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1. It's an Experience

Vivabox offers an interactive experience gift that keeps giving. Starting at \$49.50, the Vivabox themes range from Spa Massage or Beauty to Wine to Gourmet to Your Door. There's a gift inside each box, as well as a credit card to select a second gift online. Make Mother's Day shopping a breeze. Visit vivaboxusa.com.

2. A Gem of a Fragrance

The latest from Ron Robinson's Apothia Los Angeles line, Pearl Eau du Parfum embodies a classic elegance with a modern twist. With top notes of Shiso leaf, Ume Plum Blossom and Yuzu Lemon, the fragrance is fresh, seductive and divine. www.ronrobinson.com

3. Bulgari Bling

For its 125th Anniversary, Bulgari is celebrating the past and promoting something tangible for the future. Partnering with Save the Children's "Rewrite the Future" campaign, Bulgari has created a limited edition collection to benefit the organization. With each piece selling for less than \$300 and a percentage benefiting Save the Children, it's affordable style for a cause. Bulgari: www.saks.com, www.bulgari.com

4. Made for an Empress

For a taste of the season, stop by the Mandarin Oriental's exquisite Empress Lounge for the special Cherry Blossom cocktail menu. The Empress Blossom features vodka, gin, sour cherry puree, banana and lime juices, grenadine and champagne. Bottoms up! www.mandarinoriental.com/washington

FIT FILE



Celebrity trainer Mark Jenkins gives us the exclusive on the latest in fitness trends and living well.

What's Hot in Fitness?

The Trinity maximizes the effectiveness of your training, and

when used properly, almost guarantees results. The Trinity is a wellness team that usually consists of a doctor, a nutritionist or chef and a trainer working together to get you in the best shape of your life in the shortest amount of time possible.

After meeting the client and discussing fitness goals, I instruct the client to get a complete blood work panel. With the results, the doctor analyses vitamin/ mineral deficiencies and cortisol and cholesterol levels, then recommends foods and/or supplements to replenish these deficiencies. A nutritionist then develops a diet to include foods that contain the nutrients the client lacks. The trainer can then design and implement a customized training program that he or she knows will yield results.

Diet and rest are the two most important factors

FATHER'S DAY GUIDE

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Fab Finds for Father's Day

A card or even brunch just won't cut it for dear old Dad. Instead, we've searched to find six of the coolest experiences, gadgets, and other gifts around—perfect to show him just how much you care.

By **McLean Robbins** Published Monday, June 15, 2009

Grill Master

Man, meat, and fire—it's an age-old combination. Give Dad more than just a gift card this Father's Day. With the **Barbeque Box** from VivaBox, he gets a gift he can enjoy now (three top-notch grill seasonings) plus a selection of gifts he can choose from later—burgers, steaks, or specialty seasoning packs. Even better? These are 25 percent off for Father's Day—no coupon code needed. Simply order the box before June 21 and save. (On the chance that Dad is watching his meat consumption, the wine box is 25 percent off, too.) Available at www.vivaboxusa.com, \$67.50.





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Review: Vivabox Coffee Talk

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It's no secret that my day starts with a cup of coffee ... followed quickly by another cup of coffee. I love the stuff, particularly when it's swirled with caramel and topped with whip. But it can be expensive to maintain a habit like that. And in this fragile economy, people are doing everything they can to cut back.

That includes cooking — and drinking coffee — more from home. So with the emphasis on cutting back and doing more at home, a sampler that gives the gift of an at-home experience is a fantastic idea. Enter

Vivabox. From coffee or tea or gourmet meals, Vivabox lets the recipient try out a variety of things and then place an order to customize the rest of the gift. I recently got to check out the Vivabox Coffee Talk.

The GOOD: The Vivabox Coffee Talk comes with a sampling of coffees, as well as a mini hazelnut syrup and a fun Jazz CD. That alone made my day. But when I learned that I could go online and choose from a selection of options to personalize my gift, I was elated. I selected my coffee and ordered three syrups to go with it, including my very, very favorite syrup of all time: caramel. YUM! Also, the customer service is fantastic. The person handling my order was friendly and followed up in a timely manner — in a personal email.

The BAD: Unfortunately, when I ordered my customized gift, the system was partially down so it was a little confusing. I couldn't select the exact coffee and syrups I wanted when ordering. However, the aforementioned Vivabox representative emailed me almost immediately to get my selections and followed up with additional information. And I have been assured that the glitch was a temporary one.

MONEY MATTERS: The Vivabox retails for \$45, but is available on the [Vivabox website](#) for \$40 right now.

The MOM VERDICT:

This box was one great surprise after another. When I opened it, I oohed over the CD, coffees and syrup. Then I saw the gift card and booklet and was elated. I couldn't wait to get online and place my order. With a choice of syrups, coffees and a number of ways to mix and match the choices, loved that. I can think of several people in my life who'd appreciate something like this. This is a great gift idea.



