

# the **parenting** ULTIMATE gift guide

Unique presents that'll wow everyone on your list—and a bunch are \$10 or less!

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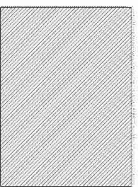
## need even more ideas?

Log on to **Parenting.com/gift** for scores of affordable, fun gifts for kids, your husband, grandparents, aunts, uncles... everyone!

**1 IN-FLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT** It's a snap to assemble a Build-Your-Own plane; she can paint it, too—then fly to faraway lands! (\$54; artebebe.com) **3 and up**

**2 RAIN CHECK** So rad, yet so practical: Kids will beg to wear their Scot Sneaker rain boots even when it's sunny. Also in black and pink/purple argyle. (\$39; davrain.com) **>**

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# the ULTIMATE for kids

**1 WILD THING** The Gentle Giraffe plays four soothing sounds (waterfall, heart-beat...) and can attach to the stroller or crib. (\$28; cloudb.com) **Birth and up**

**2 NOW, DASHER! NOW, DANCER!** Just like that big rubber ball of yore, Hoppy Reindeer is the season's best bouncer. (\$49; chasing-fireflies.com) **3 and up**

**3 SEEING DOUBLE** The handmade Peek-a-Boo cat puppet hides an owl under her skirt. Also comes as a fox/crow. (\$39 for *Parenting* readers, use code PAR10; pokkadots.com) **2 and up**

**4 CLASSIC CHARMERS** TDF slippers for your little bunny—perfect all winter long. (\$24.99; runawayrabbit.com) **3 and up**

**5 CUTE AS A BUG** The Caterpillar Toy's colorful rings are removable, for hours of teething and threading fun. (\$30; rosiehippo.com) **1 and up**

**6 SWINE OF THE TIMES** Recycled from wool sweaters, Piglet Critter's destined for snuggles. (\$26; eco-art-ware.com) **1 and up**



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**1 MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU** Two Thrustmaster Glow Sabers mean awesome duels between good and evil using the Nintendo Wii-mote. (\$34.99; amazon.com) **8 and up**

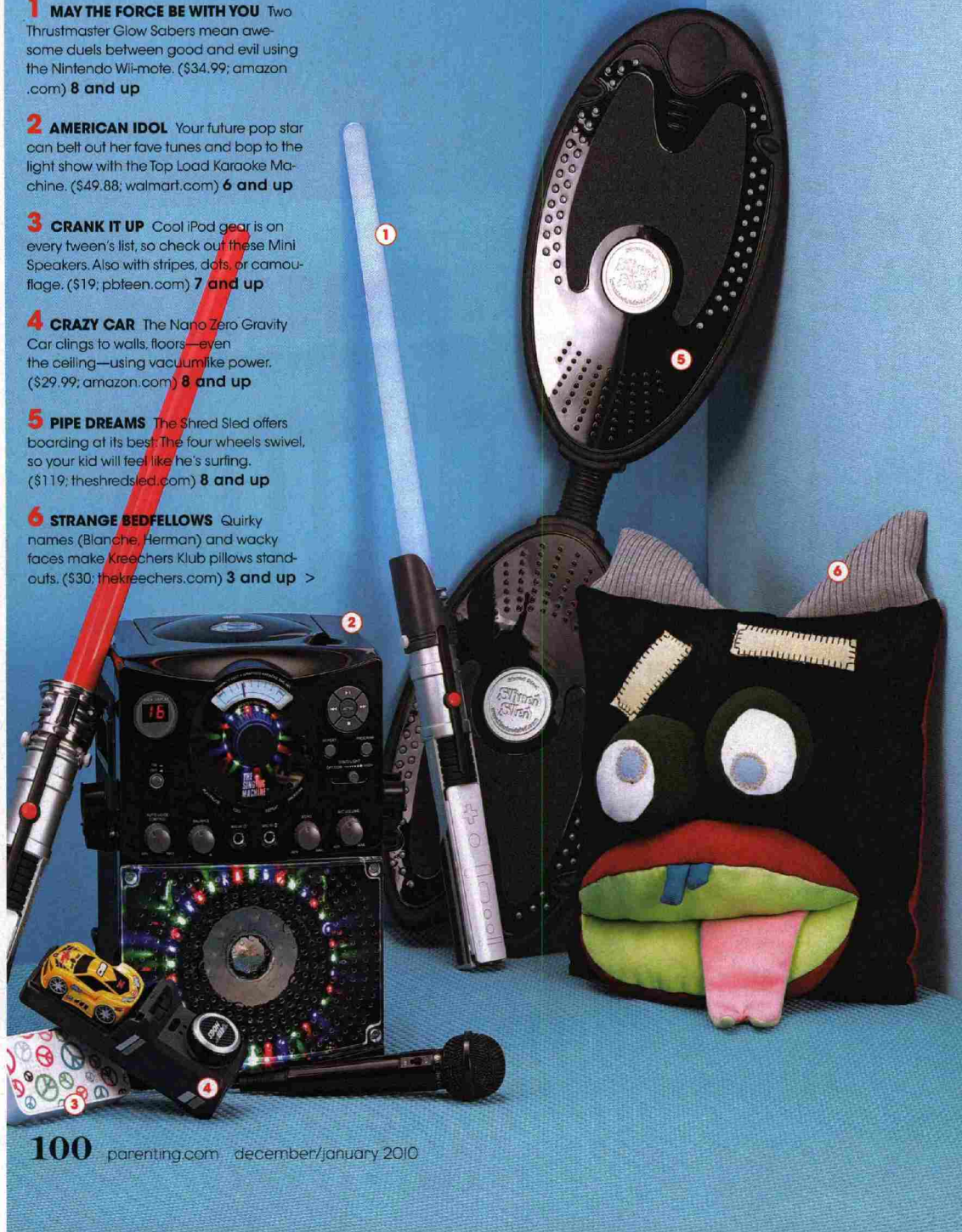
**2 AMERICAN IDOL** Your future pop star can belt out her fave tunes and bop to the light show with the Top Load Karaoke Machine. (\$49.88; walmart.com) **6 and up**

