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7 Interior Designers Share Their Go-To Weekend Host Gifts

From chocolate sardines in a cute little net to a personalizable candle, these tried-and-true presents are sure to get you a return invite

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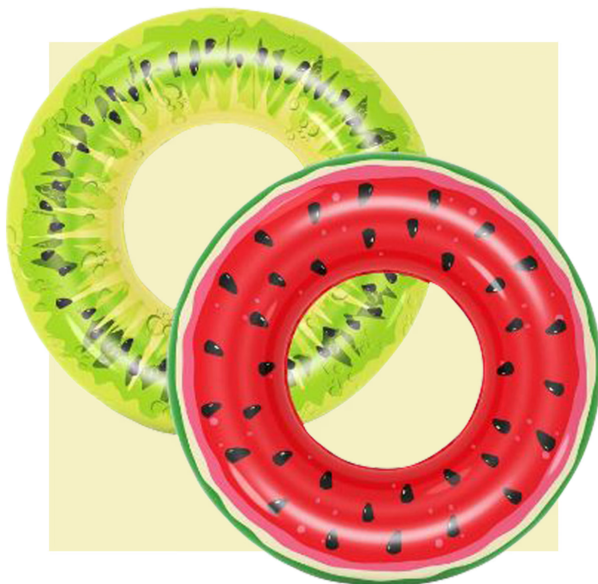


Priced from \$20 to \$125, presents that will be remembered.

Sure, a bottle of wine is thoughtful, but unexpected? Not so much. We canvassed dozens of interior designers and asked them what they bring as a hosting gift when they've scored an invite to a pal's summer digs. One overarching theme: Give something that they'll use or use up. Here, seven gifts that design pros have found so well-received, they stock up in case an overnight invite pops up at a moment's notice.

1. Fruity Loops

"If you're invited to a pool party or beach house, these are fun for adults and kids," said Lauren Conner, in Birmingham, Ala., of these [Jasonwell Inflatable Fruit Pool Tubes](#). \$30 for set of four



2. Li'l Light

Jeanne Barber of Camden Grace Interiors, in West Hartford, Conn., bestows this nearly 11-inch, [rechargeable lantern](#) that can go outdoors: “Fits anywhere, comes in many colors.” *Zafferano America Poldina Pro Micro*, \$125

3. Linen Spritzer

Wilson, N.C., designer Grey Joyner stocks up on this lightly scented [linen spray](#), available in four aromas. “Vetiver reminds me of a high-end hotel,” she said. *ElizabethW Linen Water*, \$30



4. Handsome Blades

“Steak knives are beautiful and functional,” said Coco Greenblum of Los Angeles, who brings along a set of six [Laguiole Ivory Steak Knives](#) from Crate & Barrel. \$65

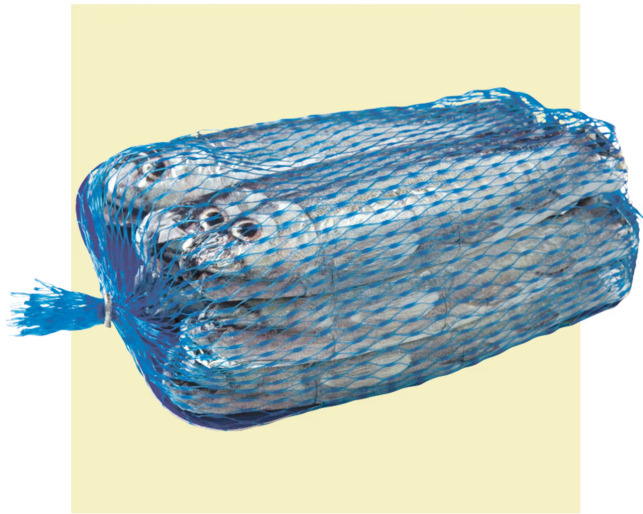
5. Named Flame

Heather Weisz, in Wellington, Fla., loves that a high-end candle elevates any space. But since gifting one can be predictable, she personalizes a [Le Labo Laurier 62 Classic Candle](#) with her host’s name, \$87, and adds an [Eye for Pretty at Home Match Cloche](#), \$38.



Kousaido's happily packaged [incense set](#) includes 17 different scents and a ceramic holder. Giving the collection is "a gesture of calm and care," said Washington, D.C., designer Christopher Boutlier. *Japanese Incense Hyakuraku-kou*, \$89 at *Omakase*

Lynn Kloythanomsup, founder of Landed Interiors and Homes in Berkeley, Calif., totes along Cluizel's individually wrapped, [sardine-shaped chocolates](#): "Canned fish is all the rage, and these are a quirky take on the trend." *Chocolate Sardines in a Net*, about 3 oz., \$20



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