

It's about Time! Designer watches to give (and receive)

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With Christmas just around the corner, most of us are wondering what to get that special someone. Watches are a great choice because they offer both function and style, and with the wide range of looks available today, you are sure to find just the right one. Of course, you may end up wanting to keep these great finds for yourself!

For women, bracelet-like watches are all the rage. Lightweight or bold, watches are getting feminine twists at every turn. Gold and silver are still classics, and now more than ever designers are choosing to use both gold and silver, together. Mixing the two metals is no longer taboo, but encouraged, and this trend is popping up in men's jewelry as well.

Another modern trend is the abundant use of the colors white and

grey, something we are seeing in watches for both men and women. And, bright colors and plastic bands aren't only for kids anymore. Coach and Ed Hardy, for example, have released eye-catching watches for active adults. Monotone watches — one solid color on both the band and the face — are popping up in collections by Fossil, Emporio Armani, and Kenneth Cole to name just a few.



Citizen Stiletto Watch ▲

Description: Monotone has never been more appealing than in this modern watch by Citizen. The black, ion-plated stainless steel gives off a sleek grey look, and the eco-drive battery will never have to be replaced.

Cost: Kay's, \$475

Brighton Joliet Bracelet Watch

Description: Tickled Pink in Carbondale's Murdale Shopping Center has recently added a plethora of new designers and brand names to their collection, including watches and jewelry by Brighton. The Joliet Bracelet Watch is especially desirable because it features bracelet-style band with geometric circles two trends that are increasingly popular and, when combined, absolutely gorgeous.

Cost: Tickled Pink Boutique and Gift, \$120

▲ **Emporio Armani Classic Brown Leather Watch**

Description: The rich brown color of this watch is noticeable from across the room. Even the stainless steel has the chocolaty hue, which is something you don't see very often. Emporio Armani is one designer you can rely on for lavish products that will last a lifetime.

Cost: Dillard's, \$345

Fossil Grant Watch ▲

Description: Stainless steel, a round face and Roman numerals make this watch quintessentially classic. This is the exemplary accessory for men who enjoy luxury but don't want the glitz.

Cost: The Buckle, \$125

Coach Boyfriend Watch

Description: Known around the world by fashion enthusiasts, Coach is effortlessly stylish. This particular watch offers both refinement and comfort, a perfect combination for the country club, running errands or hanging out with the family.

Cost: Macy's, \$158

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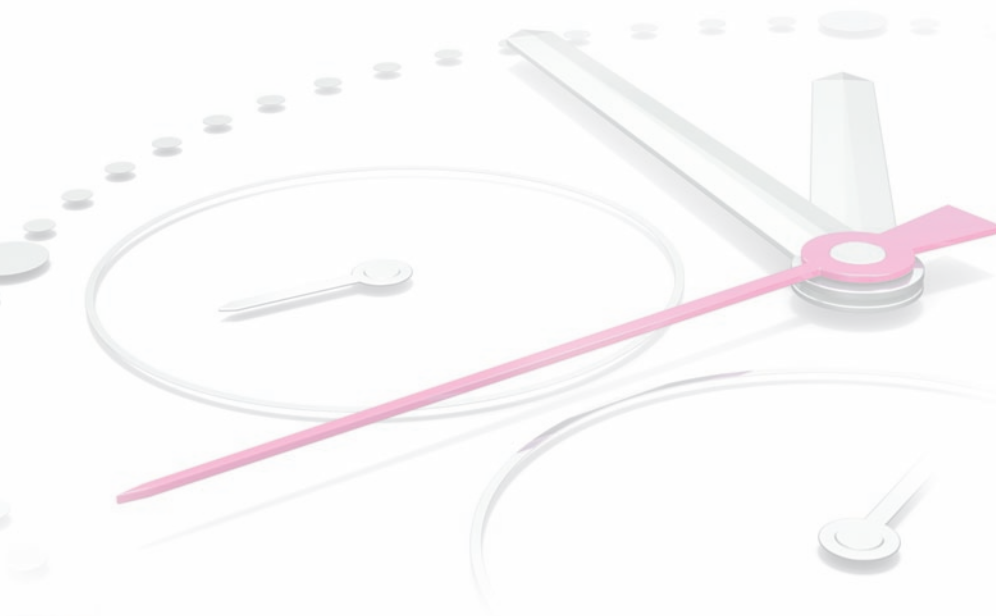
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▲ **Bulova
Women's
Dress Watch**

Description: More than 60 shining Swarovski crystals are used in this elegant watch from Bulova. Two-tone yet understated, this piece is perfect for the subtly glamorous woman.

Cost: JCPenney, \$210

▲ **Juicy Couture Women's Queen Watch**

Description: Embossed leather, rose-gold, stainless steel, Swarovski crystal this beautiful watch has all the right elements. Then again, one can never go wrong with Juicy Couture.

Cost: Macy's, \$395

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