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Holiday Gift Guide

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PRESENTING THE 3RD ANNUAL BLOOM GUIDE TO MORE THAN 100 FABULOUS GIFTS FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST. THIS VISUAL FEAST REPRESENTS JUST A SMATTERING OF THE UNIQUE, HIGH-QUALITY MERCHANDISE CARRIED BY LOCAL INDEPENDENT RETAILERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. WHATEVER YOUR BUDGET, YOU'RE SURE TO FIND THAT PERFECT SOMETHING RIGHT HERE.

*For a complete list of the retailers represented by the merchandise here, visit magbloom.com.

Mothers SISTERS & Wives

1. Women of all ages cherish classic *Murano Venetian glass jewelry*. à propos, \$45-120.

2. Nothing oozes sexy, chic luxury like *Qi cashmere separates*. InSeam, \$120-400.

3. *Fun and feminine bracelets* by ek designs are crafted from precious metals, Swarovski crystals, and hand-blown beads. Each comes with a card bearing a meaningful message. Gold Casters, \$199.

4. *Fair-trade matching gloves and hat* are made in Peru. Natural Elements, \$16-18.

5. A *satiny retro print dress* with great buttons exudes feminine charm. Bella Donna, \$220.

6. Cute meets functional in *Lôle outdoor clothing*—perfect for the active, fashion-conscious woman. J.L. Waters, \$60-160.

7. A *bold Urban Expressions handbag* has attitude to spare. b boutique, \$45-65.

8. *Bath Hour soaps* are handmade in Mooresville, Ind., and come in “good enough to eat” scents like Lemon Poppy Seed and Buttermilk & Honey. Lola Rue, \$5.95.

9. Made of vintage European glass, *Owen Glass earrings* dress up any outfit or are equally suitable when worn with jeans. Relish, \$22-45.

10. Innovative bead treatment on a *chic black sweater* lends sophistication to any holiday look. Bella Donna, \$148.

11. In 1985, Terre Haute native Michael Graves designed a *modern stainless-steel tea kettle* with a whimsical red singing bird on the spout. Today, his kettle is still a must-have for the modern kitchen. Inner Chef, \$149.

12. Warm yet fashionable, *Free People’s wool jacket* has fringe and hammered button accents. b boutique, \$168.

13. *Baccarat crystal jewelry pieces* are instant heirlooms and recognizable for their bold, sculptural design. Argentum, \$200 and up.

14. A *durable naked Piel leather tote* will become her go-to bag for years to come. The Briar and the Burley, \$100.

15. A *French Connection dress* has a youthful, mod vibe. Bella Donna, \$168.

16. A *silk-blend pashmina shawl* is the perfect fashion accessory for any season, event, or occasion. Athena, \$18.

17. The “*Circle of Love*” pendant combines twinkling diamonds and lustrous gold. Gold Casters, \$99.

18. *William Schraft jewelry* is known for intricate design and melding of fine metals and gemstones in contemporary and vintage-looking pieces. Argentum, \$300 and up.

19. Looking for a perfect one-size-fits-all gift? Consider giving her *European-milled soaps* and bath products. à propos, \$7.50-33.

20. A *studded belt* with a rhinestone medallion buckle will rock her holiday look. Bella Donna, \$25.

21. With feminine sass and a hunk o’ bling, this *clutch wallet by Deux Lux* can double as an evening bag. b boutique, \$28.

22. *Blue Q tote bags* are great for groceries, library books, or the beach. Made of woven polypropylene with engaging graphic designs. Bloomingfoods, \$11.99.

23. A *lightweight wool mini-dress* in one of the season’s hottest colors can be dressed up or down. b boutique, \$128.

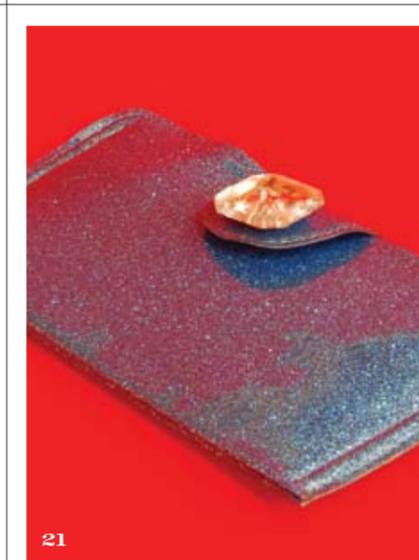
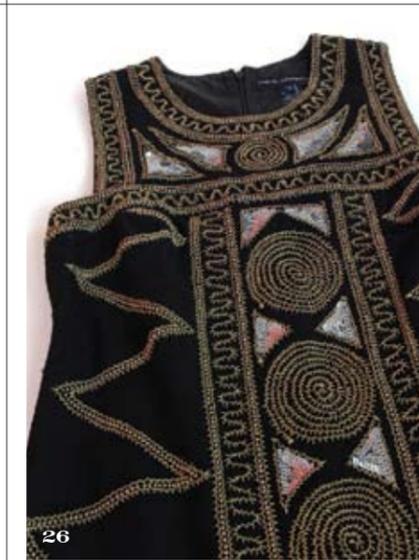
24. *Italian resin accessories* by Bellissima look just like Bakelite but are much more affordable. InSeam, \$15-40.

