

# THE LAST WORDS

## Hostess Gifts

Interviews by  
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What do you bring to a dinner party? Seven consummate guests recommend gifts every host or hostess will love.

1. "When you open a box of Côté Bastide's Pamplemousse potpourri, the contents look like a mix of amber and sea glass. It's like bringing a box of gemstones to the party. And the soft grapefruit scent isn't overpowering."

JOEL WOODARD, DESIGNER AND OWNER, J DESIGN ANTIQUES GARDEN, OLDWICK, NEW JERSEY

2. "If they have dogs, a doggie treat. If they have kids, something for them. If they're gardeners, a cool tool for the garden."

GREG YALE, LIGHTING DESIGNER

3. "I often give a nice bottle of infused olive oil, the kind you might not buy for yourself but would enjoy having. Meyer lemon, white truffle, and rosemary are my favorites."

DENISE GEE

AUTHOR OF *PORCH PARTIES*

4. "For me, it's all about the packaging. I like to do a trio of candles nestled inside a beautiful hatbox with a big, bright bow."

DAVID TUTERA, PARTY PLANNER

5. "Laurent-Perrier rosé is my favorite Champagne, and I love to share it with my friends."

NATHAN TURNER, DESIGNER

6. "Take a Flip video camera and film the party, then leave it behind. They get a great gadget and a record of the evening."

JES GORDON, EVENT PLANNER AND AUTHOR OF *PARTY LIKE A ROCK STAR*

7. "Mariage Frères in Paris makes the most fabulous blends of tea, everything from flowers and fruit to chocolate and malt. I try to match the flavor to the personality of the host. And the tin itself is a beautiful object to keep and use for something else after the tea is gone."

TED KENNEDY WATSON, OWNER, WATSON KENNEDY, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

