom retro-advice wrap-up in the shape of the owner's home state—will turn into a hand-let from thank you note. \$60. paperprints.bigapple.com

4) This extra-wide non-grad copper travel is as useful as it is beautiful. Color: Teak. \$26. stephan.com

5) The wouldn't enjoy eating into oak, warm-up pairs at the end of a hard, cold day?—we're not their names. Fun for Sides, \$16. retro.tankline.com

6) We love the fact that these front drawers from San Diego are made by the original inventor of the dog tag. They go especially well with accessories. mattandpaul.com

7) Inspired by vintage crystal, ceramic vessels from L.A. A hand-drawn is to be used to hold fruit, flowers, or herbs—or just as a look pretty. tckk.com, from \$10. anderson.com

8) Give garden under glass—diamond-shaped terrariums made in Sacramento from upcycled window glass. Medium Glass Diamond. \$50. mossand.com

9) We're the best of them? No, and this pot from San Francisco company Coyuchi is every bit as comfy as it is cute. mossand.com, \$120. coyuchi.com

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Garden memberships

HUNTINGTON LIBRARY In San Marino, CA, 120 acres of art and gardens, including a desert area that will have you parking, not on palm and cacti for days. FLX.Huntington.org

JAPANESE GARDEN (PORTLAND) In the heart of the city, this is a peaceful spot to wander and contemplate your round. FLX.jpengarden.com

DENVER BOTANICAL GARDENS The tropical conservatory offers a model of drought-tolerant landscaping, and a welcome respite from cold winters. FLX.denvergarden.org

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BEAUTIFUL, USEFUL, LIFE-CHANGING

Our staffers struggle to resist the Electric Scooter. It's a bike. This pedal, but a battery offers extra oomph—50 miles of no-motor fuel gas. \$2,200. www.electricscooter.com

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GIFT GUIDE

We've decked the halls, checked the shops and seen the sites. Here's what our travel, food, home and garden editors are giving this season.

Photographs by JEFFREY CROSS

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GOOD TO GO

1) A hand-drawn is to be used to hold fruit, flowers, or herbs—or just as a look pretty. tckk.com, from \$10. anderson.com

2) Soft, smart, and occasionally tricky, but these Patagonia's Insulated Fleece jackets. Patagonia.com, \$140. shop.patagonia.com

3) The adventures on your list may take a right or a left, but these phones will be there with the best cases for most cases. LifeProof iPhone case. LifeProof.com, \$79.95. LifeProof iPad. LifeProof.com, \$129.95.

4) A great bag inspired just off the coast of San Francisco. The Charlie bag. TheCharlieBag.com, \$14. thecharliebag.com

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Amazing adventures

CAMP GROUNDED No cell phones, computers, or kids allowed. It's just adults having fun as they digitally detox. At this Anderson Valley, California, summer camp for grown-ups, hikes, yoga, and creative writing classes are on the agenda. www.campgrounded.com. **Three-day sessions, from \$240 per person.**

CLAYDQUOT WILDERNESS RESORT These romantic and moose luxury retreats on Vancouver Island are worth the airplane ride, and the splurge. It's camping without all that pesky... camping. **Three nights, all-inclusive, from \$4,650 per person.** wildernessresort.com

RED ROCK MUSCLE EXPERIENCE Make a motorhead's paradise with 30 miles behind the wheel on a

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FROM THE EDITOR

At the AFAR pop-up store, the artist John Deane designed rope neckties and Able Collins and Jeremy.

At the London Photo Festival, I thought hand-drawn sketches and mixed media.

The industrial designers loved the idea of multiple and objects for the home, such as the brass bottle opener.

THE SPIRIT OF SEATTLE

AT AFAR, WE BELIEVE in celebrating wildly ambitious ideas and plucky people. (We are the ones who started a travel magazine in 2000!) This spring, when I traveled to Seattle for our fourth AFAR Experiences event, we were surrounded by innovators.

The chef and restaurateur Brian Ertel, whose empire includes the award-winning oyster bar The Walrus and the Carpentries, produced our opening night party at Pike Place Market by inviting in her favorite local purveyors. Megan Jasper brought a group of us into the headquarters of Sub Pop, the influential record label where she serves as executive vice president. Author—and early Amazon employee—Langdon Cook took us on a foraging expedition through rainy Seward Park. And Margaret O'Mara, a professor of history at the University of Washington, spoke to our group about the climate of entrepreneurship that defines Seattle's past, present, and future.

