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## Kitchen Cupboard

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### The Cupcake Deck, \$14.96

There may be dozens of cupcake cookbooks on offer (including one by Martha Stewart slated for June release), but when you think about it, how many recipes besides chocolate and vanilla do you need? Well, if you're interested in broadening your cupcake horizons beyond the classics, check out this deck of 25 cupcake recipes by renowned baking author Elinor Klivans. The cards are pretty, the photos are gorgeous and the lineup includes such goodies as Chocolate Mousse Cupcakes, Vanilla Cheesecake Crunch-Top Cupcakes and the tangy Lemon Angel Cupcakes.

**Available at** bookstores and through [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca).



### Kusmi tea assortment, about \$59

I first spotted these comely teas in swish Montreal restaurants and delighted in their exotic flavours and delicate muslin bags. I was thrilled to find them in a gift box consisting of nine blends including green tea with spearmint, breakfast blend, citrus with vanilla and spices, and my favourite, Earl Grey with lemon and orange blossom. Made in France, these tea blends were created in Russia 140 years ago. This elegant "coffret" would make a great hostess gift or the ultimate Mother's Day present.

**Available at** most gourmet specialty stores including Gourmet Laurier, 1042 Laurier Ave. W., Les Douceurs du Marché at the Atwater Market, Le Fouvrac, 1451 Laurier Ave. E., and La Vieille Europe, 3855 St. Laurent Blvd.