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Holiday Gift Ideas for Home Design That Solve Problems Affordably—and Prettily

Handsome gifts that lovers of design, decorating and entertaining will want to start using before the wrapping paper hits the floor



DO-SOMETHING DÉCOR From bathroom hand towels that look like silk to a rough-hewn candelabra, affordable gifts that won't need the 'perfect moment' for deployment PHOTO: F. MARTIN RAMIN/THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



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Cotton Hand Towels That Look Like Silk

Who wouldn't immediately swap out the terrycloth hand towels in her powder room for these implausibly thirsty versions? That is, once you clarify that they only look like raw silk. The textured, dusky-colored fabric might flicker in the light, but it's actually durable cotton, handspun and woven in Ethiopia. And even if these towels appear too precious to launder (note the hand-twisted fringes), they only grow more absorbent with each wash. Ethiopian Awash Hand Towels, \$28 each,

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