



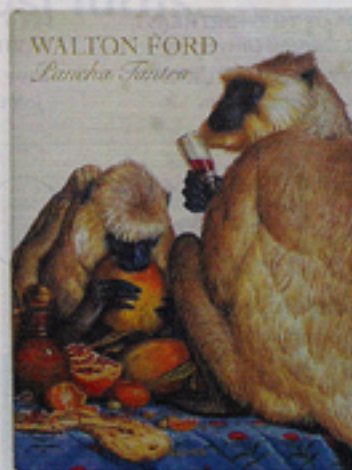
THE BRIEFING

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SEASONAL SCENT Guests are coming over, and everything's set. But one element is missing: the perfect holiday aroma. This soy candle, created by a mother-daughter team in Indiana, releases just the right notes of evergreen, cinnamon, and cranberry.

"WINTER" \$28. linnealights.com



ANIMAL KINGDOM

In naturalist painter Walton Ford's strange and wonderful watercolors, passenger pigeons feast on acorns and a lion tussles with a crocodile in a formal French garden. Some 150 images from Ford's bestiary have been reproduced in this magnificent over-size tome, which takes its title from an ancient Indian book of animal folktales.

PANCHA TANTRA \$70, Taschen

WRAP and roll

Add flair to your holiday packaging with Japanese tape

Sorry, ribbon, but this decorative tape is too striking to resist. Made in Japan using traditional *washi* paper, the 50-foot rolls come in two widths and 125 cheerful colors and graphic patterns that transform any solid wrapping paper into something special. Our crafts department especially loves how simple it is to tear and tape and reposition on most papers. You can buy the rolls individually or in a themed set and combine them to create vibrant and charming color combinations.

HAPPY TAPE \$5 to \$6 each, happytape.com