

# HOW TO REPURPOSE UNWANTED GIFTS

If an undesirable gift is monogrammed, handmade with nowhere to be returned, of an unknown origin, used before a better version arrived, from a relative who will ask about the gift when visiting your home, from a store that will no longer accept it as a return, or from a store that is no longer in business, you will need to find a way to put it to use in your home.

## ★ Candlesticks

- Place under your bed to keep sagging mattress firm.
- Use as lipstick holders on a crowded vanity.
- Use as paper clip holders on a desk.
- Use as tall saltcellars on the dining room table.

## ★ Bowl

- Use as a litter box. Make sure it is stable.
- Use as a sock bin.
- Use as a potty chair.

## ★ Blender

- Use as a flower vase.
- Use as a paper shredder.

## ★ Flower vase

- Use as a pen/pencil holder near a phone.
- Use as a beer mug or water glass.

## ★ Crockpot

- Use as a wax warmer for depilatory waxing.
- Use as an ice bucket (unplugged).
- Use as a planter for tropical plants (plugged in).

## ★ Gardener's wheelbarrow

- Use as a shopping cart.
- Use as a laundry basket.
- Use as a stroller for a baby.

## ★ Ironing board

- Use as a toboggan.
- Use as a table.

## Be Aware

Even if you do not like the gift, you must still send a thank-you note. Thank the giver for the gesture and thoughtfulness. See the Gift Evaluator/Thank-You Note Generator on page 162.