25. *Handmade handbags by Maya Moon* feature colorful leathers, and no two are alike. b boutique, \$550.

26. A *simple shell top* makes a bold statement with lavish sequin-and-bead detailing. Bella Donna, \$148.

27. *Bold hound’s-tooth wool makes this cap* an ultra-cute update of a classic design. Bella Donna, \$19.

*Green numbered items have accompanying pictures.





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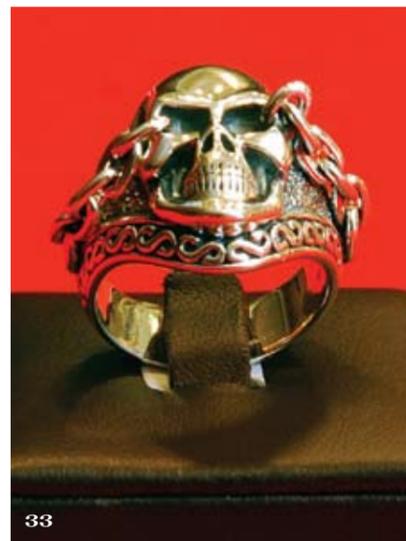
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Fathers BROTHERS & Husbands

28. Peter Millar sweaters are perfect for casual evenings out or hanging at home. Andrew Davis, \$145-385.

29. Lightweight but indestructible, a Samsonite golf bag of ballistic nylon will pamper his precious clubs. The Briar and the Burley, \$149.95

30. A 100-percent silk necktie inspired by the design of a modern artist or architect is sure to become one of his favorite accessories. à propos, \$50-78.

31. The Cleveland Gustbuster 62-inch umbrella features a patented design that handles winds up to 60 mph. Nevada Bob's, \$49.99.

32. Pantherella socks from England are recognized worldwide as the ultimate gentleman's sock. In cotton blend and cashmere. Andrew Davis, \$32.50-65.

33. For the man who appreciates masculine, edgy design—Scott Kay's sterling skull ring. Gold Casters, \$410.

34. Stuff his stocking with Lightfoot's pure pine athletic soap from England. Rebecca & Me, \$6.99.

35. Opulent color and superior craftsmanship distinguish Robert Talbott cufflinks, most made from sterling silver and 18k gold. Andrew Davis, \$340 and up.

36. The bbq-meister and baseball fan on your list is sure to love King Pepper—72cm of "pure grinding power" in a baseball bat pepper mill. Goods for Cooks, \$49.99.

37. A Stack-On galvanized steel toolbox is perfect for the Mr. Fix-It on your list. Kleindorfer's, \$29.99-33.99.

38. Active individuals and athletes love Rudy Project "technically cool" eyewear—it's lightweight, scratch-resistant, photo-chromic, and unbreakable for life. Indiana Running Co., \$80-350.

39. Pamper his face with top-of-the line products from the Art of Shaving. Andrew Davis, \$20-150.

40. Davin & Kesler business-card holders are handmade from fine woods and solid brass. Wandering Turtle, \$39-45.

41. The Daytona watch exemplifies why Rolex has been the pre-eminent symbol of prestige timepieces for over a century. Gold Casters, \$4,000 and up.

42. It takes a legend to write about a legend. Bob Hammel's latest book, *The Bill Cook Story: Ready, Fire, Aim!*—the riveting biography of our best-known entrepreneur and philanthropist—is perfect fireside reading. IU Press, \$24.95.

43. Necky Manitou 13 kayak is a stable, maneuverable, user-friendly craft. J.L. Waters, \$829.95.

44. What more personal gift can you give him than a made-to-order tailored suit by Adrian Jules? Favored by Tony Dungy, Jules suits are cut by hand to the customer's measurements. Andrew Davis, prices vary.

45. An arty clock made of brass and found objects is an utterly unique gift. Relish, \$340.

46. Saucony running gloves work with body heat to wick away moisture and keep hands warm. Indiana Running Co., \$20.

47. The MSR WaterWorks EX microfilter is perfect for the backcountry enthusiast on your list. The lightweight device pumps up to one liter per minute and removes bacteria and pollutants from the water source. J.L. Waters, \$144.95.

