

## OFF THE SHELF

# Oh, Mom, you're so . . .

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Sweet!

Everyone who tasted these ultra-gourmet Wink of the Rabbit caramels from Vosges Haut-Chocolat swooned. We think you rate a sweet swoon, too, Mom. Organic pecans are folded into caramel, then hand-dipped in milk or dark chocolate. A box of 18 candies (12 milk chocolate, 6 dark chocolate) costs \$27 at Vosges, 951 W. Armitage Ave. or 520 N. Michigan Ave.; Fox & Obel Food Market, 401 E. Illinois St., and by mail-order ([vosgeschocolate.com](http://vosgeschocolate.com) or 888-301-9866).

Hip!

**That's why this happening Hip Mitts apron from Western Springs-based Loopie Doop is just your style. The "Peace, Love, Dove" pattern, hot pink hue and comfy chenille fabric put a pretty spin on things but, like you, this apron is practical: Those pockets are actually cooking mitts attached with Velcro, so they're easy to detach. Many colors and styles are available, and they're machine-washable and -dryable. The apron is \$30 by mail-order ([loopiedoop.com](http://loopiedoop.com) or 877-456-6743).**

Clever!

Toting muffins or cupcakes can become a juggling act, which is why we think you'll like this Bake and Store Muffin Pan. Bake muffins or cupcakes in the commercial-grade aluminum pan; when they're cool and/or frosted, snap on the lid and you're good to go. (By the way, we love your frosting, Mom, but if you load it on too high, it'll get a bit smooched by the lid.) The pan costs \$22 at Crate & Barrel stores or by mail-order ([crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com) or 800-323-5461).

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