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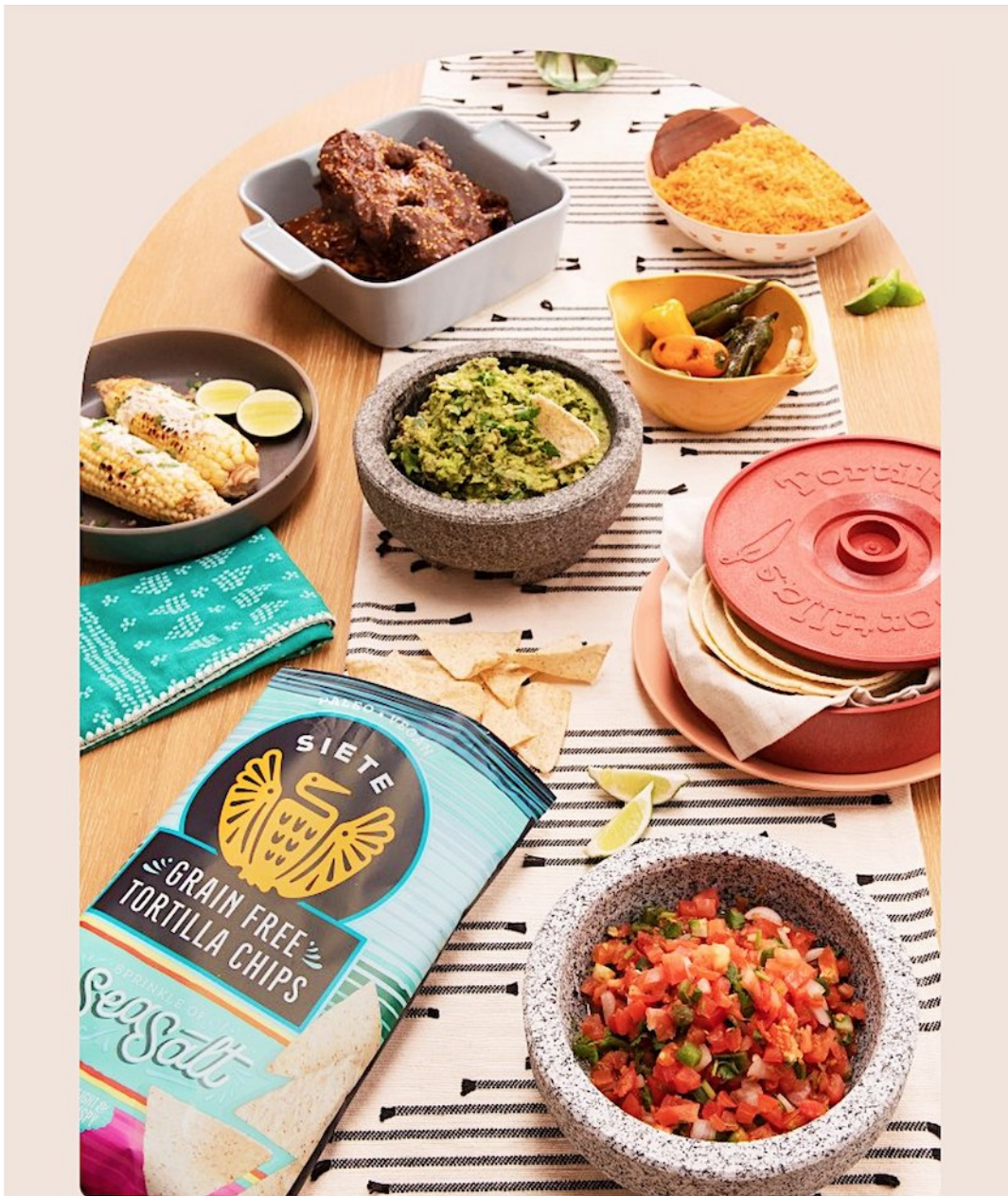
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**W** OUR PICKS

*This currency wallet has four partitions so you don't grab euros when you need yen.*

*So you want your laptop, files, and a paperback after take-off? Here is a sleeve with nooks for all.*

*Cord taco: a handy wallet for loose earbuds.*

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

*Baggu's pouch corrals coins, lip balm, and keys—basically all the random miscellany that tends to go MIA.*

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

**THERE'S A BAG FOR THAT**

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

—ANDREW RICHALE

Clockwise from top: Smythson currency case, \$230, [smythson.com](http://smythson.com); Haerfest document sleeve, \$125, [haerfest.us](http://haerfest.us); Tumi travel document case, \$95, [tumi.com](http://tumi.com); Baggu small pouch, \$20, [baggu.com](http://baggu.com); Margo iPad mini case, \$170, [bymargo.net](http://bymargo.net); This Is Ground cord tacos, \$25 for a three-pack, [thisisground.com](http://thisisground.com).

