

Carpets, Rugs Ideal Family 'Group' Gift

Christmas and home are natural go-togethers, so what could be a better way to solve a family "group" gift than to turn to something the whole family can enjoy - a beautiful carpet.

Mom will appreciate the elegance it adds to her castle, and other members of the family will find it a year-round pleasure.

Today, manufacturers and designers have teamed up to do amazing new tricks with floor coverings, weaving them of long-wearing fibers which are stay clean miracles. Colored to blend with drapes and any period furniture, they

come in all sizes and shapes - ovals, rounds, oblongs, squares, even lovely embossed effects - that make for real elegance underfoot.

'Throw' Rugs

When making your Christmas gift list, don't overlook small "throw" rugs (sometimes called scatter rugs) which make grand presents for an apartment dweller, or any one's own room.

Throw rugs also come in reversible styles, usable on both sides, which make them wonderfully practical. In the same category, bathroom mats - in a rainbow color selection - make nice gifts.

Another type to remember is the plastic rug, styled like an old fashioned braided rug, which (being washable) is perfect for a kitchen.

Novel Gift Idea

A more novel gift idea (provided the person likes to make things) is to choose a hook rug. They come boxed with all essentials... yarn, frame, latch hook needle and instructions.

In the handsome-but-more-expensive class, accent or bulky area rugs are a good investment to sink your money and your feet into!

Since buying a rug as a present for yourself or a friend represents a big test of your budget - it's wise to consult a reputable store. Most of them have decorator consultants who will gladly advise you.

Trees Can Be Made With Toothpicks

HANGING WREATH-C'mon Dad, let's hang the wreath," says Junior, and he knows just where the holly wreath will look best as it extends holiday greetings to passers-by. And the handsome brass escutcheon with its Colonial knob design, will make a welcome gift for some homeowner on your Christmas list. "Barrington" by Schlage Lock Co.



THREE GIFTS IN ONE-This new electric hair dryer has a warm air brush, comb and roomy hood attachment. It will dry hair to silky softness in minutes. By Ronson.

Now you can make your own beautiful Christmas tree before the holidays without a single needle drying and dropping to the ground, according to Diamond National Corporation. Sound incredible? Not really-when your tree is made of toothpicks. It's as simple as sticking pins in a cushion. Toothpick-trees with snow and ornaments tucked among the branches make striking holiday centerpieces. Base them on a mirror to double the winter wonderland feeling.

Best part about these trees is that no skill is required to make them. You will need 18½-inch styrofoam balls, 8 boxes of round toothpicks, a can of snow spray and some miniature tree ornaments. Larger balls and more toothpicks will make a bigger tree.

The following steps are easy: Stick as many toothpicks as possible in each styrofoam ball. Arrange 7 toothpick balls in a circle-this is the base of your tree. On top of the base add a circle of 5 balls, then 3 and finally one. Spray thoroughly with snow spray. Deck the boughs with brightly colored ornaments.

Don't forget that little girls love to imitate Mother. You'll find a great many items that are made especially for the little girl who likes to look and smell as sweet as she is.

Lightweight Leather Luggage Makes Fine Christmas Package

As you study your Christmas shopping list, remember that you can pack up some of your gift problems in a piece of elegant, lightweight leather luggage.

For good traveling company, there are a large variety of new sizes and shapes in modern leather bags with advantages to please any man or woman.

They're roomy, light on the scales, and - thanks to modern tanning methods - resistant to scuffs, scars and soil.

For Men

The ultimate in a masculine gift is a set of matched leather bags. A typical "starter" set includes a three-suitcase, two-suitcase and companion bag - a versatile small case. Lean and lithe, these leather bags add distinction to travel.

Air travelers - men or women - welcome any one of a number of short, compact leather bags that tuck under an airline seat. These convenient "carry-ons" (you don't leave them at the weigh-in counter or wait for them to be unloaded) generally feature zippered side openings for easy access.

Ladies Only

Compact leather luggage designed just for women comes in a rich assortment of colors to complement varied fashions and hues in touring ensembles.

In smooth and brushed leathers, feminine luggage comes in the most feminine of colors such as peach blossom, buttercup yellow, powder blue, etc., etc.

The executive overnight case, expanded variation of the slim, feather-weight attache case, comes in a variety of smooth and grained cowhides and saddle leather.

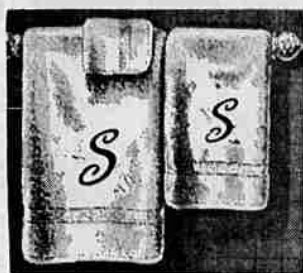
The executive case boasts two sections: one for a shirt and change of linen, the other an accordion envelope for papers. Flat-sided, it makes an ideal "lap desk" on plane or train.

GIFT OF LEISURE-All of the guesswork, and just plain work, has been removed from clothes drying with this electrically controlled dryer. With a simple setting, it shuts off automatically when the clothes are ideally dry. "Magic Touch" Dryers by Maytag.



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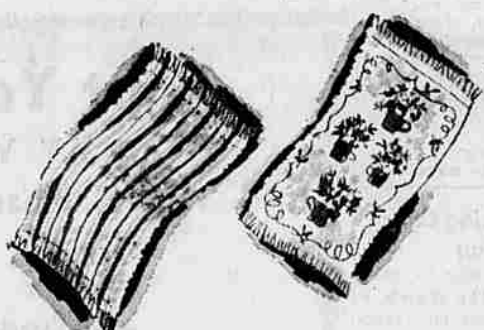
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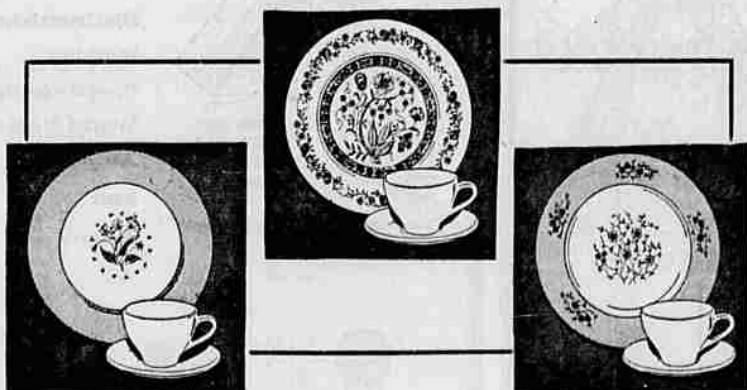
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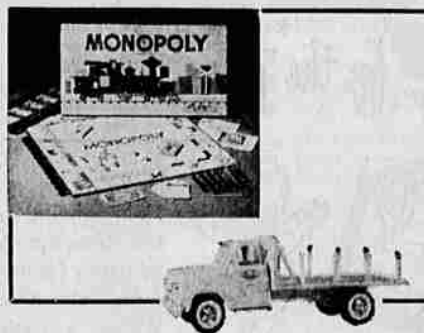
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