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AUTUMN MAGIC

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SUBTLE LUXURY

Notes of berries, vanilla, and baking spices bring the **Baldacci Family Vineyard's Fraternity Napa Valley Red Wine Blend** to the forefront of autumnal reds. This Napa Valley stunner is a people pleaser, and yet is full of subtle surprises, so raise a glass to approachable luxury. Info: baldaccivineyards.com

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HOORAY FOR TODDY SEASON
I love collecting hot toddy mugs—usually vintage and etched. Check your favorite shops, or visit a local antique store for great, and fill them with Oliver Puff & Co's magazine of hot toddy. Go ahead and get some, too. oliverpuff.com



GLUE FLIP FLOPS THE BOOT
It's getting a bit chilly, and it's just not right to wear flip-flops in the fall. Invest in a pair of perfect chukka ankle boots—like the Ballo style from Duckmoo—for the fall. They're perfect with jeans or leggings and look adorable with dresses. duckmoo.com



PUR WHITE PUMPKIN AND ALMOND
The folks at Le Bon Manger eat the most beautiful delicious breads and pastries—all with a twist of flavor from Africa, Middle East, and South Asia. Check a whole pumpkin and almond (available and share your seasonal chocolate board). lebonmanger.com



AUTUMN AL FRESCO
These looking to share an unforgettable yet casual night with friends, visit go wrong with Breen's. It's a Southern-style turkey leg, served with a Southern-style gravy and "Chopped" Collard, as well as a tartar and all the fixings. Find a company that brings magic, and make life beautiful.



THE BELVEDERE PEACOCK
One of Lanes Arkley's most elegant patterns, The Belvedere Peacock reflects nature for a beautiful tablecloth. You'll love the accent with more and pale blue stripes for a modern twist on fall decor. lanesarkley.com



A FALL CLASSIC
Slow-roasted sweet potatoes and crisp slivers of sweet onion served in a toast. Pumpkin Cakes, hot Spiced Honey, and more seasonal favorites are all glowing. For more inspiration, visit www.thespoon.com and find everything from placemats to elegant cocktail lamps. Info: www.thespoon.com



SHEER INDULGENCE
You need to raise an evening of luxury. Celebrate any occasion with Paramount Cakes' Presidential Gift Set and a team with Champagne. The box includes five pieces of candy, including Imperial Cheese, and Mocha & Truffle, Blue, and Grand. www.paramountcakes.com



SWEATER WEATHER
October in the Northeast can be tricky—maybe a fresh knit-sweater from a store. This is a special piece from Beyond By View, where all the pieces are hand-drawn and hand-screen-printed. The full-sleeve version of this 100% cotton, Washable print is 100% fall decor approved. beyondbyview.com



A MAN AND HIS SLIPPERS
The cozy, warm, and it's time for your most treasured slippers—slippers especially. The most iconic American Machine Slippers. Local Machine Slippers from Overland are just the shoes in the handmade, machine and hand-knit slippers. Going out for the evening, your slippers never looked so good. overland.com



LEAVY'S - FALLING LEAVES
Start a pumpkin spice latte in fall, but pair it with the Leavy Bakery Fall Chocolate Chunk cookie and the seasonal gift card. leavybakery.com



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WEEKEND WARMTH
Of course, you can use the Seasons Ultra Plush. There are some special like, but it's honestly a heavy quilted slip, granting you a full-on cozy weekend. So, get up all those seasons of 104. www.seasons.com