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GOOD THINGS IN SMALL PACKAGES

Clockwise from top left: Lamborghini Precisione Cutter; Xikar Ultra Slim Carbon Fiber Cutter; Lotus 4410 Brushed Chrome Lighter; Rocky Patel South Beach Series Dual Torch Lighter; Lamborghini Estremo Lighter; Alec Bradley Hendrix Lighter; Lotus CUT 200 Carbon Fiber cutter; Prometheus Slim Torch Lighter; Colibri Maui Lighter; Blazer Little Buddy Lighter; Xikar Xi1 Body Art Collection Wave cutter. *For sources, see page 169.*



ES FULL OF JOY

(clockwise from top) Andre Garcia Pack&Go Churchill five-cigar case; Andre Garcia Pack&Go Robusto five-cigar case Italian Black; Crown St. James Windsor Humidor (160-cigar); Arturo Fuente tree ornament; Baccarat Crystal Havana Ashtray with wood base; Savoy Macassar; Elie Bleu Alba Humidor (75-cigar); La Gloria Cubana Serie R Travel Humidor (with nine cigars).

(clockwise from top center) C.A.O. MX2 black velvet three-cigar case; Davidoff Octagon Humidor; Davidoff stainless steel large ring gauge ashtray; Partagas Decadas Holiday Travel Humidor (with six cigars); Arturo Fuente Show Band cases (three-cigar, five-cigar and Travel); Daniel & Daniel Burl Humidor (100-cigar); Arturo Fuente tree ornament; Andre



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Top right from top: Xikar Lead Crystal Ashtray, black; Ashton Round Crystal Ashtray; Bettinardi stainless steel ashtray. Top left: Siglo Accessory Geometry Series 1 Lighter and 50-cigar humidor. Bottom right: Rabbit Air MinusA2 purifier. Bottom left, clockwise from top left: Hermès In The Pocket Cigar Cutter; S.T. Dupont Shangri-La lighter; Berluti Havana cigar case; Hermès In The Pocket Barenia Leather Cigar case.



TOYS FOR BIG BOYS

Gift Sets: (top left) Savoy cutter, case and flask and (bottom left) S.T. Dupont Commando MaxiJet lighter and cutter. **Cutters:** (left) Palió Burl Wood and (below) Colibri Slyce. **Lighters:** (clockwise from above) Colibri Providence; IM Corona Aero Platinum Torch; Xikar Crossover; Rocky Patel Trigger Series; and Xikar Tabletop. **Cases:** (clockwise from above) Ashton Leather Brown Hobnail Cigarillo case; Andre Garcia Pack&Go three-cigar Case Croco Black; and Andre Garcia St. James three-cigar Case Croco Brown. *For sources, see page 169.*

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Left Page: Andre Garcia Pack&Go Churchill five-cigar case Vintage Brown (\$189.99) www.andregarciacases.com • Andre Garcia Pack&Go Robusto five-cigar case Italian Black (\$179.99) www.diamondcrown.com • Diamond Crown St. James Windsor 160-cigar Humidor (\$550) www.diamondcrown.com • Arturo Fuente tree ornament (\$24.99) www.cigarfamily.com • Baccarat Crystal Havana Ashtray with wood base (\$1,500) www.baccarat.com • Savoy Macassar Humidor Large (\$180) www.holts.com • Elie Bleu Alba 75-cigar Humidor, black (\$2,325) www.eliebleu.com • La Gloria Cubana Serie R Travel Humidor with nine cigars (\$79.99) www.cigarworld.com.

Right Page: C.A.O. MX2 black velvet three-cigar case (\$39.95) www.caocigars.com • Davidoff Octagon Humidor (\$15,000) www.davidoff.com • Davidoff large ring gauge stainless steel Cigar Scissors (\$445) www.davidoff.com • Partagas Decadas Holiday Travel Humidor with six cigars (\$124.99) www.cigarworld.com • Brizard & Co. Show Band cases in Zebra Wood and Sunset Black leather, three-cigar (\$110), five-cigar (\$130) and Travel (\$180) www.brizardandco.com • Daniel Marshall 100-cigar Burl Humidor (\$495) www.danielmarshall.com • Arturo Fuente tree ornament (\$24.99) www.cigarfamily.com • Andre Garcia Woven Black Torpedo Case (\$119) www.andregarciacases.com • Brizard & Co. Desk Humidor with Sunset Black leather (\$190) www.brizardandco.com.

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Top Left: Siglo Accessory Geometry Series I Lighter (\$62) and 50-cigar humidor (\$488) www.sigloaccessory.com.

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Bottom Left: Hermès In The Pocket Cigar Cutter (\$500) and Hermès In The Pocket Barenia Leather Cigar Case (\$1,000) www.hermes.com • S.T. Dupont Shanghai Lighter (\$3,000) www.st-dupont.com • Berluti blue and black Havana cigar cases (\$600) www.berluti.com • Goyard three-cigar red case (\$920) four-cigar black case (\$1,105) www.goyard.com, available at Barney's New York.

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Lighters: Colibri Providence Lighter, Blue Lacquer (\$100) www.colibri.com • IM Corona Aero Platinum Torch, Gun Metal Mirror finish (\$140) www.savinelliusa.com • Xikar Crossover Blue (\$64.99) and Xikar Tabletop Lighter, Windowpane finish (\$79.99) www.xikar.com • Rocky Patel Trigger Series, Gunmetal finish (\$45) www.rockypatel.com

Cases: Ashton Leather Brown Hobnail Cigarillo case (\$70) www.holts.com • Andre Garcia Pack&Go three-cigar Case Croco Black (\$139.99) and St. James three-cigar Case Croco Brown (\$119.99) www.andregarciacases.com.

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