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**W** OUR PICKS

1 Paul Smith's towel turns your plot of sand into a Moroccan-inspired mosaic.

2 The pattern on these trunks is an abstract riff on coral.

3 A Brazilian handplane makes body-surfing twice as fun. Unlike a boogie board, it also packs easily.

4 Family-run Castañer has crafted espadrilles in Spain since 1997.

5 Mar Y Sol tote, \$135, shopmarysol.com

6 Castañer espadrilles, \$140, mrporter.com

7 Shiseido sunscreen, \$36, shiseido.com

8 Oliver Peoples sunglasses, \$510, oliverpeoples.com

9 Dusen Dusen towels (bottom two), \$38, dusedusen.com

10 Paul Smith towel, \$125, paulsmith.co.uk

**EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN**

From our favorite new shades to a fresh way to ride the waves, here's what to pack for your next beach vacation.

by ANDREW RICHALE

1 Rachel Comey one-piece, \$288, rachelecomey.com 2 RRL hat, \$145, ralphlauren.com 3 Lacoste Live trunks, \$95, lacoste.com 4 Frescobol Carioca hand surf, \$235, frescobolcarioca.com 5 Mar Y Sol tote, \$135, shopmarysol.com 6 Castañer espadrilles, \$140, mrporter.com 7 Shiseido sunscreen, \$36, shiseido.com 8 Oliver Peoples sunglasses, \$510, oliverpeoples.com 9 Dusen Dusen towels (bottom two), \$38, dusedusen.com 10 Paul Smith towel, \$125, paulsmith.co.uk

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**BEST OF THE WEST**

**EAT. DRINK. BE MERRY!**

- 1 A hand-drawn bowl from Sausalito's Heath Ceramics doesn't just elevate salad—it's a new heirloom. Classic Holiday Set and trays, \$160, heathceramics.com.
- 2 Our food editors rarely go for jarred sauces, but these zesty Mexican salsas are an exception. \$26 for 3 (15-oz.) jars, bunchesandbunches.bigcartel.com.
- 3 Yvile Howell.com wineries, distilled in Northern California, packs a smooth wallop. The stellar Scotch is named after the editor's bootlegger grandpa, who graces the jug. \$200, yvilehowell.com.
- 4 Our food editors rarely go for jarred sauces, but these zesty Mexican salsas are an exception. \$26 for 3 (15-oz.) jars, bunchesandbunches.bigcartel.com.
- 5 Just insert this wine preserver's needle through the cork, shoot argon into the bottle, and pour a glass. The rest of the bottle will keep for weeks, if not months. \$299, carwin.com.
- 6 Clean tea towels hand-printed in San Francisco get softer and more absorbent with each wash. \$24 each or \$88 for a gift set (with wooden spoons).

**PRESENTS WITH A FUTURE**  
**Food & wine clubs**

**SUNSET WINE CLUB** The next best thing to being a Sunset wine editor: Getting two stellar-winning wines from Sunset's International Wine Awards each month. \$30/2 months, sunsetwinclub.com.

**RITUAL COFFEE ROASTERS** A San Francisco favorite delivers the coffee—special seasonal blends—without the crowds. \$20/month, ritualroasters.com.

**VENISSIMO CHEESE LOVERS CLUB** This San Diego shop sends three cheeses a month, and just the right accompaniment—say, the perfect crackers. \$35/month, venissimo.com.

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**STOCKING STUFFERS**

- 1 The bike enthusiast on your list couldn't be in the new year with this bright, clear-tinted belt. Pattern Bike Belt, \$22, peters.com.
- 2 These mighty (and mighty cute) magnets are very fridge-worthy—strong enough to hold a fish timer. Horseshoe magnet, \$4, amwow.com.
- 3 Our garden editors love these washable, easy-to-work-in gloves—and so will your favorite gardener. Atlas Nitro gloves, \$4.95, amazon.com.
- 4 Made with raw honey by a beekeeping family in Utah, these slightly chewy caramels have a warm, deep sweetness. Honey caramels, from \$8 (1/4-lb. box), beesandros.com.
- 5 Let a special someone wake up and smell the roses (to mix exhortations) with an energizing L.A.-made organic rosewater spritzer. Rosewater Refreshing Spray, \$12, beautycounter.com.
- 6 Shutterbugs will fill for a set of these slide-on photo lenses—macro, fish-eye, and polarizing—made to enhance iPhone picture-taking. iPhone Specialty Lens Set, \$40, rostratorhardware.com.
- 7 A sampler of soft, chewy French-style fruit candies from San Francisco's Tout Sweet includes lingering water flavors like raspberry, blood orange, and passion fruit-essence. 8-piece pan de fruits, \$8, tout-sweet.com.

