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1 Growth Incentives

Make a picky horticulturist happy with these Dutch gardening tools from Sneeboer, available in only six brick-and-mortar stores in the U.S. Cockily guaranteed for life, each implement is hand-forged of stainless steel (they're really sharp), finished with cherry or ash handles and balanced so wrists don't get achy. Landscape rock stars such as the Netherlands' Piet Oudolf, who designed New York's High Line park, call them the best tools in the world. "It's the craftsmanship," he said. Garden Hand Tools, from \$29, sneeboerusa.com

—Cynthia Kling



2 Throwback Bag

Any Hermès handbag is already pretty rarefied, but this one has a particularly singular feature: a clasp whose silvery enclosed-in-a-circle H design was drawn from deep within the brand's archives: It was inspired by a print on silky shirtdresses in Hermès' spring 1970 collection. The purse—a new, small, elegant daybag known as the 2002—is itself a reissue of a style from 1972. The ideal recipient: A woman who wants a design that's less showy than the bold-and-boxy Kelly bag and more ladylike than the uber-cool Birkin and who secretly wishes she could travel back in time, say to D.C.'s Watergate Hotel in its high-glam, early-'70s heyday. \$10,800, Hermès, 212-751-3181

3 Grade-A Eggs

There are chefs who raise their own honey, mill their own flour, make their own cheese—and now, harvest their own caviar. Chef Matthew Accarrino of SPQR in San Francisco handpicks, cures and cans his ACCA sturgeon caviar in partnership with Deborah Keane of California Caviar Company. The nutty roe is equal parts custardy and firm, and deftly seasoned, as one would expect from a chef. \$110 for 1 ounce, californiacaviar.com

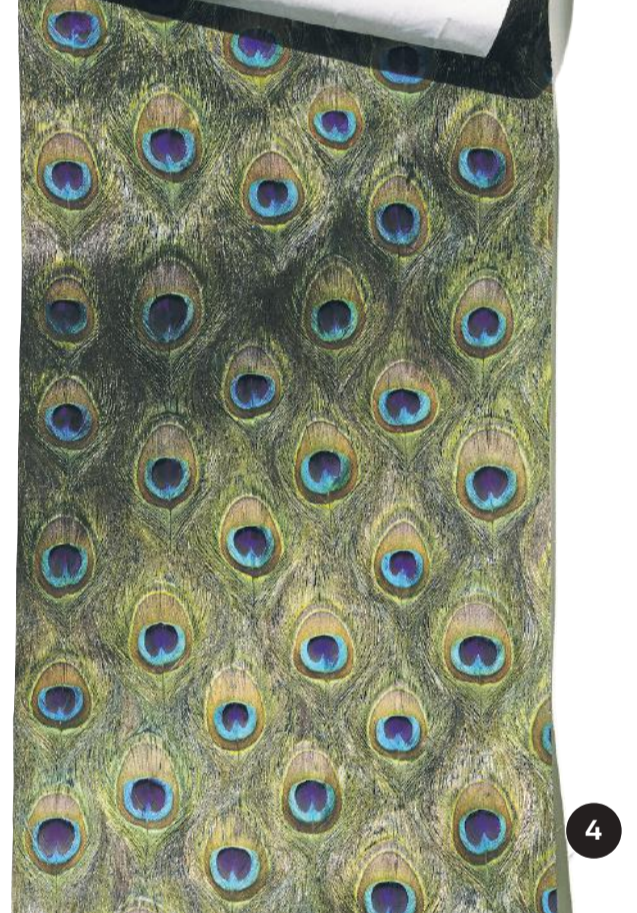
—Gabriella Gershenson



4 The Walls Have Eyes

Peacocks have always relied on colorful plumage to impress special someones, and now you can, too, albeit for a price that reaches heights a flightless bird never could. This wallpaper from Schumacher is bedecked with dozens of shimmering eye-spotted peacock feathers—all naturally shed but not exactly found in bulk. Giving a loved one enough to cover a feature wall would make for an undeniably bold gifting move, once you've ensured your intended is receptive. Peacock Ore Wallcovering, 38-inch-by-10-foot panel, \$18,000 made to order, fschumacher.com

—Tim Gavan



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