

Sparkle Of Silver Gifts Brightens The Wish Lists Of Most Women

The sparkle of tinsel isn't the only silver gleam under the Christmas tree this year. Some of the most beautiful, desired and appreciated gifts this season will be gifts of silver, the Jewelry Industry reports.

A real return to every day elegance in living and a swing away from the starkly functional toward the useful and beautiful has boomed silver holloware and fine flatware to the top of thousands of Christmas gift lists.

For women have rediscovered what their grandmother's knew—that fine silver improves with use. And the gleaming beauty of silver pieces adds dignity, glamour and charm to any meal in any room.

So Versatile!

Many of the newest of the silver pieces lead a double life. Classic bowls add a special note to food and then are transformed

into beautiful centerpieces, holding flowers or greens.

Covered vegetable dishes are cleverly designed so the tops can be used for an open dish, giving two pieces in one, and their use extended for candies, nuts and appetizers.

Silver trays serve cocktails or beverages and then form a sumptuous background for buffet dishes.

Gravy boats and small dishes serve sauces and condiments and make an additional debut in the living room holding fruits, nuts and candies.

Accessory Items

The decorative silver pieces are also enjoying a big boom, the Council reports. Ash trays, cigarette holders, coasters and other charming accessory pieces lend beauty and grace to any room.

And in a special class by themselves as Christmas gifts are can-

delabra. For the homemaker who has rediscovered the flattery and beauty of candlelight—whether on a dinner or buffet table, or on a mantle or occasional table—candelabra make a very special and lasting gift.

New Convertibles

Several sections; they can be made into single low candlesticks, high tapered sticks, or several branches can be added quickly and easily. Many of the newest come in with these new convertible beauties.

Beverage Sets

Coffee and beverage services in classic and modern designs, are finding an important place on many Christmas gift lists as women rediscover their potent magic in putting a charming "finishing touch" to any meal.

And the Council points out that fine silver improves with contact with appreciative human beings.



Try This Easy-Fix Buffet For A Colorful, Tasty Meal

Having friends in for the holidays? One of the most gracious and relaxing ways to entertain is to have a buffet. Then you'll be free to join your guests in the festivities.

An easy-to-prepare Macaroni Casserole makes a fine main dish. Serve it with side dishes of tempting pickles and a big bowl of holiday-decorated cole-slaw. And, a Serve it with side dishes of tempting pickles and a big bowl of holiday-decorated cole-slaw. And, a

low heat. Add onion and celery and saute until tender. Add macaroni and remaining ingredients; mix well. Cook over low heat 10 minutes.

Turn into a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole and sprinkle with grated cheese, if desired. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 15 minutes.

Maraschino Cherry Wreath Fruit Cake

(Makes 1 9-inch cake)

- 1 cup shortening (softened)
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 teaspoon mace
- 2 tbsps. brandy
- 2 cups sifted cake flour
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup chopped candied orange peel
- 1/2 cup chopped candied pineapple
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup seedless raisins
- 1/2 cup pitted maraschino cherries, well drained (about 20 cherries)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar

Cream butter or margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg yolks, one at a time. Add vanilla, mace and brandy; mix well. Gradually add 1 1/2 cups flour, beating after each addition. Combine remaining 1/2 cup flour with nuts and fruits; fold into batter.

Combine egg whites and salt;

Holiday Macaroni Casserole (Makes 4-6 servings)

- 1 tbsps. salt
- 3 quarts boiling water (8 ounces)
- 2 cups elbow macaroni
- 2 tbsps. butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 3 cups tomato juice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. prepared horseradish
- 1 tsp. prepared mustard
- 1 tbsps. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 lb. frankfurters, sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped sweet mixed pickles

Add 1 tablespoon salt to rapidly boiling water. Gradually add macaroni so that water continues to boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender. Drain in colander.

Melt butter or margarine over



To delight the hostess—Give her a set of six, graceful stainless steel knives with specially designed cutting edges; handsomely packaged.



For the home—"Colonial Heritage" mitre-cut glassware comes in ten shapes, packed eight to a box. Shown are the 11-ounce Pilsner, 6-ounce juice and 12-ounce beverage, all with guaranteed Safedge leaded rim.



Romantic Christmas setting—created with functional silver-plate pieces. The oblong butter dish becomes a charming candle holder with the addition of modeling clay on its glass lining to support the candles. The sauce bowl, placed on the tray, contains a needlepoint holder for flowers.



For giving, getting or table setting—Holiday table appointments or ruby red brandy snifters, golden papers, and leafy, berry-tipped sprigs highlight distinctive California dinnerware in gay colors.

Hubby Inspires Dishwasher Buy, Survey Reveals

It may be a woman's world, but a research team found that almost half the purchases of automatic dishwashers were inspired by the men in the house.

They also found that:

1. Almost everybody would like to own a dishwasher.
2. Dishwashers are regarded as a luxury.
3. Ownership is a symbol of both financial success and social status.
4. The chief source of information about dishwashers seems to be friends of owners. Also, there is a strong influence to the purchase of dishwashers spreading from friend to friend.

Who can't use an extra white table cloth? The most inexpensive one will do for this idea. Sew snaps on it and on the backs of felt Christmas designs. These designs can be purchased or you can buy pieces of felt and cut your own. When Easter comes, or any holiday, snap on new, felt designs.

INSTALLS NEAR SINK

The logical place to install a dishwasher is next to the sink, since water connections are already there.



Silver "switches"—Exquisite silver bowls that switch from food servers to centerpieces are doubly-appreciated gifts. These dishes move with ease from functional to decorative.

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Bake in slow oven (325 degrees) 1 hour, or until cake tests done. Top with confectioners' sugar glaze, if desired.

Hot Chocolate Milk Mocha (Makes about 1 quart)

3 c. bottled or carton chocolate milk

1 c. coffee

Combine chocolate milk and coffee; mix well. Heat to serving temperature over low heat, stirring frequently.

Parlor, Bath Or Kitchen Gifts Galore For Each

A profusion of gifts unmistakably 1957, designed to thrill the homemaker, are on display in the shops in plenty of time for Christmas gifting.

Mrs. America, the pampered darling of American industry, can surround herself with modern appliances and conveniences created to conserve time and energy, add beauty to her home.

Kitchen prizes include electric skillets, griddles, fryers, broilers, toasters, grills, warmer ovens, clocks, steam n' dry irons, mix-

ers, blenders, even knife sharpeners.

New plastic accessories from oversize wastebaskets to canister sets are sturdy and colorful.

Bright casseroles complete with warmer travel to the buffet and living room in style.

Rating gift kudos are the newest ceramics. Bright luncheon and dinner sets, gay serving pieces, huge ashtrays and smart, decorative platters are all sure of a warm welcome.

Glassware has invaded every corner of the home, and can be obtained not only in the usual goblet and glass sets, but also in striking salad bowls, beautiful vases and servers, matching punch bowls and cups, and casseroles and coffee carafes. Crystal-clear or tinted, plain or set-off with a design, glassware adds beauty to any home.

Linens are always favored, and there is a particularly wide choice today. Pastel and striped sheets and pillow cases vie in popularity with the traditional white. Embroidery, hemstitching and scalloping add a custom-touch to gift linens.

Today's bathrooms are decked in jewel tones. Towels, mats, rug and lid covers in every imaginable color, some shot with glittering Lurex threads will add a Midas touch to any home.

Sofa pillows, large floor cushions, patterned or pure white tablecloth and napkin sets, cigarette boxes, table lighters, and candy dishes, all will meet with a glad reception from the homemaker.



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