**3 CRANK IT UP** Cool iPod gear is on every tween's list, so check out these Mini Speakers. Also with stripes, dots, or camouflage. (\$19; pbteen.com) **7 and up**

**4 CRAZY CAR** The Nano Zero Gravity Car clings to walls, floors—even the ceiling—using vacuumlike power. (\$29.99; amazon.com) **8 and up**

**5 PIPE DREAMS** The Shred Sled offers boarding at its best: The four wheels swivel, so your kid will feel like he's surfing. (\$119; theshredsled.com) **8 and up**

**6 STRANGE BEDFELLOWS** Quirky names (Blanche, Herman) and wacky faces make Kreechers Klub pillows stand-outs. (\$30; thekreechers.com) **3 and up** >



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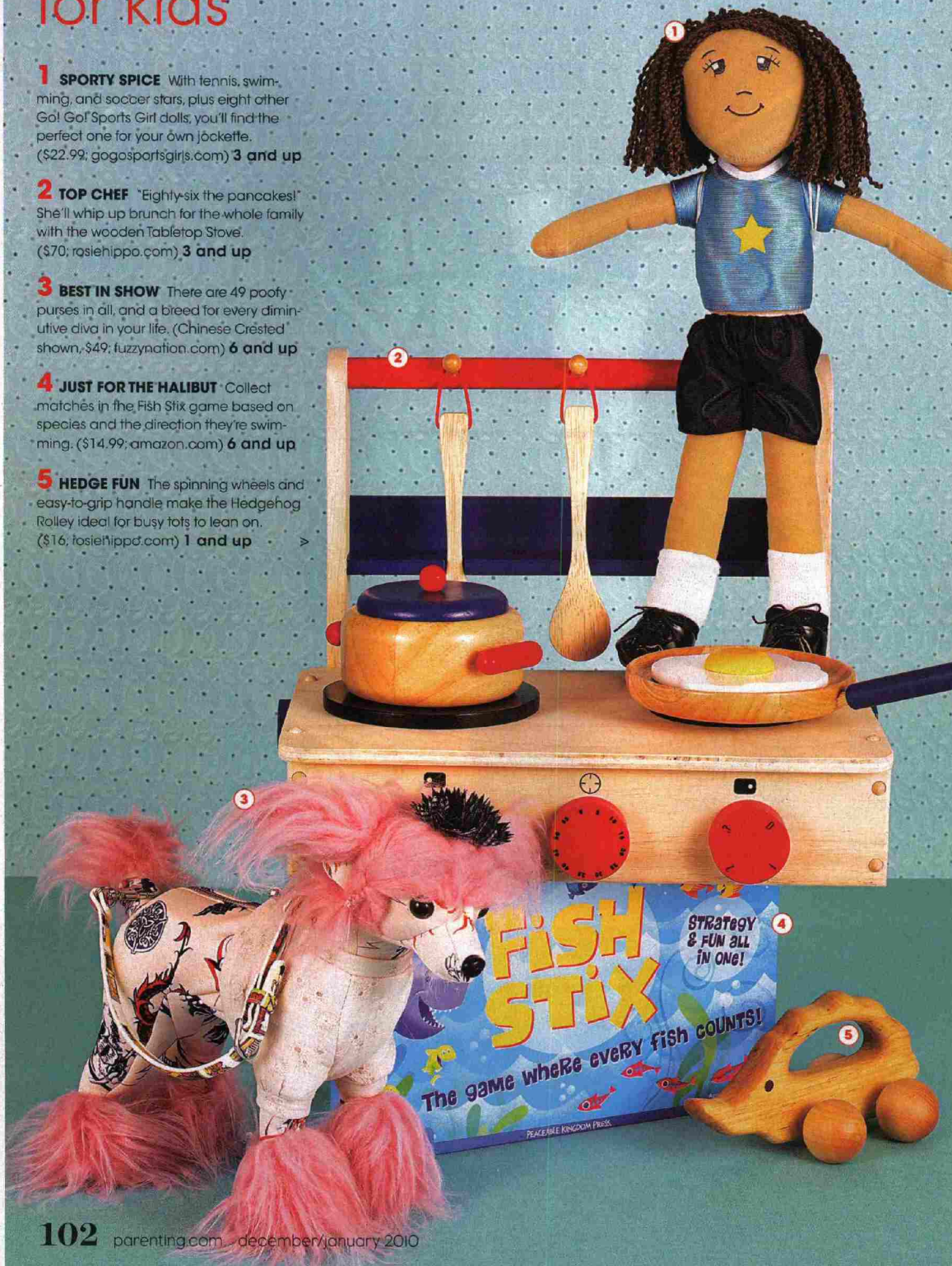
**1 SPORTY SPICE** With tennis, swimming, and soccer stars, plus eight other Go! Go! Sports Girl dolls, you'll find the perfect one for your own jockeyette. (\$22.99; gogosportsgirls.com) **3 and up**

**2 TOP CHEF** "Eighty-six the pancakes!" She'll whip up brunch for the whole family with the wooden Tabletop Stove. (\$70; rosiehippo.com) **3 and up**

**3 BEST IN SHOW** There are 49 poofy purses in all, and a breed for every diminutive diva in your life. (Chinese Crested shown; \$49; fuzzynation.com) **6 and up**

**4 JUST