**PRESENTS WITH A FUTURE**  
**Donations that keep giving**

**NATURE BRIDGE** This Yosemite-based group takes inner city kids on wilderness trips all over the West. [naturebridge.com](http://naturebridge.com).

**GLOBAL PRESS INSTITUTE** The S.F. nonprofit trains women in developing countries to become journalists. [global@pressinstitute.org](mailto:global@pressinstitute.org).

**REDWOODS LEAGUE** It's long been devoted to preserving the West's beloved giants. [www.redwoods.org](http://www.redwoods.org).

**CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY** One of our garden editor's favorite organizations works hard to protect and restore the state's native flora. [cnpa.org](http://cnpa.org).

**KIVA** Crowdfunded global microfinance via the internet. Through this SF-based nonprofit, you can lend as little as \$25 to someone living in poverty so he or she can launch an income-generating project. [kiva.org](http://kiva.org).

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**BEST OF WEST**

## COMFORT+JOY=HOME

1 For friends dreaming of a holiday getaway, but stuck with a staycation: a checked wool throw that whippers "excluded cabin" Vintage Throw, \$100; [schoolhouseelectric.com](http://schoolhouseelectric.com).

2 Peace on earth, good-will to pollinators (and the people who love them, too). All will enjoy this stylish home for solitary bees, which settle in small cavities. Bee House, \$22; [wildandwell.com](http://wildandwell.com).

3 This extra-wide nut-graf copper trowel is as useful as it is beautiful. Cassie Trowel, \$58; [shopterrains.com](http://shopterrains.com).

4 Who wouldn't enjoy easing into soft, warm slippers at the end of a hard, cold day? Really—we want their names. Faux Fur Slides, \$6; [retrovisionhardware.com](http://retrovisionhardware.com).

5 We love the fact that these 12-sided stone-ware planters from Sara Peterson Pottery were inspired by the interplay of sand and fog. They go especially well with succulents. Nonticket Pots, from \$1K; [pottery-stone.com](http://pottery-stone.com).

6 It'll be hard not to keep it: a copper watering can elegant enough to use as a vase. X3 watering can, \$48; [shophome.com](http://shophome.com).

7 The best way to go to the dogs: Present proud owners with a hand-cut silhouette portrait of the family pooch. 8"x10" print (available in 35 breeds; custom portraits on request), \$18; [inetwork-shop.com](http://inetwork-shop.com).

8 Give gardeners under glass—diamond-shaped terrariums made in Sacramento from recycled window glass. Medium Glass Diamond, \$90; [meeseal.com](http://meeseal.com).

9 We're big fans of flannel PJs, and this pair from NorCal company Coyuchi is every bit as cozy—curry as a hoodie. Women's Flannel PJs, \$212; [coyuchi.com](http://coyuchi.com).

10 Inspired by quartz crystals, ceramic vessels from L.A.'s HandArts are truly multi-faceted: they can be used to hold fruit, flowers, or keys—or just sit and look pretty. 18TK1 home, from \$16; [arohome.com](http://arohome.com).

11 Pitcher perfect: the recently released iconic vessel created by Russell Wright, who brought modern design to the masses. American Modern pitcher, \$80; [bauerla.com](http://bauerla.com).

12 This custom return-address stamp—in the shape of the sender's home state—will earn you a hand-written thank-you note. \$60; [paperprints.bigcartel.com](http://paperprints.bigcartel.com).

