



Pueblo pottery

A contemporary piece by America Indian artist M. Sarracino is captured in this Laguna Pueblo jar. Hand-painted, Sarracino uses the coil method in this creation. \$395. Four Winds Gallery, 340 E. Maple, Birmingham.

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tion and you don't run short of pans in the kitchen. Lightweight foil pans for brownies or fudge are paired with ready-to-mail boxes festooned with prancing reindeer. For giving the neighbors a loaf of your famous cranberry/orange bread there are paper loaf pans designed to fit into decorated boxes with convenient handles. Some of these food packaging come with recipe cards so you can share your holiday baking secrets.

Don't forget the option of ever-useful tins — not only for edibles, but also for soaps and other gifts of fragrance. The metal won't let the secret — or

the scent — out of the bag. No sniffing until Christmas!

If you're one of those folks who hates to wrap gifts, take heart — nearly all major department stores offer Christmas wrapping for a nominal fee, and most malls have one or two wrapping huts set up somewhere on the premises at Christmas time.

Once you've completed a raid on one store, drop off your haul on your way to the next. Your gifts from the first store will come to Christmas life as magically as Frosty the Snowman and be waiting for you when you drop off your bounty from the subsequent store.

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