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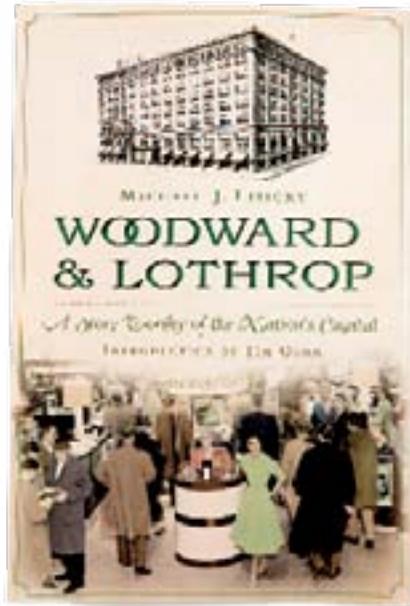
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GIFT GUIDE

NEAR AND DEAR

When making your yuletide list, why not share a bit of home? These gifts include items made locally or that pay tribute to D.C., Maryland or Virginia. "If you have dollars to shop with, put them where they're impactful," says Theresa Wells Stifel of local-minded gift store Stifel & Capra (260 W. Broad St., Falls Church; 703-533-3557). "Shop locally! Money stays in the community."

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In his new book, local Michael Lisicky honors Woodward & Lothrop, D.C.'s once-glam, now-defunct department store (\$20, amazon.com).



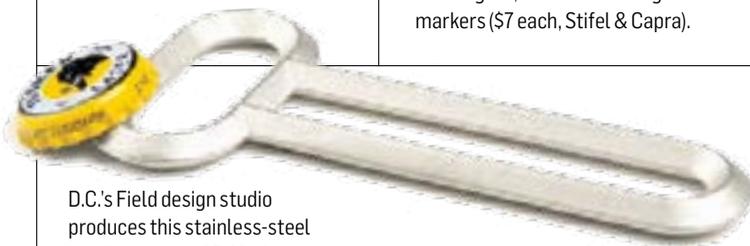
A clay serving tray with flowers by Society Hill Designs (based in Falls Church) begs for cured ham, cheese and crackers (\$58, Stifel & Capra).



Beneath a vintage hardback book cover, find a hidden journal made in Fairfax (\$22, Stifel & Capra).



Persimmon Street, a pottery studio in Arlington, makes ceramic garden markers (\$7 each, Stifel & Capra).



D.C.'s Field design studio produces this stainless-steel bottle opener (\$35, Mutiny).



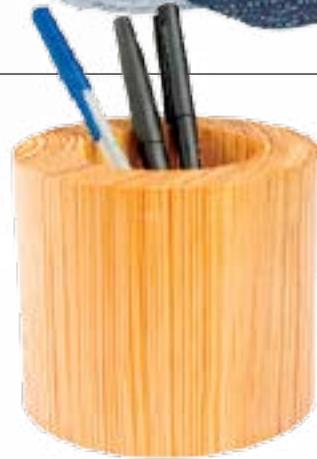
Society Hill Designs' Solare necklace is made with agate and silver (\$275, Stifel & Capra).



A lint-busting felt dryer ball doubles as a cat toy (\$6, Stifel & Capra).



Petworth resident Dan Snyder channels lumberjack-chic with Corridor Clothiers, a line of button-downs (\$195-\$215 each, Mutiny).



Made from reclaimed pine found in Maryland, this pen holder from D.C.'s Field design studio is a handsome desk accessory (\$80, Mutiny).



Rachel Pfeffer crafts twee jewelry in her D.C. living room (earrings, \$82; necklace, \$52, rachelpfeffer.com).

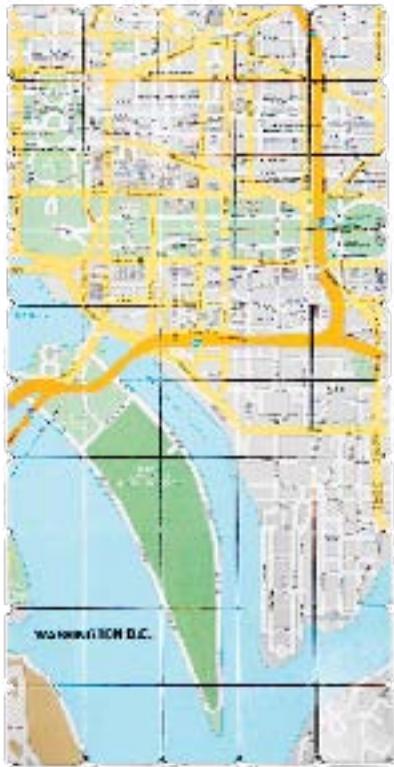


The co-owner of Stifel & Capra, Bob Stifel, blends this apple-pie mix. Just add fruit and the wet ingredients (\$3.50, Stifel & Capra).



Ever the hipster, Rachel Pfeffer (see above) also makes stockings from customers' Instagram pics through her other company, Stitchtagram (\$64, stitchtagram.com).

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Far easier than navigating downtown rush-hour traffic: putting together a magnetic map puzzle of a corner of D.C. (\$7, Home Rule).

A Virginia-shaped souvenir dish featuring a sprig of dogwood (the state's official flower) makes a lovely key holder (\$8, Stifel & Capra).



LOCALLY SHAPED



Melissa Esposito of Craftgasm turns vintage D.C. postcards into mini journals (\$8, Analog).



What gets packed into a D.C. flag lunch bag? We'd say a half-smoke (\$19, Hill's Kitchen).



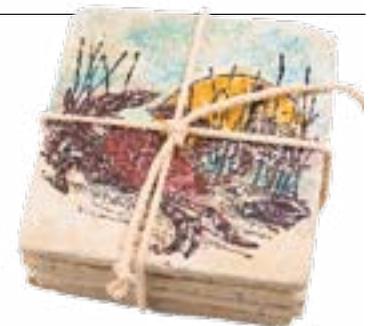
Laser-cut wood coasters would suit friends and family who live up and down the Eastern Seaboard (\$35, Red Barn Mercantile).



Serve cheese on a U.S. Capitol-shaped cutting board to start party chatter (\$27.50, exclusive to Hill's Kitchen).



The Folk specializes in wire state-shaped necklaces (\$28 each, etsy.com/shop/thefolk).



Rest a brew (maybe one from Baltimore's Heavy Seas?) on Carrie Eldred's coasters (\$25, Stifel & Capra).



Towels salute all 50 states — and the District of You-Know-What (\$15 each, Hill's Kitchen).



Potter Maura Jacobsen's license-plate imprint ceramic platters honor any state you choose (\$50 each, maurajacobsen.com).



Fairfax-based artist Jackie Liedl draws such local haunts as Blues Alley and the Reed Theater (\$20 each, Stifel & Capra).

STORE GUIDE

Analog, Monroe Street Market, 716 Monroe St. NE, Studio 5; 215-680-5849, shopenalog.com.

Hill's Kitchen, 713 D St. SE; 202-543-1997, hillskitchen.com.

Home Rule, 1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544, homerule.com.

Mutiny, 52 O St. NW; 202-500-8680, mutinydc.com.

Red Barn Mercantile, 1117 King St., Alexandria; 703-838-0355, redbarnmercantile.com.

Stifel & Capra, 260 W. Broad St., Falls Church; 703-533-3557, stifelandcapra.com.