

# haute for the holidays



Toasting with champagne, singing carols, and wishing for a white Christmas—or at least a white Porsche in your driveway—are all winter holiday past-times. It's time to think outside the elegantly wrapped box. In our own tradition, *Brilliant* has scoured the trend scene to find the most luxe holiday accessories, perfect for globetrotting, entertaining, and all the soirées in between. Not to be confused with gifts (though 'tis often better to give) these essentials are all for you. SAMANTHA ADAMS

## SKIRTING THE ISSUE

You've seen plaid all over the runway this season, but never has it looked so refined. The Spruce Taffeta Plaid Entrance Maker Skirt from The Worth Collection delivers exactly what its name promises. Perfect for nearly any holiday affair, its long length and high-waisted silhouette is entirely slimming—even after that second slice of pumpkin pie. Keep the accessories minimal to let the skirt do the talking. Available at [WorthNY.com](http://WorthNY.com); \$648.

## CRÈME DE LA CREAM

When getting ready for a holiday party, it's best to start with the basics. As if you needed another reason to pamper yourself with products from grooming god Niven Morgan, he just launched new packing for his bath, body, and home fragrance line. The result is clean and modern like the creams, washes, and lotions they contain. Of course, what's on the inside counts, and the new formulas with certified organic aloe vera and a paraben-free preservative system will make you glow. Available at Stanley Korshak, The Menagerie, and Lin Marche; \$13-\$40.

## PULLING STRINGS

It's easy to get carried away with the sentiment of the holidays, especially with a gorgeous bag by Barbara Sears Nelson's Purse Strings. The brand's evening bags, featuring the pictured Elizabeth, are crafted with Italian patent leather. Taking a cue from the sparkling snowy haven of Aspen, the purses include panels of fabric infused with Fiber Optic to make each design dazzle—all powered by a rechargeable battery. And, if you mention *Brilliant* in your order, you will get a 10% discount. Available at [barbarasearsnelson.com](http://barbarasearsnelson.com); \$369 for the Elizabeth.

## BOLD OVER

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