In Seattle there's a palpable sense that people are driven by their passions, which more often than not blossom into successful businesses. In this issue, we set out to find the people who bring that spirit to the world of travel.

In "The 20th Travel Vanguard," on page 42, we cover the people and ideas redefining travel today: the disruptors and mavericks who are turning cruise ships into boutique hotels, teaching us how to be more conscientious and thoughtful travelers, and flying amateur astronauts (like you!) into space. The common thread across this group of change-makers: passion and an unshakable confidence in their ideas. Much like what we witnessed in Seattle. These are our kind of people.

TRAVEL WELL,

Julia

Julia Coogren
Editor in Chief

Join us in Austin City Limits October 10-12 at our next AFAR Experiences event. Visit www.afar.com.

2011 Gift Guide

FOR ADVENTURERS

Be prepared for anything, especially fun.

1. The M Lamp runs for 40 hours per charge and can be charged anywhere. \$200, www.mlamp.com.

2. Carry On has 13 pockets, board dividers to fit 120 items, and a carry canvas pack. \$120, www.carryon.com.

3. Mission Bicycle's helmet is forged from ash wood and has an easy-to-close magnet chin-strap clip. \$170, www.missionbicycle.com.

4. Designer David Irwin gives the 19th-century miner's lamp an LED update. \$220, www.splator.com.

5. The inflatable Marina Air paddleboard's width makes it extra stable for beginners. \$1,500, www.raibearing.com.

6. Handpainted color blocks on the wooden handle of the Opinel Whiskey Knife look like signal flags. \$48, www.opinel.com.

7. Sonoma's specialist Solrice designed the ultimate kit for every emergency. \$170, www.bestmadeco.com.

8. Scott's new Linc goggles have a fog-free lens and customizable fit. \$150, www.scott-sports.com.

TASTEMAKER PICKS
What gift will you be giving this holiday?
Skateboarding legend Tony Hawk wants to give the new Sony Action Cam Mini. "It's the smallest camera that can deliver the best quality," he says. "I even mounted one on the bottom of my skateboard and it wasn't obstructed." \$250, www.sony.com.

The pocket size Air version has a large water purification filter, and other essential.

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FOR MEN

A taste of the good life.

1. The leather case comes from a Glasgow company that has been tanning for three generations.

2. Hornsuff is an on-trend hat that comes with a hat.

3. The leather case comes from a Glasgow company that has been tanning for three generations.

4. The curved links of the Anchor Chronograph Steel Watch Link watch evoke the surf off the shores of Skagen, Denmark. \$245, www.skagen.com.

5. Icelandic brewery Einstok bottles a Viking version of American Pale Ale. \$12 per six-pack, www.einstokbeer.com.

6. Waxed fabric makes the Ruckus a No. 25 weather-resistant. \$50, www.gallraven.us.

7. Hit the trails in style with New Balance's hiking boot. \$105, www.newbalance.com.

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FOR KIDS
You're never too young to be a global citizen.

Designed in France, this vintage-inspired truck is constructed with two halves and a hill.

Nature Whimsy is an eco-friendly metal woodier mobile in a studio in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Designer Christine Clark uses blue cotton poplin in downtown L.A.

TASTEMAKER PICKS
Where do you want to take the family this holiday?
Leigh Rowden, cofounder of the San Francisco-based children's clothing company Tea Collection, wants to book a multi-stop family trip to South Africa and Botswana with the active travel outfitter Backroads. "I would love to hike among penguins and zebras, and I'm sure my kids would, too." From \$7,000, tea-travel.com

1. Mobiles this beautiful aren't just for baby's room. \$250, fortrucks.com 2. A family in Mexico's Bajío region has been hand-stitching wool kittens, pigs, and other animals for three generations. \$32, nonzeriahedgehog.com 3. Baja ponchos feature kangaroo-style pockets. \$68, shopboyandgirl.com 4. Kids can play fire chef in this foot-powered truck. \$250, nbaeyarochid.com 5. Worried about your kids eating the Play-Doh? Eco-Dough is made from extracts of organic fruit, vegetables, and plants. \$20 per five-pack, wildfill.com 6. Rock climbers can get their little ones hooked early with carabineer-shaped rattles. \$65, knotworkbigear.com

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FOR BOOKWORMS
Feed your curious mind.

TASTEMAKER PICKS
Where do you want to go this holiday?
"I want to go to the French Alps and ride my bike on the legendary Tour de France climbs, including the Alpe d'Huez," says Thatcher Wine, founder of Juniper Books in Boulder, Colorado, which curates private libraries and designs custom book jackets. "Then I'd fly home via London so I could do some antiquarian book shopping."

