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Celebrating The Spirit  
Of The Holidays





## Feeling Is Believing

Say You Love Me ... In Braille

Ever since my grandmother lost her ability to read due to macular degeneration — a disease that progressively damages the center of your retina and erases your ability to see fine details — I have dreamed of learning Braille, just in case I am genetically predisposed to the disease. Gemvara's new line of jewelry can help me with that dream, one beautiful word at a time.

The company is producing a line of jewelry featuring words in Braille, spelling out messages of love through gemstones. For instance, all you have to do is run your fingertips over the stones in the "Feel The Love Band" for a sensual reminder that someone does, indeed, care!

Custom orders are available, including your choice of metals and gemstones, and prices start at just under \$200. Visit [gemvara.com](http://gemvara.com) for information.

CUP OF HELLO

## Putting Your Pen To Good Use

Critics say we rely on electronic communication too much these days. Designer Re Jin Lee, founder of Bailey Doesn't Bark, has found the perfect solution to that with the PostCup. This handmade, white porcelain mug is Lee's personal take on the postcard, and the perfect way to remind loved ones, day after day, that they are adored — without making a trip to the post office. The simple yet elegant cup, available for \$52, includes a porcelain pen and instructions for customizing. Simply jot down a unique message, bake it in the oven, and gift it to those on your list who love originality and whimsy. Visit [baileydoesntbark.com](http://baileydoesntbark.com) for information.



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