**PRESENTS WITH A FUTURE**

### Garden memberships

**HUNTINGTON LIBRARY** In San Marino, CA, 120 acres of art and gardens, including a desert area that will have you geeking out on palms and cacti for days. [ETK, huntington.org](http://ETK.huntington.org)

**JAPANESE GARDEN (PORTLAND)** In the heart of the city, this is a peaceful spot to wander and contemplate your round. [ETK, japanesegarden.com](http://ETK.japanesegarden.com)

**DENVER BOTANICAL GARDENS** The tropical conservatory offers a model of drought-tolerant landscaping, and a welcome respite from cold winters. [ETK, botanicgardens.org](http://ETK.botanicgardens.org)

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**BEST OF THE WEST** **DECEMBER 2013**

BEAUTIFUL, USEFUL, LIFE-CHANGING

Our staffers fought to read just the Electric Townie Go, a new e-bike. You pedal, but a battery offers extra oomph—20 miles of no-sweat cycling per charge. \$2,200. [electricbike.com](http://electricbike.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.

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**GOOD TO GO**

- 1 A tailored but tough tote from Filson of Seattle (which got its start stuffing Gold Rushes!) will hold plenty of gear and hold up for many a journey. Canvas Carry All. \$245. [filson.com](http://filson.com).
- 2 In flight, the wide Merino wool scarf we love is a cozy coverlet; on arrival, it makes even the most rumpled travel bag look pulled together. Houndstooth scarf. \$140. [shop.alderandis.com](http://shop.alderandis.com).
- 3 Sleek, petite new thermoses keep coffee hot for up to six hours, and food drinks cool for up to 24 (we tried it!). The size is also perfect for fresh snacks. Insulated bottles from \$25. [kleankanteen.com](http://kleankanteen.com).
- 4 Soft, smart, and sustainably made, our favorite iPad case is fashioned from reclaimed Pyrognia fleece jackets. iPad mini sleeve. \$32. [reflex.com](http://reflex.com).
- 5 The adventures on your list may take a spill or capsize, but their phones will be fine with the best cases for worst cases: LifeProof iPhone case. \$79.99. Life Jacket Float. \$79.99. [lifeproof.com](http://lifeproof.com).
- 6 A signal flag-inspired paint job updates the classic Opinel knife—a camper's best friend. The Charlie City folding knife. \$34. [reflexoutdoorsupply.com](http://reflexoutdoorsupply.com).

**PRESENTS WITH A FUTURE**  
**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; a menu are on the menu. Three-day sessions, from \$240 per person. [campgrounded.com](http://campgrounded.com).

**RED ROCK MUSCLE EXPERIENCE** Make a motorhead estate with 30 miles behind the wheel on a guided drive through Red Rock Canyon near Las Vegas, in three classic cars, including a Corvette Z06. \$209 per person. [worldofdashdriving.com](http://worldofdashdriving.com).

**CLAYDQUOT WILDERNESS RESORT** These romantic and rustic luxury tents on Vancouver Island are worth the seaplane ride, and the splash. It's camping without all that pecky, camping. Three nights, all-inclusive, from \$4,625 per person. [wildoutwest.com](http://wildoutwest.com).

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## FROM THE EDITOR



*In the AFAR pop-up store, the artist Seth Damm displayed rope necklaces and Akiho Graham sold pottery.*

*At the London Plane, a cafe and shop, I bought handmade caramels and enamel cups.*

*The industrial designers Jacoli & McAllister make jewelry and objects for the home, such as this brass bottle opener.*

*E. Smith Mercantile sells a variety of cocktail bitters, including a smoky blend with a hint of orange peel.*

*Paper Hammer led the revival of letterpress printing in Seattle. They make whimsical coasters, notebooks, and other paper products.*

### 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 2009!) This spring, when I traveled to Seattle for our fourth AFAR Experiences event, we were surrounded by innovators.

The chef and restaurateur Renee Erickson, whose empire includes the award-winning oyster bar The Walrus and the Carpenter, 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 2014 Travel Vanguard," on page 67, we cover the people and ideas reframing 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 unbridled confidence in their ideas. Much like what we witnessed in Seattle. These are our kind of people.

TRAVEL WELL,

*Julia*

Julia Cosgrove  
Editor in Chief

Join us in Mexico City this October for our next AFAR Experiences trip. Visit [afarexperiences.com](http://afarexperiences.com).

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## FOR ADVENTURERS

Be prepared for anything, especially fun.



**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 obstructive."  
 \$250, [store.sony.com](http://store.sony.com)

The M Lamp runs for 18 hours per charge and can be charged more than 2,000 times.



Carry On Naish's paddleboard deflates to fit in a travel-friendly canvas pack.



This pocket-size kit contains duct tape, water purification tablets, and other survival essentials.

