Holiday Gifts From The Kitchen

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Remember how your mother always said her favorite present was one that you made for her yourself? That is still true, and you can make some of the most heartfelt and delicious gifts right in your own kitchen. From decadent sweets like eggnog fudge and cookie truffles, to savory treats like whipped cheddar spread and spiced nuts, these are truly gifts from the heart, and easy recipes that the whole family can join in on making. So stay home instead of going to the mall and whip up some truly delectable presents!

Eggnog Fudge

This is a quick and easy fudge that is made mainly out of white chocolate (I like Ghiradelli chocolate for this recipe), marshmallow creme fluff and, of course, eggnog. This fudge is filled with flecks of fresh ground nutmeg, which always makes things smell like everything is right with the world. It comes together in a snap, and if you chill it in the fridge it will be ready super-fast.

Package It Pretty: Arrange the fudge pieces on a Pottery Barn X dinner plate, and cover it with two long pieces of cellophane wrap tied at the top with a pretty ribbon.

An Extra Touch: Make this gift extra special with a container of your favorite eggnog on the side!

Cookie Truffles

Three ingredients. One hour. 36 mind-blowing cookie truffles. Here's your new favorite holiday recipe! You can make them in both Nutterbutter and white chocolate Oreo flavors.

Package it Pretty:

An Extra Touch: Make this gift extra special by including a package of the cookies that were part of the ingredients! Take them out of the original packaging and put them in a plastic bag tied with a festive ribbon.

Brown Sugar Shortbread

These brown sugar chocolate shortbread cookies are a true holiday They take only four ingredients and two of those four ingredients are chocolate and brown sugar, two of the best tastes in the world.

Package it pretty: Pop these cookies into a beautiful clear glass cookie jar and tie a ribbon around the jar – no other wrapping required!

An Extra Touch: Nothing goes better with shortbread than a warm and wonderful cup of tea. A package of Twinings Afternoon Tea is the perfect accompaniment to this jar of cookies.