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CHRISTMAS WISH Glass and silver plate
 1950s Val St Lambert cocktail shaker, £200,
 Louise Verber

'I love receiving jewellery at Christmas but, as this will be the first Christmas in my new home, this year I'm dreaming of indulgent home accessories. Top of my list is a vintage cocktail shaker. I'm hosting New Years' drinks, which means I'll be shaking up many a cosmopolitan and perhaps experimenting with a martini... or two.'

'This glass and silver plate number is ideal for recreating *Mad Men* moments. It costs more than I'd ever spend on myself but is something I've always lusted after. If lucky enough to find one in my stocking, I'd display it on a silver tray – which yes, is also on my list – and bring it into play on special occasions.'

Shot in Francesca Martire

SOPHIE CONRAN
Cookery writer and designer

CHRISTMAS WISH 1850s revolving silver toast rack, £189;
 1885 folding travel toast rack, £169. Goldsmith & Parris

'Breakfast is very important in my house and the table has to look really special, which is why I'd rather like to receive a silver toast rack on Christmas day. It's something I would never buy myself and they come in so many different shapes and sizes. Take this one which rotates, or this travelling toast rack that folds up so when you were staying with your not-posh relatives in the late 19th century you could take your toast rack with you. I own one toast rack which was given to me by my grandparents. You can use them for holding letters or napkins as well as toast.'

'I love cooking and I particularly like to rustle up a full English on Sundays, squeeze some orange juice and make the table look lovely. I visit Alfies for inspiration and it's a good place for Christmas presents because prices vary so much and there is such a mixture. You always find something special that matches someone's personality, such as a handbag for my little sister or a silver cigarette box for my cousin. You don't have to spend much either. My mum gave me a silver ladle for Christmas last year and every time I use it I think of her.' *Shot in Goldsmith & Parris*

