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holiday gift guide

You've made your list and checked it twice...here are some fantastic gift ideas for friends and loved ones who've been especially nice!



Ellington Handbags
Lucia In-Flight Tote \$79 and Lucia Weekender \$89 are fashionable travel companions. At ellingtonhandbags.com



Milena Distinctive Style Package includes a style assessment, wardrobe edit and personal shopping day. \$925 at Denver-based Milena Distinctive Image Consulting 303.585.0589 milenaconsulting.com



BE&D's Amelia Black Suede/Patent Leather shoe from its 2011 Cruise Shoes Collection \$450 at beandd.com



Cent Plis des Miao silk twill scarf \$375 at Hermes (Cherry Creek North 303.388.0700) hermes.com



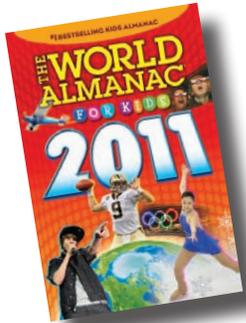
A favorite with celebs like Jessica Alba, Julia Roberts and Drew Barrymore, **Sir Alistair Rai** scarves are as fashionable as they are functional. Shown here is the Maha Mantra Peace scarf \$145 at siralistairrai.com



{FOR GOOD} little boys & girls



My American Girl® Doll \$95 along with Snow Flurry Outfit for Dolls \$34; Dog Sled \$26 and Pepper® Pet Set \$20 at American Girl (Park Meadows 877.247.5223) americangirl.com



The World Almanac for Kids 2011 (\$13.99) is perfect for the child with an insatiable curiosity. At Tattered Cover Book Store tatteredcover.com and Barnes & Noble barnesandnoble.com

Pairs in Pears® is a word construction game for ages six and up where players race to make pairs of connecting words in matching patterns. \$16.95 at Barnes & Noble, barnesandnoble.com, Target and most specialty toy and book stores. bananagrams.com



{TECH} types

Zikmu Parrot designed by Philippe Starck are wireless hi-fi speakers for your iPod or iPhone \$1,600 at Listen Up (Denver 303.778.0780) and (Boulder 303.444.0479) listenup.com or parrot.com



HTC EVO 4G mobile phone starting at \$199.99 at Sprint Stores. For location nearest you visit sprint.com

Apple iPad starting at \$499 at The Apple Store (Park Meadows 303.256.1501), (Aspen Grove 720.283.7930), (Flatiron Crossing 720.479.0465), (Cherry Creek 303.320.9191) and (Twenty Ninth Street 720.479.9451) apple.com



Apple's newly redesigned iPod Nano is smaller, lighter, colorful and sleek \$149 (8GB) and \$179 (16GB) at The Apple Store (Park Meadows 303.256.1501), (Aspen Grove 720.283.7930), (Flatiron Crossing 720.479.0465), (Cherry Creek 303.320.9191) and (Twenty Ninth Street 720.479.9451) apple.com

{FOODIES & gourmands}



Ed Hardy Faceplates for your iPhone \$24.99-\$28 at bestbuy.com or edhardyshop.com



Stranahan's Colorado Whiskey is a unique small batch whiskey cultivated in Colorado's first micro-distillery—a straight Rocky Mountain whiskey that embraces the true pioneering spirit of the West. \$54.99 (750 ml bottle). On sale throughout Colorado and at the distillery 303.296.7440 stranahans.com



Twig Cheese Knives \$29 for set of four at West Elm (Cherry Creek North) 303.320.1001 westelm.com



Artisan Fire Pizza Oven from Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet \$6,495 at Builders Appliance Center (Englewood 303.789.9945) 4bac.com



The Parrot Grande Specchio is a slick mirrored digital photo frame designed by Martin Szekely \$649.99 at parrot.com



Mushroom Dessert Plates \$29 for set of four at West Elm (Cherry Creek North) 303.320.1001 westelm.com



The **organic cookies** found at Littleton's Beautiful Sweets are insanely good! Gift set prices range from \$15-\$140 depending on number of cookies ordered. 866.386.4438 beautifulsweets.com

{BLING ring-a-ling}



Tiffany Bezet cushion-shaped yellow diamond pendant and ring with white pave diamonds in 18 karat gold and platinum. The Yellow Diamonds Collection starts at \$2,500 at Tiffany & Co. (Cherry Creek Shopping Center 303.322.4747) tiffany.com



Temple St. Clair 18K Vine Bracelet with royal blue moonstone \$13,500 at Hyde Park Jewelers (Cherry Creek Shopping Center 303.333.4446) hydeparkjewelers.com and templestclair.com



Tiffany's ARTDeco scroll earrings with yellow and white diamonds in platinum and 18 karat gold. Price available upon request at Tiffany & Co. (Cherry Creek Shopping Center 303.322.4747) tiffany.com



Gemvara's men's Vine Band can be customized with various metals—with sterling silver \$204, with 14K white gold \$659, with 18K white gold \$889 and with platinum \$1,775. At gemvara.com



John Atencio Symphony 18k White Gold Pave Diamond Ring \$3,850 at John Atencio (Park Meadows 303.799.0910), (Flatiron Crossing 720.887.6226), (Cherry Creek North 303.377.2007) and (Larimer Square 303.534.4277) johnatencio.com