1. Mission Bicycle's helmet is forged from ash wood and has an easy-to-close magnet chin-strap clasp. \$70, [missionbicycle.com](http://missionbicycle.com) 2. Designer David Irwin gives the 19th-century miner's lamp an LED update. \$220, [aplusrstore.com](http://aplusrstore.com) 3. The inflatable Mana Air paddleboard's width makes it extra stable for beginners. \$1,500, [naishsurfing.com](http://naishsurfing.com) 4. Handpainted color blocks on the walnut handle of the Opinel Whiskey Knife look like signal flags. \$68, [sonofa-sailorjewelry.com](http://sonofa-sailorjewelry.com) 5. Survival tools specialist Solkoa designed the ultimate kit for every emergency. \$170, [bestmadeco.com](http://bestmadeco.com) 6. Scott's new Linx goggles have a fog-free lens and customizable fit. \$150, [scott-sports.com](http://scott-sports.com)



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## FOR MEN

A taste of the good life.



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Hermès riffs on a traditional Russian ushanka hat.



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Smart Style Wearing gloves? Toggles are easier to fasten than buttons.

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



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**TASTEMAKER PICKS**  
*Where would you like to go this holiday?*  
 "Burma remains undiscovered," says Tom Marchant, cofounder of the UK-based travel company Black Tomato. "I'd explore the temples of Bagan and visit the remote hill tribes surrounding Inle Lake, then head to the mountains, where you can find vineyards and wineries such as Mine Thauk."

1. This hat's merino wool lining keeps ears warm. \$870, [hermes.com](http://hermes.com) 2. J.Crew looked to coats worn by the British Royal Navy when designing the Toggle Coat for its Wallace & Barnes line. \$475, [jcrew.com](http://jcrew.com) 3. A Scottish leatherwares manufacturer and a 60-year-old pewter business collaborated on the flask and its case. \$104, [kaufmann-mercantile.com](http://kaufmann-mercantile.com) 4. The curved links of the Anchor Chronograph Steel Wave Link watch evoke the surf off the shore of Skagen, Denmark. \$245, [skagen.com](http://skagen.com) 5. Icelandic brewery Einstök bottles a Viking version of American Pale Ale. \$12 per six-pack, [einstokbeer.com](http://einstokbeer.com) 6. Waxed fabric makes the Rucksack No. 21 weather resistant. \$150, [fjallraven.us](http://fjallraven.us) 7. Hit the trails in style with New Balance's hiking boot. \$105, [newbalance.com](http://newbalance.com)



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New Balance updated its hiking boot with special foam cushioning and a fuzzy sock liner.



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## FOR KIDS

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



**Natural Whimsy**  
An art collective makes wooden mobiles in a studio in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

*Designed in France, this vintage-inspired truck is accessorized with two ladders and a bell.*



*Designer Christine Chang sews these cotton ponchos in downtown L.A.*



**TASTEMAKER PICKS**  
*Where do you want to take the family this holiday?*  
Leigh Rawdon, cofounder of the San Francisco-based children's clothing company Tea Collection, wants to book a multisport family trip to South Africa and Botswana with the active-travel outfitter Backroads. "I would love to bike among penguins and zebras, and I'm sure my kids would, too."  
From \$7,698, [backroads.com](http://backroads.com)

1. Mobiles this beautiful aren't just for baby's room. \$250, [fortmakers.com](http://fortmakers.com) 2. A family in Mexico's Bajío region has been hand-stitching wool kittens, pigs, and other animals for three generations. \$32, [nonperishablegoods.com](http://nonperishablegoods.com) 3. Baja ponchos feature kangaroo-style pockets. \$88, [shopboyandgirl.com](http://shopboyandgirl.com) 4. Kids can play fire chief in this foot-powered truck. \$129, [rhbabyandchild.com](http://rhbabyandchild.com) 5. Worried about your kids eating the Play-Doh? Eco-Dough is made from extracts of organic fruit, vegetable, and plants. \$20 per five-pack, [wildill.com](http://wildill.com) 6. Rock climbers can get their little ones hooked early with carabiner-shaped rattles. \$65, [knotwork.bigcartel.com](http://knotwork.bigcartel.com)



*A woodworker sculpts rattles from walnut and white oak.*

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## FOR BOOKWORMS

Feed your curious mind.

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*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."



Romeyn Beck Hough's book of American woods was originally published in 14 volumes beginning in 1888.



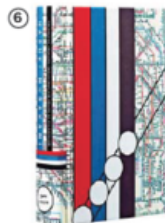
Louise Fili previously published *Italianissimo* and *A Designer's Guide to Italy*.