1. **GRAFICA** THE ART OF ITALY LOUISE FITLI

2. **THE WOODBOOK**

3. **MEXICO THE COOKBOOK** MARGARITA GARRILLO ABRONTE

4. **WHAT TO TALK ABOUT**

5. **Plant-Powered BEAUTY**

1. Typographer needs will love graphic designer Louise Fitli's catalog of artsy Italian signs. \$25 2. This book reproduces late 19th-century naturalist Romeyn Beck Hough's collection of the wood gases of every American tree. \$20 3. Margarita Carrillo Abronte spent 30 years researching Mexican food. The result: 700 authentic recipes from across the country. \$50 4. The debut cookbook from chef Christopher Kostow of Meadowood in Napa Valley, California, is an homage to the region's artisans, farmers, and landscapes. \$50 5. AFAR contributor Chris Collin explains how to make compelling small talk in any situation. \$16 & Novelist Hansi Murakami delves into a man's obsession with why he was ostracized by a group of friends in his youth. \$26 Books available on amazon.com

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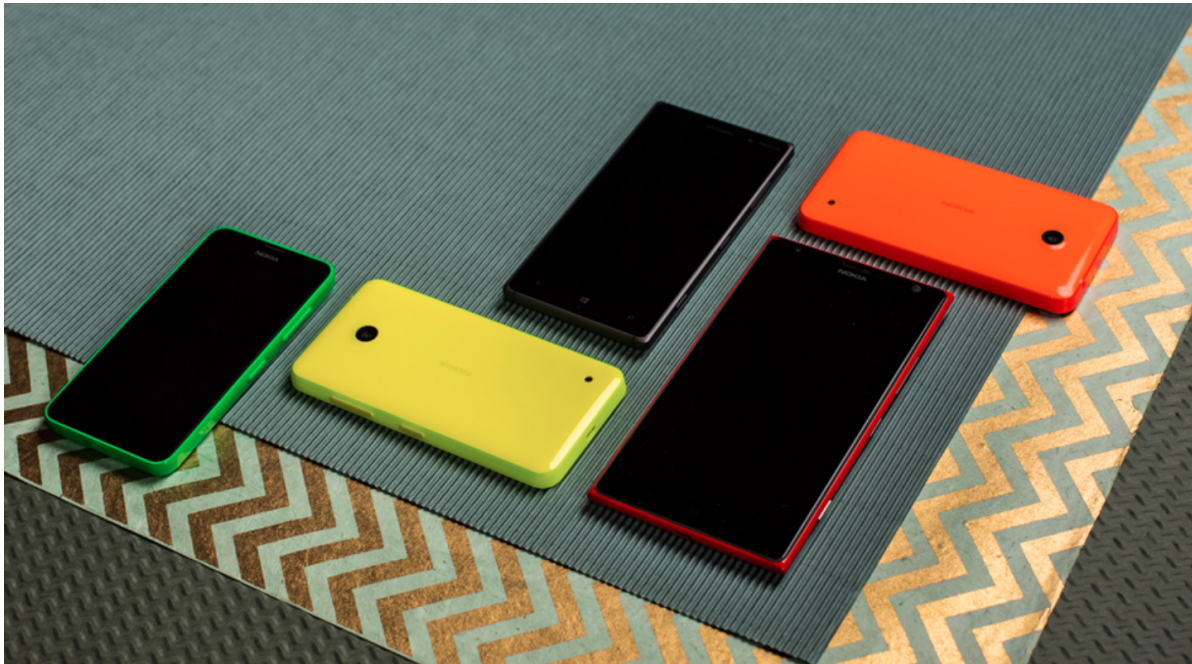
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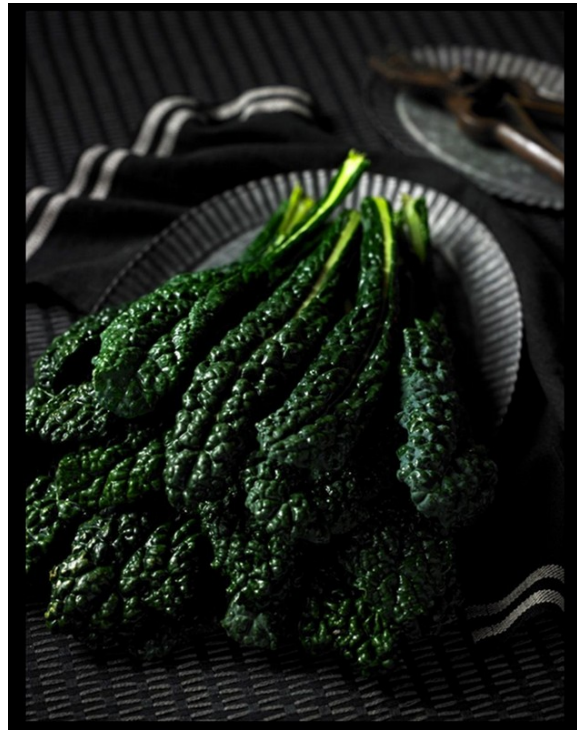
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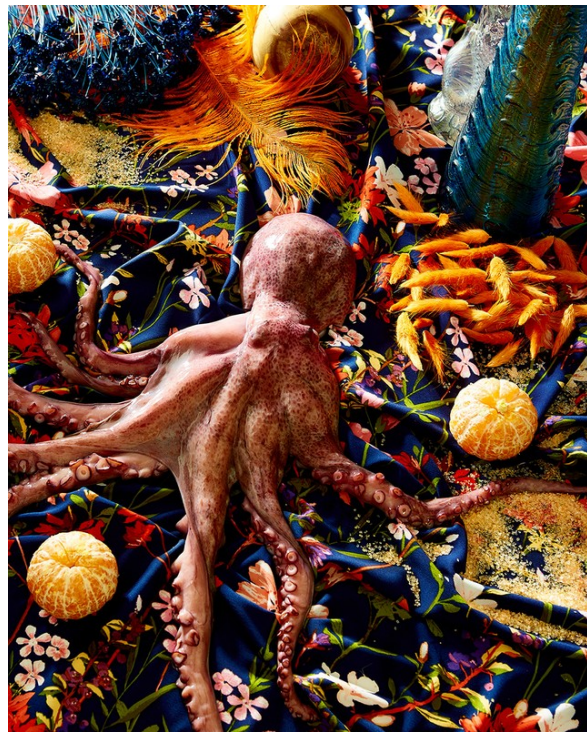
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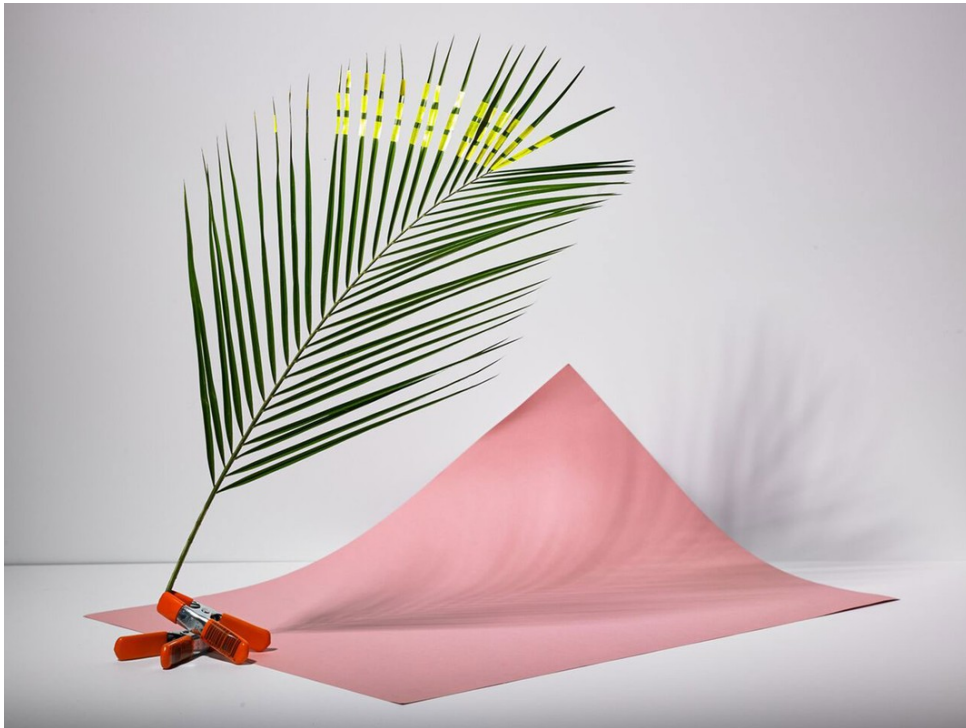
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