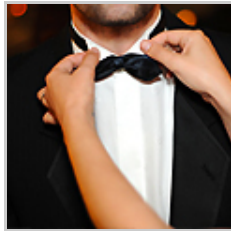


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Presents of Mind The Home Stretch of Your Gifting Season



Bespoke Attire Sewn by Al

You like to support the little guy, especially if the little guy happens to be a local legend of a tailor who will make you a new suit or tuxedo. We recommend starting with a classic three-piece suit, which he'll hand-stitch using French seams—which beat Spanish seams any day.

411: Available at [Al's Attire](#), 1300 Grant Ave (at Vallejo), 415-693-9900



Leather Goods from an Hermès Vet

When it comes to money, you don't mess around. Shrewd investments. Rock-solid offshore accounts. Regular piggy bank contributions. So you'll need a money clip crafted out of stingray by a master leather maker who got her start at Hermès. Stingray is the new alligator.

411: Available at [April in Paris](#), 55 Clement St (at 2nd Ave), 415-750-9910



Spirits on a Regular Basis

Sometimes you'd prefer your booze come to you. So Cask's Single Malt Connoisseur (single-barrel stuff shipped bimonthly) and American Whiskey Explorer (small batches of bourbon, rye or barley shipped quarterly) fit the bill nicely. If the shipments aren't frequent enough, the shop delivers anytime via courier...

411: Available at [Cask](#), 17 3rd St (at Market), 415-424-4844

Flour + Water Salumeria Basket

A leisurely dinner at Flour + Water: nice. A gourmet spread of



Flour + Water's homemade pasta and sauce, plus a sneak peek of cheese and salumi from their soon-to-open Salumeria: even nicer. Think of it as your intimate preview of their opening party.

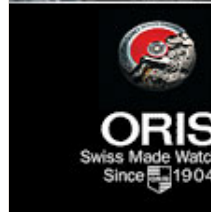
411: Available at [Flour + Water](#), 2401 Harrison St (at 20th St), 415-826-7000

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Waterfront Cottage at Nick's Cove

Some gifts are nearly impossible to wrap—like the ones that come in the form of a getaway to the shores of Tomales Bay. Specifically, we're talking about a weekend in a cottage equipped with a wood-burning stove, private deck and access to hand-delivered BBQ oysters. Feel free to make it a week.

411: Available at [Nick's Cove & Cottages](#), 23240 Highway 1, Marshall, 415-663-1033

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