

You can't go wrong by giving a gift that fits in the kitchen

If the thought of spending hours roaming your local mall to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list is leaving a lot to be desired, consider this: Canada has become a nation of renovators and home decorators as we continue to "cocoon".

With the kitchen being one of the most popular rooms to receive a makeover, you can't go wrong in giving a gift that will grace the mighty countertop.

Louise SauvÉ-Nicholls, marketing director for leading appliance maker, Hamilton Beach suggests these gifts for those who appreciate a few kitchen creature comforts:

The Health Nut— Give the gift every healthy body will appreciate— a juicer. "These were big in the 90s but are now making a huge comeback as boomers become more health conscious," says SauvÉ-Nicholls.

"Look for models that provide power of at least 700 watts and create a pulp dry enough so it can do double duty in healthy recipes."

The Foodie— They can schuck an oyster in record time and took their last vacation in Tuscany, so what's the perfect gift for your friend the foodie? SauvÉ-Nicholls says that a coffee grinder makes for an affordable and useful gift that any foodie will fall for, especially if it also has the power to mill herbs and spices.

"A grinder that has a dishwasher safe, removable chamber is key as no food lover wants their java to taste like coriander and vice versa."

The Colourful Cook— For anyone who's ready to get their chef on, or just simply wants to look the part, SauvÉ-Nicholls says that the new colourful, die-cast metal appliances on the market are all the rage.

"From stand mixers to toasters, blenders and more, these trendy, colourful appliances are a gift that will always be well received," she says. "Choose a hue that will compliment their kitchen and get a gift receipt so they can always return it should they desire another colour."

The Coffee Lover— A great gift for anyone on your list who needs their liquid energy in the mornings.

"Coffeemakers have come a long way and can make a real style statement in the kitchen as most now come in a variety of colours and have stainless steel accents," says SauvÉ-Nicholls.

"Our patented one-hand, cup-activated dispensing BrewStation Deluxe is among one of the most popular on the market because there's no carafe to break. What's more, it's the only coffeemaker that also brews iced coffee."

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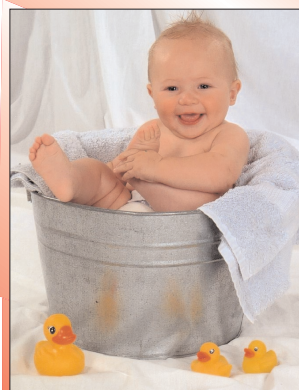


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