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For your enthusiast Dad

Whatever your fave Dad's interests may be, you can find the ideal gift for him at www.vivaboxusa.com. Vivabox is premier gift box with two gifts in one. You choose the theme and your recipient chooses the gift! The experience: Upon receiving the themed Vivabox you selected, one of the five senses is tickled - it could be a taste of spices, a scent of cologne or a guide to the best wine. Once the recipient has indulged in the first tangible gift in the box, they select the next part of the experience which could be steaks for the spices, a full bottle of the scent they can't get enough of or a bottle of wine highlighted in the guide. Vivaboxes are perfect for the hardest of people to shop for because you're really letting them choose exactly what they want. For more information, check out www.vivaboxusa.com

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grace your giftee with a beautiful box of 10 designer perfumes to peruse (think lolita lempick fleur de corail, dior j'adore and bvlgari omnia crystalline to start). when she chooses her fave, a gift card allots her a full-sized bottle of the potion from sephora. voila. gift and gift again. and vivabox has thought of the homme in your life, too with fragrances like yves saint laurent l'homme, dior homme sport and kenzo power in the mix. choosing the right scent for someone else can be a risky endeavor; guarantee success by letting them pick. gone are the days of impersonal gift cards and totally off-base presents. (oh, socks. thanks mom.) vivabox has it all from gourmet meals, to private wine tastings to a spa treat and beauty prods to keep. got christmas in the bag, but you're worried about forgetting a birthday? problem solved.

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6 Father's Day Gifts Under \$75

Compiled by Jill Krasny and Erin Semple

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Vivabox's Bar-B-Que Collection

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- **Tea Time Vivabox** - gift set that includes an organic tea sampler from Numi Tea, and a coupon for more tea once your giftee decides what they like; organically harvested tea helps the soil on tea farms stay healthy for future generations (\$45).



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Gifts of the Grape

Contributor: Merilee Kern [VIEW PROFILE](#)



Food & Spirits: When one considers gifts of elegance and distinction, wine and related accessories are indelibly high atop the list. Indeed, for the wine enthusiast, nothing endears quite like a gift of the grape - especially when that gift is particularly noteworthy and innovative. And, in the vast world of wine, innovation is the name of the game on all fronts, be it cultivating grapes, refining and perfecting the manufacturing process, or developing related goods and services that equally enthrall.

With this in mind, here's one stellar selection of wine-related gifts sure to deliver a fine finish:

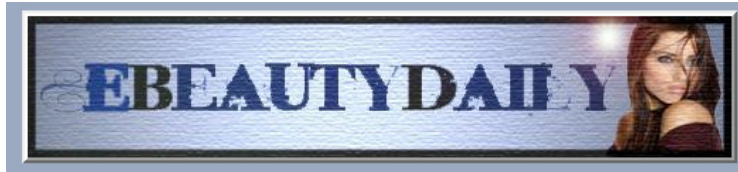
Wine Vivabox (\$145)

By far one of the coolest gifts I've received this year is a wine Vivabox, a brilliant experiential gift nothing short of perfect for the wine lover in your life - especially when you're unsure what to purchase amid a seemingly endless field of choices. Now you can remove the guesswork completely and nail it every time!

Quite brilliantly, albeit simply, the handsome wine Vivabox arrives with two gifts in one: included in the actual package is Wine Spectator's information-packed Essentials of Wine to ensure the recipient is well versed in the vine. The box also contains a gift card with instructions directing the recipient to log onto the Vivabox Web site and select one of seven available 6-bottle wine collections from My Wines Direct. Options include "big, bold reds," "delightful whites," and "mixed medley," among others. Once selected, the collection of choice will be shipped directly to the Vivabox gift recipient's home. A twelve-issue subscription to Wine Spectator is included as an added bonus with six of the seven available wine packages. The online selection process was remarkably streamlined, quick and easy.

With a total of eight Vivabox themes to choose from including gourmet food, barbeque, coffee, tea, spa and fragrance, it's clear the company realizes the value and importance of empowering consumers. Kudos Vivabox. (www.VivaboxUSA.com)





November 10th, 2008

The ultimate gift of choice!

As the holiday season gets closer (actually, I'm pretty sure it's *here*), we find ourselves with the usual indecision: Do we get a gift for our loved ones they may not like, or do we go the easy (but often seen as impersonal) route and give them a gift card?

Whether you have a friend who loves tea, but you are unsure of their favorite type or love a foodie who would enjoy a romantic dinner in, or want to send a spa gift certificate to your friend in another state, Vivabox sort of bridges all those gaps in an awesomely innovative way.



The cool thing about these boxes is that they are actually a few gifts in one: Unlike other experiential gifts on the market, you get a taste of what you will receive before even redeeming the gift card. For instance, check out the variety of boxes out there:

The Gourmet Vivabox (retail value \$115): A gourmet meal delivered to your door, by the leader in gourmet meal delivery, GourmetStation, including two silver plated napkin rings.

The Spa Vivabox (retail value \$160) Your choice of massage or facial at one of over 4,000 spas in the SpaFinder network, as well as French Lavender body lotion, French Lavender shower gel, Organic Juniper and Lemon bath salts, Grapefruit and Mint body lotion, and Revitalizing Lotion for legs and feet.

The Manicure/Pedicure Vivabox (retail value \$95): A manicure and pedicure at one of over 4,000 spas in the SpaFinder network, as well as French Lavender body lotion, French Lavender [shower gel](#), Organic Juniper and Lemon bath salts, Grapefruit and Mint body lotion, and Revitalizing Lotion for legs and feet.

The Teatime Vivabox (retail value \$50): A sampling of seven different flowering and loose teas by Numi, along with a gift card redeemable for a number of different tea-time related gifts.

I am super excited to say that ONE reader will win their choice of any of these boxes. To win, share your tip: If you were to create your own custom experiential vivabox - on any theme - what would be in it? And who on your holiday gift list would receive it.

Deadline November 20.

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