FOR THE HALIBUT** Collect matches in the Fish Stix game based on species and the direction they're swimming. (\$14.99; amazon.com) **6 and up**

**5 HEDGE FUN** The spinning wheels and easy-to-grip handle make the Hedgehog Rolley ideal for busy tots to lean on. (\$16; rosiehippo.com) **1 and up**



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# the ULTIMATE for him

**1 RETRO TREADS** The classic trail shoe from 1979 is back as the new 455 sneaker, in six great colors. (\$85; [newbalance.com](http://newbalance.com))

**2 ZAP OUT OF IT** A gift for you, too! All those black cords that multiply—phone, iPod, computer—are stashed in the Cord Keeper. (\$25; [kangaroomstorage.com](http://kangaroomstorage.com))

**3 CAN YOU SEE ME NOW?** Road warriors can say good night "in person" while on business trips with the Eyeball 2.0 Webcam. (\$79.99; [bluemic.com](http://bluemic.com))

**4 HOLE IN ONE** Sure, he's no Tiger Woods, but he'd still love to enshrine his record round in the Golf Scorecard Keeper. (\$14.95; [spoonsisters.com](http://spoonsisters.com))

**5 OLD-TIME ROCK & ROLL** The Doobies are not dead! They live on (as do five other beloved faves) as recycled LP coasters. (\$20 for six; [eco-artware.com](http://eco-artware.com))

