

THE OFF DUTY 50: HOLIDAY GIFTS



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Novel Knot

Niyi Okuboyejo never makes the same tie twice. The Nigerian native, who founded menswear brand Post Imperial, works with artisans in his homeland who hand-dye cotton using adire, an ancient Yoruba dyeing technique. The result: a cross between Japanese indigo printing and hippie tie-dye. Even the “best mistakes” (which occur when the dye goes rogue) look striking, said Mr. Okuboyejo. Each tie is an original, just

like the guy who gets it. *\$125, post-imperial.com —J.G.*

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Singular Sip

Ideal for mixologists who think they have everything: Mugolio syrup from Primitivizia, a rich concoction that is crafted from baby pine cones foraged in the Dolomite Alps. Barkeeps Jeila Farzaneh and Nathan Venard of Diamond Lil in Brooklyn use it for an evergreen take on the Bramble. In a shaker of ice, they combine 2 ounces gin, ¼

ounce lemon juice, ½ ounce Suze liqueur and ½ ounce pinecone-bud syrup, then shake vigorously and strain into a rocks glass of crushed ice. They top the drink with a drizzle of the syrup and festively garnish it with fresh red currants and a sprig of sage. The syrup makes a worthy mate for cheese and ice cream, too. *\$30, murrayscheese.com. —G.G.*

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Sole Owner

Italian shoemaker Santoni customizes dress shoes much the way Nike ID does sneakers, by letting you specify the hues of various parts. Get together with the suave guy in your life and order a pair of Santoni’s double-monk straps, urging him to get creative with color (how about an emerald toe cap?) or smiling supportively if he stubbornly favors a safer approach (brown is *always* nice). You can add his initials on the insole, so your artist gets to sign his work. *\$1,050, santonishoes.com — J.G.*

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New Plant on The Block

For indoor-greenery buffs, how about this new South African import with a distinctive personality? The chive-like leaves of Albuca



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by Dr. Seuss.” *\$17, lo-gees.com —Cynthia Kling*

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Bark-itecture

Think outside the routine chew-toy stocking stuffer for your puppy. A circa-1960 cement doghouse by Swiss de-

signer Willy Guhl, one of a handful made, will appeal to a medium-size mutt’s desire to escape both you and the elements. Plus, its mix of on-trend brutalism and skate-park curves is sure to make your guy feel like the Lord of Dogtown. *\$4,500, Inner Gardens, 310-838-8378*

—Tim Gavan

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