This **antique silver pendant from India** is filled with faceted rubies and emeralds and hangs from 15 stands of tiny silver beads, also interspersed with tiny rubies. \$1,185 from Boulder-based **Dorje Designs** 303.494.0184 dorjedesigns.com



Gemvara's women's Peridot Ring can be customized with various metals (including sterling silver, yellow, white and rose gold or platinum)—prices range from \$840-\$2,284. At gemvara.com

Limited Edition Fortis Spaceleader timepiece \$4,975 at Right Time (Highlands Ranch 303.691.2521) righttime.com



From **Tacori's 18K925 Collection—Slender Sculpted Crescent Ring** with Rose Amethyst \$1,100 at Hyde Park Jewelers (Cherry Creek Shopping Center 303.333.4446) hydeparkjewelers.com



{OUTDOOR lovers}



REI Mars 80 Pack
\$199 and **REI Venus 70 Women's Pack**
\$199 at REI. For location nearest you visit rei.com

The multi-tasking **Suunto Vector HR Black watch** features a heart rate monitor, altimeter with vertical speed measurement, a barometer and a compass \$299 at backcountry.com and moosejaw.com; suunto.com



The men's **Granite Creek Pant** \$72.95 and the women's **Cargo Capri** \$54.95 are just two examples of the ultra stylish outdoor apparel from Mountain Khakis. Available at Vital Outdoors (Golden) 303.215.1644 vitaloutdoors.com; Outdoor Divas (Boulder 303.449.DIVA) and (Denver 303.320.3482) outdoordivas.com; and Trout's American Sportswear (Denver) 303.733.3983 trouts.net



From professional golfer **Craig Stadler's WalrusWear Apparel, WalrusWear Performance Jacquard** \$72.99 and one dozen **Official Walrus Logo Nike One Black Golf Balls** \$47.99



Salomon's Sideways 3L jacket for men \$400, and the women's **S-Line 3:1 Jacket** \$650 at Elevation Outfitters (Boulder) 303.225.0430, Sports Plus (Denver) 303.777.6613 sportsplusdenver.com and The Edgeworks (Denver) 303.831.7228

{GIFTS THAT give}

While the holiday season is a joyous time for many, there are also millions around the world (even in our own communities) who are struggling with issues like poverty, job loss, poor health and homelessness—many who are simply in need of basic life necessities. Want to truly make a difference in someone's life this holiday season? Consider giving a gift that gives back. The staff at *Denver Life* is passionate about helping others regardless of a person's race, religion, ethnicity or gender, so we've provided a few of our favorite suggestions below...



The **2010 World Vision Gift Catalog** offers more than 100 poverty-fighting, sustainable gifts that help improve quality of life for poverty-stricken children and families around the world. The items in the catalog range in cost from \$16 to \$39,000 including:

- A goat is the most popular gift item because its milk provides protein for children and surplus milk to sell (\$75).
- Brand new clothes and shoes for children and families here in the U.S. (\$25 provides \$150 worth of necessities)
- Emergency water saves children from cholera, typhoid and death caused by natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes. (\$50 will provide \$100 worth of water purification tablets.)

For more information about World Vision and to order gifts online visit worldvisiongifts.org. To order by phone or to request a print catalog, call 888.511.6511



Is re-gifting a total faux-paux? Not in the case of Denver-based **Storybags!** These beautiful gift bags are meant to be recycled and “re-gifted!” When you purchase a Storybag (or receive one from someone else), logon to storybags.com, create a user profile, register the bag and see where that bag has already been. Each of these Storybags is uniquely numbered so every owner can contribute to the “story” of the bag on its’ journey. A portion of proceeds from the sale of the bags supports local organizations such as Colorado AIDS Project, The Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center and Colorado Youth at Risk. The bags also help our planet—in the U.S. alone, the annual trash from gift wrap and paper gift bags totals more than 4 million tons.



BeadforLife is a non-profit organization (with a store location in Boulder) that creates sustainable opportunities for impoverished women in Uganda. The women work hard to roll beautiful bead jewelry out of recycled paper and then women worldwide sell these items while educating themselves and others about extreme poverty. The profits return to Uganda and fund health care, housing and business training initiatives. Shown here is the lovely Madaala necklace—this beautiful hand-beaded necklace is only \$25 but the difference it will make when purchased is priceless. beadforlife.org

Make a donation in honor of a loved-one this holiday season. There are numerous Denver-based non-profit organizations that could really use your help. Here are just a few for starters...

The Gathering Place exists to support women and their children who are experiencing homelessness or poverty by providing a safe daytime refuge and resources for self-sufficiency. the-gatheringplace.org

MaxFund is a true no-kill animal shelter that takes in animals with no known owner and provides nurturing, basic care, medical procedures and eventually a loving forever home. maxfund.org

The **Make-A-Wish Foundation of Colorado** grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. wishcolorado.org

Denver-based **The Other Side Arts (TOSA)** educates, inspires and empowers emerging artists and under-served populations through visual arts programming and artist development opportunities. theothersidearts.org

In 1953 when a group of mothers banded together after refusing to follow professional recommendations to institutionalize their children who were born with cerebral palsy, the first school for children with disabilities was formed in Colorado. Today with more than 60 years of service to the community, **United Cerebral Palsy Colorado** creates, supports and encourages opportunities for equal participation in life for individuals with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. cpcoco.org