**6 MR. ROBOTO** The Robot Flash Drive blinks its eyes when data is being transmitted. (\$24; [wishingfish.com](http://wishingfish.com))

**7 BEER AND NOW** This bottle opener is made from a recycled bike chain, so your guy will be "saving the earth," one brew at a time. (\$10; [uncommongoods.com](http://uncommongoods.com))



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# the ULTIMATE for her

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**1 SILVER LINING** The gorgeous stainless-steel Stockholm bowl can hold fruit, the mail, or decorate any table in the house. (\$29.99; [ikea.com](http://ikea.com))

**2 CHICK MAGNET** Three pretty fabric magnets in a coordinating, reusable tin—a perfectly sweet teacher gift. (\$12.50 per set; [kissmystyle.com](http://kissmystyle.com))

**3 FEEL-GOOD BEADS** Wear this fab necklace face long, doubled or tripled up, or coiled around a wrist. All proceeds go to the Ugandan women who make them by hand. (\$20; [suubiafrica.org](http://suubiafrica.org))

**4 GLOVE LOVE** Olive and Bette's longer style will keep her extra warm this winter. Also in yellow, purple, and teal. (\$38; 800-396-1236)

**5 IT'S ABOUT TIME** Stretchy, vintage-style Coco watches are made of resin and come in seven smashing colors. (\$65 each; [decorativethings.com](http://decorativethings.com))

**6 POCKET PALETTE** Saved! All she needs for quick touch-ups is here in the Glamour to Go II: eight shadows, four glosses, and a blush. (\$19.50; [foofaced.com](http://foofaced.com))



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# the ULTIMATE for grandparents

**1 TOASTY TOES** «Good-looking and oh, so cozy, these soft, fleece-lined Heartside Beaded Moccasins are a pleasing pick. Also in navy and red. (\$39.95; l1bean.com)

**2 BIRD'S-EYE VIEW** The Hummingbird Feeder is beautifully etched on recycled glass, brightening any deck or backyard. (\$40; uncommongoods.com)

**3 KEY TO MY HEART** Load the Digital Photo Frame Keychain with up to 60 shots of your babe—your mom-in-law will flip! (\$19.99; fashionationstyle.com)

**4 THE COAST IS CLEAR** Whether you slide in pics or your kid's drawings, these Photo Coasters will be the talk of dinner at Nana's. (\$8 for four; walmart.com)

**5 SALT OF THE EARTH** The Winterberries de-icing salt not only prevents slipping, it leaves the front walk smelling divine. And it's a whole lot easier to carry than those 20-pound bags. (\$16; fruits-passion.com)