**Beyond the Vineyards**  
*A New Napa Cuisine* reveals another side of wine country.



1. Typography nerds will love graphic designer Louise Fili's catalog of artsy Italian signs. \$26 2. This book reproduces late 19th-century naturalist Romeyn Beck Hough's collection of the wood grains of every American tree. \$30 3. Margarita Carrillo Arronte 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 Colin explains how to make compelling small talk in any situation. \$15 6. Novelist Hanuki 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](http://amazon.com)



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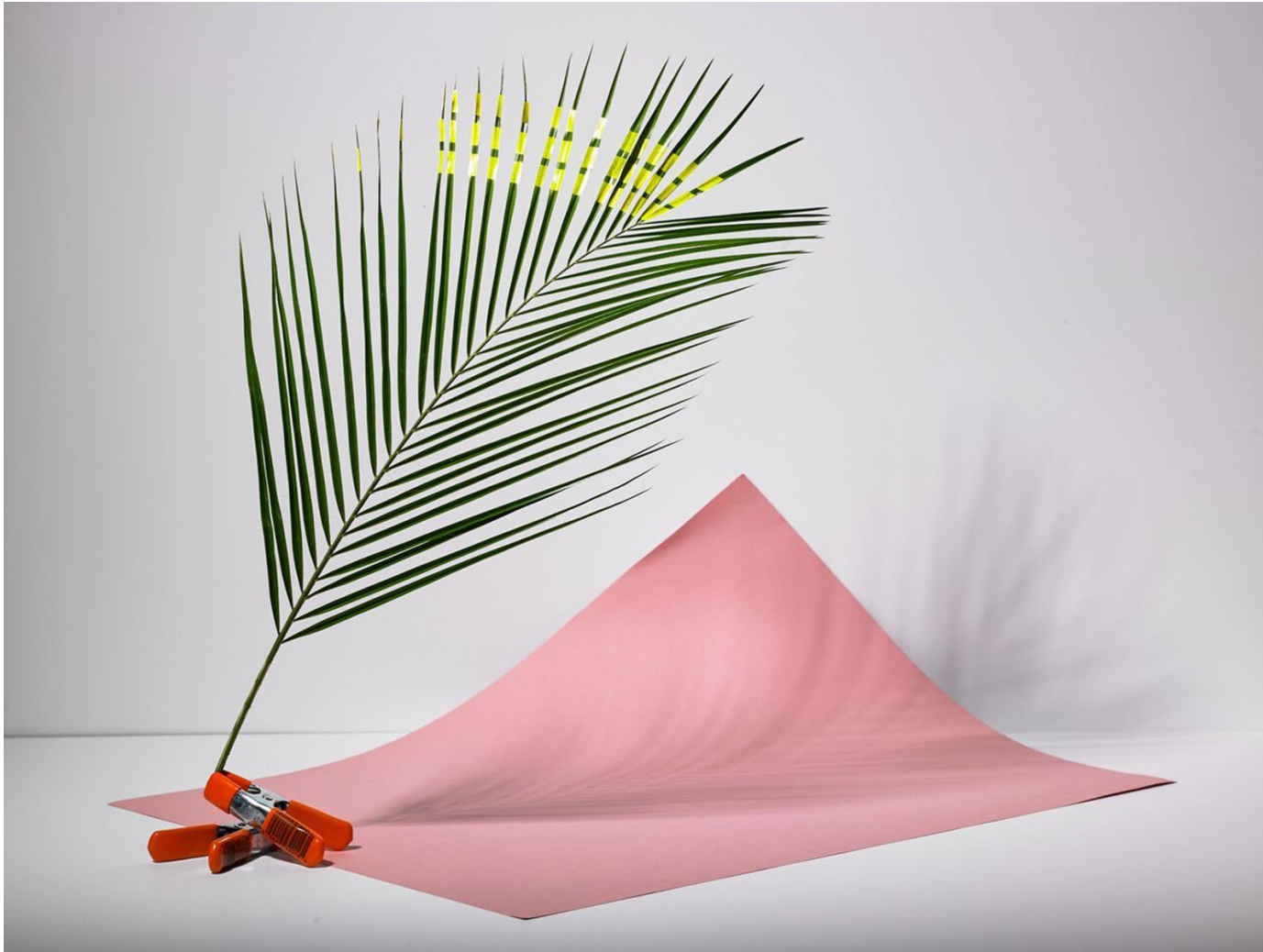
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