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Feature



'Tis the Season

It's October, and that means the 2007 holiday season is only weeks away. Marketing experts and retail analysts shared their predictions for 10 of this season's top gift-giving trends and shared some gift suggestions—including some of the hottest trends in retail beauty products and accessories for the winter season:

for electronics, especially laptops, which combine fashion and function, are also predicted to be popular gifts.

Gift Pick: The Middle Powers line of laptop carriers sport fun, funky vintage Hollywood images (under US\$100).

There is a market for 'green' products that are responsibly packaged and will not damage the earth or take advantage of the laborers who make them.

#7: Designers have created easy and fashionable answers to the current airline restrictions for carry-on bags.

Holiday time is travel time, and whether flying domestically or internationally, new airport security regulations have made packing favorite beauty and toiletry products a challenge. "As a frequent traveler, I knew a quart-sized bag from the kitchen drawer, filled with miscellaneous containers, would not last, and there was always the risk of leaking or spilling," said Linda Padgett-Stinson, founder and president of 3-1-1 Travel Bag.

Gift Pick: 3-1-1 Travel Bag's Clear Bag System toiletry case, a Transportation Security Administration (TSA)-compliant alternative to clear plastic baggies, which comes with five reusable containers and airless pumps that dispense shampoo, lotion and other toiletries while ensuring that they remain intact throughout the flight and beyond (US\$24.95).