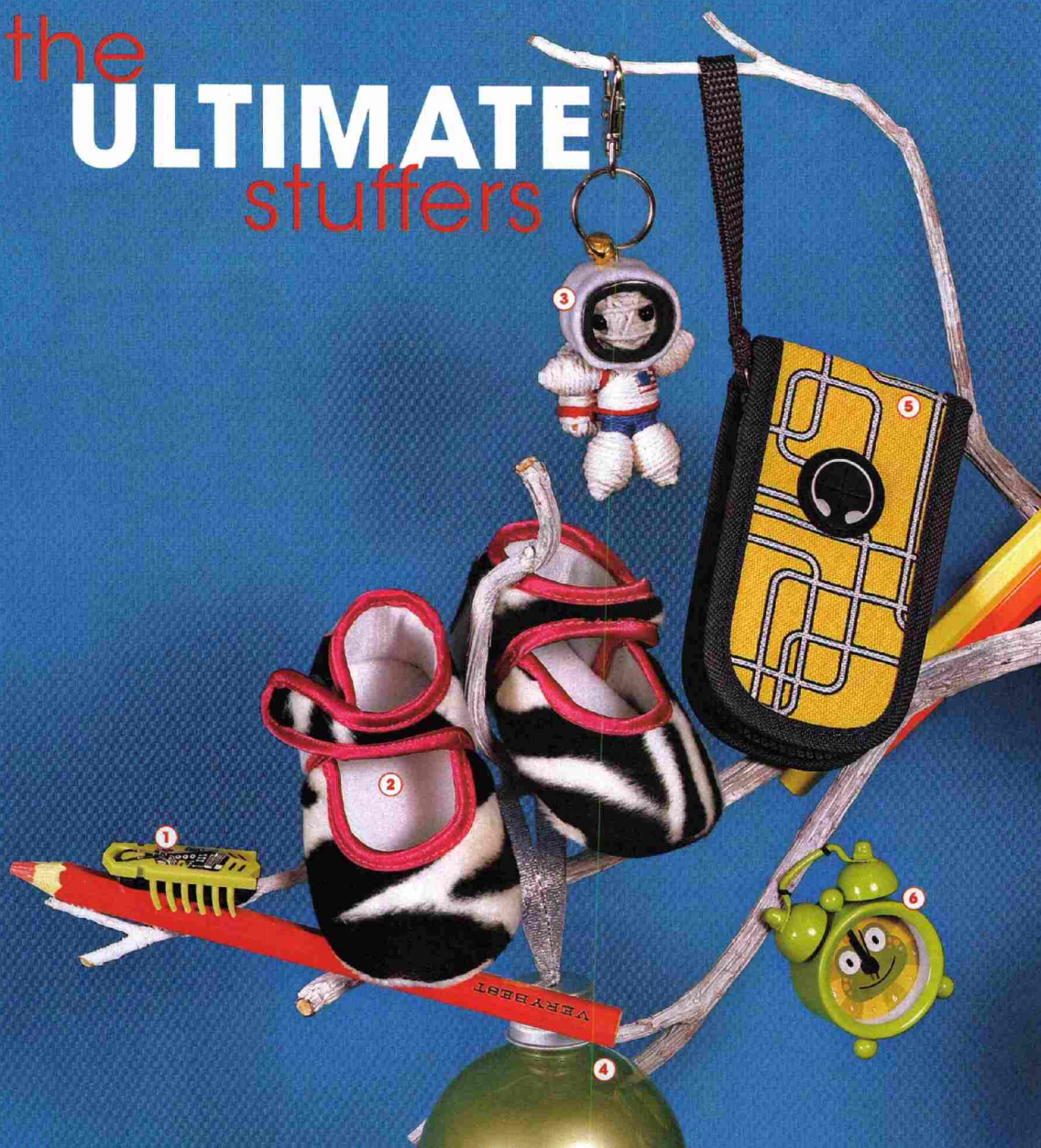
**6 GET THE MESSAGE** Add water, and in a week, a bean will sprout and open to reveal a smiley face and one of five messages. (\$16; uncommongoods.com) ➔



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# the ULTIMATE stuffers



**1 BUG OFF** The Hexbug Nano's 12 angled legs gyrate like crazy. It switches directions and flips over when turned on its back. (\$7.99; hexbug.com)

**2 IN HER SHOES** Super-cute Mary Jane booties for babies and toddlers come in 15 styles, including zebra, faux mink, and tapestry. (\$10; babybellamaya.com)

**3 STRING US ALONG** There are more than 100 kooky little key chains in the String Doll Gang, so there's one for every personality. (\$10; kamibashi.com)

**4 SOAP STAR** This shiny bauble shimmers on the tree; after the holidays, use the Chocolate Mint Bubble Bath inside. (\$5; pier1.com)

**5 SMART STORAGE** The Flört MP3 holder is part of a three-piece set (pencil case and small bag not shown). Also in red and lime-green. (\$1.99; at Ikea stores)

**6 RISE AND SHINE** Who wouldn't want to wake up to this sweet froggy Mini Travel Alarm Clock? Also comes shaped like a cupcake. (\$10; shop.stjude.org)



**7 BRIGHT IDEA** Tweens can use these fluorescent pencils as funky highlighters; little ones will love to scribble with them. (\$7.50 for six; [spoonsisters.com](http://spoonsisters.com))

**8 WHO?** Handmade from alpaca wool, precious Little Owls line up on a mantel, bookshelf, or windowsill. Other colors available. (\$10 each; [artebebe.com](http://artebebe.com))

**9 LET IT SNOW** Hang the Snowflake Ornament on the tree or in a window. Also available as a wreath or a flower. (\$6 each, or three for \$15; [harrietandleo.com](http://harrietandleo.com))

**10 GARDEN VARIETY** For your favorite apartment dweller: Just water Garden-in-a-Bag and watch it grow. Forty-five plants available. (\$8; [pottingshedcreations.com](http://pottingshedcreations.com))

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