48. Precision-forged stainless steel or ceramic cutlery is always an appreciated gift. Goods for Cooks, \$6.99-200.

49. This unisex messenger bag is made of durable nylon and is large enough to hold a laptop. Relish, \$98.

Tots TEENS & Fido TOO

50. Hand-knit in Ecuador, this *child's sweater* has folksy charm and keeps out the chill. Natural Elements, \$35.

51. This beyond charming *rose-accented coat and hat* by Mack & Co. would be the envy of Suri or Shiloh. O'Child, \$72.

52. *Imagine Nation's Pottery Wheel* introduces a youngster to a rewarding hobby; ages 10+. Treasure Chest Hobbies, \$37.99.

53. Canadian-based *Robeez footwear* is pediatrician-approved for growing tootsies. Made of supple leather with intricate stitching and designs, the line has elasticized ankles to ensure a perfectly snug fit. Smith's Sport 'n Shoe, \$27.99.

54. *Sew Hip—Make It You* is a handy guide that lets the aspiring designer express her personal style in fashions and accessories she creates. Bonus DVD teaches the basics of sewing. Shiisa Quilts, \$21.95.

55. *Cotton batik onesie*, handpainted by Bloomington fiber artist Bonnie Gordon. By Hand Gallery, \$24.

56. Give the fashion-conscious teen on your list an *Indiana-made Vera Bradley backpack*. Different Drummer, \$84.90.

57. The wee newcomer will get into the spirit of his or her first Christmas in a *festive garment from Mud Pie's "Santa Baby" collection*. O'Child, \$18-25.

58. *Geo Safari's Otto the Electronic Sensor Robot* teaches kids basic electronics through 20 exciting sensory experiments; ages 10+. Treasure Chest Hobbies, \$33.99.

59. *Stretchy one-size dress gloves* by Jeanne Simmons are vintage looking with beaded detail. Cactus Flower, \$10-14.

60. Let the youngsters express and amuse themselves with a *24-piece Color Me puzzle*. Comes with wipe-off crayons. Wandering Turtle, \$14.

61. *Nature for the Very Young: A Handbook of Indoor and Outdoor Activities for Pre-schoolers* offers hours of age-appropriate eco fun. Natural Elements, \$19.95.

62. *Child's "heart hat"* hand-knit by Carolynne Dawson Gieryn. By Hand Gallery, \$20.

63. *Peruvian-made Blabla knit backpacks* are soft yet functional and come in cute animal shapes. O'Child, \$42.

64. The classic game of skill and coordination, *Operation*, made its debut in 1965 and is still a favorite with kids age 6 and up. The Game Preserve, \$22.95.

65. *Roll-on beaded bracelets from Nepal* are a fair-trade item popular with tweens and teens. Elements, \$18.

66. For the budding chef, *Head Chef kitchen tools* are colorful figures with the "head" as the tool, soft silicone bodies, bendable appendages, and suction cup feet. Inner Chef, \$10.

67. *Bowls made from recycled vintage LPs* are environment-friendly and perfect for holding assorted doo-dads. Wandering Turtle, \$30.

68. Dorothy's ruby slippers have nothing on Italian-made *Lelli Kelly boutique girls' shoes*. Embellished with sequins and elaborate beading, yet machine-washable. O'Child, \$65-68.

69. *The 100-percent cotton Moby Wrap* is versatile and comfortable for tot and parent. Natural Elements, \$40.

70. *Chip & Pepper University t-shirts* feature vintage and original logos from more than 75 universities. Haley's, \$48-54.

71. With their realistic, plush detail, *Folkmanis puppets* enchant kids of all ages. The Game Preserve, \$14.95-44.

72. *Soak-proof bibs and "go mats"* by Funkie Baby come in all sorts of wild, whimsical fabrics. Rebecca & Me, \$19-22.

73. *The Smithsonian rock tumbler kit* comes with an electric tumbler and an array of gemstones like jasper and amethyst; ages 10+. Treasure Chest Hobbies, \$29.99.

74. *Pockets of Learning handcrafted soft play sets* help develop motor skills and are heirloom quality; suitable for ages 18 mo.+ O'Child, \$30.

75. No animals were harmed in the making of a *Happy Animals funky faux fur trapper cap*. Cactus Flower, \$16.

76. *Magic Stones* are colorful, tactile glass keepsakes etched with inspirational messages. Elements, \$10.

77. *The Milan Dog Bowl* is made of high-strength porcelain with a nickel finish and is heavy enough to keep your pooch from pushing it around the room. Matching treat jar is available. London Dog, \$27-42.

78. Red Rover's *vintage-inspired squeaky frog* is made of super-durable rubber latex and is nontoxic. London Dog, \$14-25.

79. The comfy *Bagel Bed* has a machine-washable cover of upholstery-grade cotton. London Dog, \$119-159.

81. *Isle of Dogs canine grooming system* caters to the uniqueness of each dog's coat. London Dog, \$18-28.

