



Female finds

Picking clothing, accessories for special 'her'

Does she linger over certain pages in fashion magazines, or spontaneously volunteer how much she likes or needs this or that? Start keeping tabs in November for December ideas.

Likewise, you yourself should be paying more attention to newspaper and magazine ads.

If you haven't accumulated several ideas by the second week in December, put Plan B into effect.

Write her a romantic note requesting suggestions and include a stamped envelope addressed to your office. If this doesn't produce appreciable results, make a date to shop together—a special day with just the two of you, punctuated with lunch or cocktails in some enchanted setting.

Clothing is an always popular gift option, but it can be tricky to buy. Some tips on clothing selection follow, but for now, consider that non-fashion

necessities available around town include a silverplated mirror, brush and comb set, a down comforter or an oversize boudoir pillow with linen case.

It may be impossible to buy makeup, but beauty accessories make thoughtful gifts. A makeup organizer like the kind the models use, a set of sable makeup brushes or multicolor makeup sponges are alternatives.

SASSOON NOW has a line of programmable hairsetters with from five to 25 rollers. Dr. Scholl's electric foot bath and massager is another idea. Or think about treating her to a series of pedicures, manicures or massages at a fancy local salon.

For the household, how about a distinguished pair of candelabra with an accompanying assortment of colored tapers? A personalized letter opener in tortoiseshell, ivory, crystal or monogrammed silver could make a special gift.

Try to confine your culinary gifts to the exotic rather than the exclusively useful. A set of liqueur glasses or brandy snifters, an embroidered tablecloth or some specialty cooking oils, wines or vinegars would be appropriate.

For women who have more interest in learning than in objects, look into lessons. Whether it's lessons in paragliding, piano, or karate, your confidence in her ability to acquire new skills will be meaningful.

Gifts of clothing can be tricky to select without having seen the apparel on. Fortunately, women's styles are now easier—less constructed and less fitted. There is more mix and match.

You will be able to buy anything from entire outfits to separates and accessories, as your budget allows. Whatever you buy, look for quality, not a quick consumer fix.

SOME OF THE softer, sweeter looks might have been perceived as re-

sort wear in the past, but now this casual clothing can be adapted to office and evening apparel just by changing accessories.

You will find this versatility in the more elegant "romping" outfits such as Donna Karan style jumpsuits and jumpers or the drapery ensembles from Anne Klein II.

Pull-on clothes with cardigans to match are very popular.

Washed silks fall into this "easy" category as well. Look for billowy shirts and sarong pants and skirts.

If you and yours prefer a slinkier silhouette, dip into slim pants and skirts made of neutral knits or gray flannel. These kinds of separates can be effortlessly incorporated into any wardrobe.

We're experiencing fashion folklore in a big way this season. She may not have anything in these navel pat-

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