

# FANCY FOOD & CULINARY PRODUCTS

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**1.** The Celebrate in Style Gift Set from **Robert Rothschild Farm** (800/356-8933 or [www.robertrothschild.com](http://www.robertrothschild.com)) features gift jars of the company's Raspberry Honey Mustard Pretzel Dip, Orion Blossom Horseradish Dip, Cinnamon Bun Dessert Sauce & Dip and Chocolate Fudge Dessert Sauce & Dip. Gourmet Dipping Sticks come with the sauces for instant gratification. The gift set is packaged in the company's "Celebrate" red holiday gift set and tied with a ribbon. Suggested retail: \$24.95.

**2.** Nearly a pound of southern sweets fill the 2009 Limited Edition Gail Pitman tin from **Mississippi Cheese Straw Factory Inc.** (800/530-7496 or [www.mscheesestraws.com](http://www.mscheesestraws.com)). With equal parts Spicy Traditional Cheddar Cheese Straws and the tart, Cranberry Straws, the tin brings the traditional treat to the holiday table. The tin itself is designed by Gail Pitman, who is well known for her hand-painted pottery and home accessories. Suggested retail: \$25.

**3.** The Holiday Spice set from **TSP Spices** (877/511-8777 or [www.tspices.com](http://www.tspices.com)) contains 12 one-teaspoon packets of organic spices commonly used together in seasonal dishes so consumers don't have to purchase more than needed. The six themed sets are Bird in Hand, Peace of the Pie, Mull Over This, Cookie Jar, Roast to Toast and Game Day Chile. Each spice assortment matches the recipes available within each tin. Suggested retail: \$8.99 each, \$44.99 set.

**4.** The Barefoot Contessa Fireside Grab & Go Gift from **Stonewall Kitchen** (800/826-1752 or [www.stonewallkitchen.com](http://www.stonewallkitchen.com)) comprises a simple marshmallow mix for fluffy, yummy goodness, hot cocoa mix and a silicone kitchen spatula. Suggested retail: \$32.

**5.** The Jolly Bean Bark from **Tom and Sally's Handmade Chocolates Inc.** (800/827-0800 or [www.somandallys.com](http://www.somandallys.com)) comes in a green-and-red striped box with a window providing holiday shoppers a sneak peek at the treat inside. A half pound of milk chocolate with peppermint-flavored jolly beans awaits seasonal shoppers with a new take on classic peppermint bark. Suggested retail: \$15.

**6.** **Madelaine Chocolate's** (800/322-1505 or [www.madelainechocolate.com](http://www.madelainechocolate.com)) gourmet filled chocolates are available as caramel-filled snowmen, peanut butter-filled Santa Clauses or milk chocolate truffle-filled penguins, and each flavor comes wrapped in a keepsake holiday box. Each wrapped treat has a different festive character face. Suggested retail: \$7.89 each.

**7.** With mixes made for the holiday season, **Country Home Creations** (800/457-3477 or [www.countryhomecreations.com](http://www.countryhomecreations.com)) offers shoppers simple solutions for hearty meals. The Navy Bean Soup Mix, which works wonders on leftover holiday ham, contains Michigan Navy Beans blended with savory herbs and spices, and the cornbread mix makes for a yummy complement to the soup. Together the gifts give any hostess something to enjoy after the party ends. Suggested retail: \$7.50 each.

**8.** The cigar box-style Mingo River Southern Holiday Sampler from **Young Plantations** (800/729-6003 or [www.youngplantations.com](http://www.youngplantations.com)) has a three-way plastic tray filled with double-dipped chocolate pecans, butter-roasted and salted pecans and Betty's cheese straws. The nostalgia of the cigar box packaging, the company says, appeal to consumers' sentiments this holiday season. Suggested retail: \$21.95.

# Santa's Little Helpers

By Mary Gerlach

Grab-n-go gifts make the season bright.

The holiday shopping season seems to get busier every year, and with customers feeling the financial pinch this season may be more stressful, too. Help your customers fly through holiday shopping with these gifts-to-go Santa only wishes he had. Aside from convenience, these giftables offer a simple solution for last-minute purchases, stocking stuffers and hostess gifts. Packaged with bows, ribbons and in their own box, grab-n-go gifts are the answer to every frazzled shopper's prayers.

