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Gold tones look most modern when mixed with natural wood or other metallics, such as matte bronze and super-shiny silver.

Clockwise from top left This brass-plated Libations bar cart (\$599, crateandbarrel.com) has just the right amount of luster to go from special occasion to any given Tuesday. If a full set of 22-karatembellished china isn't in your budget, a single Glitz dinner plate (10", in Pine, \$117, dbohome.com) can be used as a platter for small bites. Stemless barware, such as this gold-flecked Aliseo flute (in Gold Leaf, \$95, tableartonline.com) and Coro glassware (\$48 for 4, serenaandlily.com), sets a celebratory mood but is sturdier than stemmed varieties.

For a look that's cohesive but not one-note, mix metallic Martha Stewart Collection glass ornaments (from \$15 per box, macys.com) in matte, shiny, and pearlescent finishes. This golden cheese knife set (\$198, anthropologie.com) includes four models, arming you for everything from gooey Camembert to hard, aged Gouda. Midas-worthy Dorit wood candleholders (in Short, \$75 each, pelledesigns.com) and tapers (in Metallic Gold, 12", \$17.75 per pair, creativecandles.com) cast a lovely glow even before you light them. Decorating for the holidays doesn't get easier than stringing up gold paper garlands (\$35, alderandcoshop.com) in unexpected spots.

PARTY PROVISIONS

Our food editors stockpile these treats for entertaining-and hostess gifting-on the fly.

The Farmstead's Meat Club winter collection (from \$275, farmsteadinc.com) includes truffled foie gras mousse, whole-grain mustard, goose rillettes, country pâté, and candied nuts. Serve it with deliciously crunchy Jan's Farmhouse crisps (\$8, formaggio kitchen.com), and you have hors d'oeuvres covered. A box of sweet and savory French Broad salted honey caramels (from \$12, frenchbroadchocolates .com) makes a great thanks-for-having-me present. Serve citrusy Nino Franco Rustico Prosecco (\$18. wine.com) straight up or in a cocktail. Katz Organic December's New Oil (\$24, katzandco.com) is a deliciously bright and grassy olive oil.