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MOTHER'S DAY EDITION

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assuming April's showers produced an eruption of May flowers, it's a given that Mother's Day 2021 will be serving up no end of arrangements and bouquets. But whether your mom fancies orchids, tulips, roses, or (my favorites) lilies, why not add to her special day with presents rare and unexpected. And as you check out my hand-picked array below, keep in mind there's no harm in starting the celebration a few days early on Cinco de Mayo with, say, one or two muy bueno options!

ONE SMART COOKIE

This might be the year to skip the customary box of mom candy in favor of a **Color My Cookie** decorating kit. The regular size kits—there are also mini-kits—come with six cookies, an edible paint palette, paint brushes, icing, sprinkles, and a link to a tutorial. Not only is turning ingeniously shaped cookies into works of art fun (in my case, also a tad outside the lines), there's the delectable grand finale. And should your Mother's Day be a virtual one, consider sending kits to the whole family for a cookie Zoom-a-palooza. *Info: colormycookie.com*.



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Striking, effortless, upscale, contemporary: the hallmarks of Walters Faith jewelry and most certainly the celebrated brand's recent collaboration with noted interior designer Cara Woodhouse. Melding Woodhouse's passion for marble and precious stones with Walters Faith's timeless aesthetic created **The Cara Woodhouse x Walters Faith.** The four-piece collection includes an engravable charm, bold ring, diamond charm enhancer, and to-die-for marble statement pendant. A 5-star way to spoil mom. *Info: waltersfaith.com*.



FACE FORWARD

Guilty pleasure disclosure: Watching Internet divas deftly apply makeup with chichi tools. (FYI, these women aren't experts but rather fledgling influencers, young moms, and budding raconteurs. My 20-Piece Expert LUXIE Artist Kit—a killer professional brush collection tucked into an ingenious belt bag—is way better as the brushes are a) Earth/creature-friendly vegan; b) exceptionally supple and soft, and c) designed with insights from industry pros and celebs like Christian Serratos and Khloe Kardashian. Love, love, love! Info: luxiebeauty.com.



GROUND CONTROL TO MOTHER EARTH

Having spent much of my adult life seeking comfortable casual shoes that aren't sneakers—which isn't to say sneakers don't have their place in my heart—I have narrowed my search to weekend-in-the-country-brunch-in-the-city footwear. Found. Raum Goods Slip-On Earthing Shoes rate an A+ for chic and buttery leather comfort. With a bit of a moccasin gestalt, they are ethically sourced and come in myriad colors. And while mom will love any color you pick, my vote goes out to "Tumeric" and "Scarlet." *Info: raumgoods.com*.

