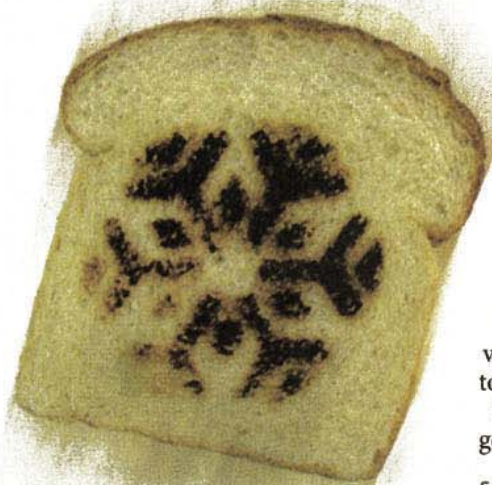


# Giving the gift that's functional

Make kitchen  
chores part  
of the fun this  
season



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All work and no play makes a dreary kitchen, indeed.

In today's kitchens, you can find a lot of serious stuff. Maybe it's all those chefs cooking on television making us feel that we need to act and buy like "professionals."

Frankly, we were stumped about getting gifts for the foodies (or

wannabes) in our lives, afraid that what we picked wouldn't project authority and

importance. So we gave up and set our minds free, deciding to look for things with some spunk.

Our shopping trip yielded gadgets, appliances, bakeware and miscellany that are loaded with personality and style and still get a job done for the home cook or hostess. We came away with a bag full of fun, but functional, gift ideas.

## Pop Art Toaster

If your family comes to breakfast a bit on the grumpy side, give them something to smile about and get the day off to a good start. Bread goes in the toaster and comes out branded with your choice of images — double hearts, birthday cake, snowflake, flower, smiley face or 'Luv u.' Available in black or white. \$36.95 at Wonder Works.

