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Cocktails and Joints New Year's Eve Countdown

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Unique Hostess Gifts by Cocktails and Joints

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Forgo the vino. Bag the blossoms. This party season, instead come bearing gifts that spice up your host's holidays. With goodies like sake sets, skull bracelets and graceful bamboo tote umbrellas, you'll definitely be on the guest list for next year's shindigs.

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Jackie's Jewels

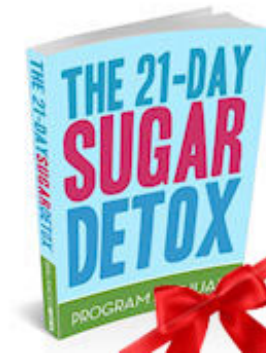
The skull bracelets from Jackie Jewels are an on-trend reminder that the stress of hosting a party just might kill you. This beaded arm candy is created by hand-knotted strings of colorful skulls (tres Tim Burton's Nightmare Before Christmas) with one larger crystal-laden skull. Each is adjustable and boasts two beaded danglers for just a hint of sound with every movement. Whether you choose neutrals like black or beige tones or splashes of red, green or deep blue, they're frightfully gorgeous when layered. Available at jackiejewels.com for \$40 each, or a stack of four for \$140.

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David's Tea, 5775 Ferrier, Mount-Royal, Quebec, Canada

Hostess needs a drink. And every hostess wants to relax with a cup of tea. Help your gracious entertainer do both with the Cocktail Collection from **David's Tea**. This collection has five teas (five bags each of Exotica, Kanpe, Silk Dragon Jasmine, Citron Oolong and Goji Pop) that help create concoctions like exotica Thai martinis and jasmine mojitos. Available at davidstea.com for \$22.50-\$25.50.



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The Giving Keys, PO Box 15718, Los Angeles, CA

This is our kind of gifting. **The Giving Keys** turns old, discarded keys into treasures by engraving inspirational words on them such as "believe," "fearless" and "strength". Motivate your friend with a necklace or bracelet with their own positive message, with the hopes that they'll pass it on to someone else who might need that same inspiration. You can also customize the keys with your own special word. Available at thegivingkeys.com starting at \$35.

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TY KU, P.O. Box 1571, New York, NY

Your host might need this before or after the guests arrive. Whenever they decide to indulge, **TYKU's Sake Bomb Kit** is a good time packaged. The set contains a bottle of TY KU Sake (a super premium Junmai Ginjo), a black sake cup and two stirrers in a sexy black dragon-inspired gift box. There are even instructions on how to make the perfect sake bomb for after the guests leave. Expect a "kanpai" upon opening. Available for \$21.99 at trytyku.com.

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BRELLI, 16 W 56th St, New York, NY

Now that she's weathered the party, help your hostess stay dry in future storms with the elegant **Brelli** brief. Dainty Japanese parasol-meets-rough and tumble umbrella, this packable tote will blow her away with its chic usability – it's blocks 99% of UVA/UVB/UVC rays and withstand 40mph winds. It boasts beautiful sustainable and renewable bamboo handles and skeletons that are hand-carved in Thailand, and is built for a lighter footprint as the world's first and only 100% biodegrade umbrella. Available for \$66 at thebrelli.com.