

2011 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

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Good enough to eat

THESE DELICIOUS GIFTS WILL SATISFY EVERYONE

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The way to everyone's heart is through their stomach. Whether you're shopping for ardent foodies or casual cookie eaters, you can stop by one of these Hub favorites and pick up a delicious edible present — all for less than \$50.

► **Swiss Miss:** Swiss gingerbread snowmen are fluffier and tastier than the American variety, and the pack also comes with a bevy of other baked goodies. \$25 at Swissbakers, 32 Lincoln St., Reading, 781-942-1199.

► **Salty and Sweet:** The Wahlbergs are fans of this Hub chocolatier, and everyone will be a fan of a box of its signature chocolate turtles dusted with sea salt. \$15.25 at Phillips Candy House, 818 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester, 617-282-2090 (also at South Shore Plaza).

► **Kickass Gift:** Irresistible holiday cupcakes that go the extra mile with reindeer and snowmen-shaped marshmallows on top. \$10 at Kickass Cupcakes, 378 Highland Ave., Somerville, 617-628-2877.

► **Sweet Treat:** A dozen cupcakes in seasonal flavors like candy cane, pumpkin ginger and eggnog. \$36 at Sweet Bakery, 49 Massachusetts Ave., 617-247-2253 (also at Newbury Street, Harvard Square and Downtown Crossing).

► **Sugar Rush:** Any cookie lover will go nuts for the creative offerings in this sampler of 10 varieties, including peanut butter chocolate pretzel, chocolate monster and mint chocolate chip. \$40 for 20 cookies, Cow and Crumb, for Boston delivery, call 617-714-3185.



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■ **Say Cheese:** This luxe spread includes two cheeses, fennel crackers, jam and hazelnut

► **Pop Present:** If a lollipop and a birthday cake had a baby, it would be these adorable cake pops dipped in chocolate and coated in holiday cheer. \$6 for three

CHEESE from South End Formaggio

chocolate, sweetly packed in a reusable gingham tote. \$50 at South End Formaggio, 268 Shawmut Ave., 617-350-6996.

■ **Flour Power:** Joanne Chang's legendary bakery put together this set housed in a baking pan and filled with a ceramic mug, coffee,

Flour apron, cookie cutter and lemon polenta shortbread cookies. \$50 at Flour Bakery, 12 Farnsworth St., 617-338-4333.



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▲ **Chef's Kit:** For the cook, a set including artisan olive oil, balsamic vinegar, cornichons and whole grain mustard will put a tasty finishing touch on any meal. \$50 at Pain D'Avignon, 15 Hinckley Road, Hyannis, 508-778-8588.



◀ **Cheese Please:** Create a perfect appetizer spread with this basket filled with cheddar, brie, crackers, mustard, a mini-olive oil bottle and a chocolate bar. \$30 at Boston Cheese Cellar, 18 Birch St, Roslindale, 617-325-2500.



▼ **French-ified:** If your friends are fans of the trendy French treat, try this sampler pack of macarons in peppermint and gingerbread flavors. \$4.50 for three, at Area Four, 500 Technology Square, Cambridge, 617-758-4444.