82. *A natty sweater for Fido* comes with an attached scarf. London Dog, \$30.



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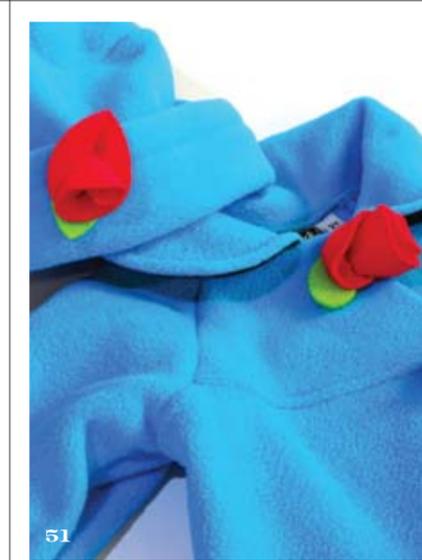
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Everyone ELSE

83. *Elegant wine glasses* with frosted, ridged bases are perfect for everyday or special occasions. Relish, \$14.

84. *California-made Bella Notte bed linens* are luxurious and custom dyed. Lola Rue, \$70 and up.

85. Give that special someone a *cozy, handmade throw* to curl up under this winter. Textillery Weavers, \$35-110.

86. *A sleek serving tray of laminated exotic wood veneer* is an ideal gift for the hip host or hostess. Elements, \$35.

87. The ultimate accessory for any home—a *bella bella accent piece* with signature cut paper design and resin gloss finish. Visit www.bellabella.com for local dealers.

88. *Handmade metal candlesticks* have striking contemporary design and a natural finish. Relish, \$95-110.

89. *Windchimes of fine woods and metals* are a gift of soothing tranquility. Athena, \$9.50-49.

90. *An antique bottle—locally embellished—* makes a unique accent piece. Lola Rue, \$54.

91. The cedar wood construction and lovely leaf-print windows make a *Birdscapes bird feeder* an ideal gift for the nature lover. Kleindorfer's, \$19.99-34.99.

92. An exquisite *handmade Persian rug* is more than a gift, it's an investment that will be loved (and worth!) more with each passing year. Kashan Oriental Rugs, prices vary.

93. Colorful South African *bowls woven from telephone wire* are indestructible, and a portion of the sale goes to Nelson Mandela's charity. Elements, \$25-105.

94. Is chocolate really an aphrodisiac? *Chocolate Smarts question and answer cards* reveal the answer. A perfect gift for the chocoholic on your list. BLU Boy, \$16.95.

95. Made from natural fibers, *Pine Cone Hill sleepwear* is always a cherished gift. Lola Rue, \$48-89.

96. *A hemp or cotton wallet* is inexpensive, durable, and lightweight. Athena, \$3.50-8.

97. *A vibrant hand-painted wooden box* is a functional work of art. Elements, \$55-94.

98. *Hannah Silk flower medallion pins* made from silk velvet can jazz up a vest or blazer. Lola Rue, \$28.

99. Add warmth to any kitchen and keep staples fresh in a *copper canister set*. Goods for Cooks, \$88-99.

100. The *flowering tea gift set* allows the tea lover to experience teas that bloom as they brew. Kit comes with blown glass teapot and eight flowering tea buds. Sahara Mart, \$32.99.

101. Give the gift of green—a *stainless steel compost pail*. Natural Elements, \$60.

102. Form and function meld in a colorful rainbow array of *ceramic mugs or espresso cups* and saucers by Kikkerland Design; sets come with stainless steel stands for space-saving storage or display. Inner Chef, \$25.

103. *Gem-like glass clocks* by California glass artist Stephen Myers would look great on anyone's desk or bookcase. Elements, \$69-89.

104. *Fun, creative photo frames* by local Sleeping Dog Studios are picture-perfect for anyone on your list. Lola Rue, \$14-36.

105. Woven vinyl ("plynyl") is the signature textile for *Chilewich placemats, floormats, and bags*. Relish, \$21-330.

106. Perfect for a desk or bookcase—a *scaled-down replica of Robert Indiana's famous LOVE sculpture*. à propos, \$75.

107. *Fused, blown-glass vases* are stunning accent pieces alone or in a grouping. Relish, \$40-50.

108. *Polish pottery* has timeless charm and is microwave, oven, and dishwasher safe. Goods for Cooks, \$4-100.

109. *Swedish-made Ekelund table linens* are woven of natural fibers and famous for their traditional and contemporary patterns. Goods for Cooks, \$14.50-260.

110. *Le Creuset enameled cast iron cookware* is coveted by novice and gourmet cooks alike. Goods for Cooks, \$175-290.

111. *Handcrafted journals, notebooks, and "brag books"* by Molly West feature rich fabrics and intricate stitching. Elements, \$34-42.

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