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# Jewelry gifts

By **Melissa Erickson** | [More Content Now](#)

A personal gift that adds sparkle to any special occasion, jewelry is an investment, but that doesn't mean you have to break the bank. Here are a variety of cheerful pieces that range from industrial chic to simply classic.

**Tiffany & Co. Elsa Peretti Small Bone Cuff**

**\$475 — [Tiffany.com](#)**

This special edition Elsa Peretti Bone cuff design celebrates the icon's 50th anniversary and Peretti's love of color. Powerfully feminine with an effortless ease, the curvaceous design was introduced in the 1970s. Reimagined in a vibrant red hue over copper with an inscription on the inside, the cuff's sublime beauty and sensuous contours become one with the body.



Mateo New York Gold Pearl and Diamond Dot Necklace

**\$375 — [Mateonewyork.com](#)**

Mateo New York designs make simplicity the foundation of elegance. With its delicate gold chain yet powerful 8mm pearl, this gold pearl and diamond dot necklace is a timeless addition to any jewelry collection. It's handcrafted in New York City of 14k gold, diamonds and a cultured freshwater pearl and includes a 16-inch yellow gold chain.



Gorjana Snake Totem Necklace

**\$65 — [Gorjana.com](#)**

Gorjana's new collection of totem necklaces will allow her to tap into her own hidden power. A personal spirit animal will help her navigate through life with confidence and ease. Choose from snake (healing and guidance), butterfly (transformation), dolphin (harmony and joy), turtle (persistence and patience) or tiger (personal power and courage), all in 18k gold-plated brass on an adjustable 17- to 19-inch chain.

Kendra Scott Ryder Wrap Ring

**\$58 — [Kendrascott.com](#)**

Austin, Texas-based Kendra Scott is known for its commitment to custom details. Look closely at the Ryder wrap ring and you'll see its iconic hexagon shape in the chain. This statement ring with an industrial hardware edge is made of rhodium plated over brass and available in gold, silver and a darker vintage gold. Adjustable to fit the finger.



Wolf Circus Isla Hoops

**\$220 — [Wolfcircus.com](#)**

An eco-conscious jewelry brand and an attainable luxury, Wolf Circus is a women-owned and -run demi-fine jewelry company based in Vancouver, British Columbia. All of its pieces use either recycled sterling silver or recycled bronze that is coated in a high-grade 14k gold plating. The Isla hoops are 14k gold over bronze earrings adorned with 3mm lab-created sapphire stones with sterling silver posts.

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Family and friends may be close to our hearts, but they are not always nearby. Whether your loved ones are playing it safe and physically distancing or if they live far from you, here are some gift ideas to bring you back together.

Long Distance Friendship Lamp

**Starting at \$85 — Uncommongoods.com**  
Light up a loved one's life from across town or across the country with two or more of these in-sync lamps. When you turn one on with a touch, its mate emits the same ambient glow, no matter where it is, via a Wi-Fi signal. With every touch the lamp cycles through a rainbow of colors one at a time. You can also assign each loved one a specific color so that when they tap their lamp, yours lights up with their special hue.

Miles Apart, But Always in Our Heart Cutting Board

**\$45 — Hazelgrovecustoms.com**  
This personalized cutting board is perfect for those who have family in different states. This unique gift pinpoints your loved ones by city and state connected by hearts. Available in a variety of sizes in hardwood, maple and bamboo.

FirAndNeedle Grandma Pillow

**\$29 — Etsy.com/shop/FirAndNeedle**  
When she can't hug a grandchild, she can hug this customizable pillow that reads, "I hugged this little pillow, I squeezed it really tight. I filled it with all my wishes, hope and love and light. So when you're really missing me, just hold it really tight. You'll feel my love within it, morning, noon and night." Grandma, Nana or another term of affection can be added in addition to grandchildren's names. A digital image can also be printed on the back, and pillow is available in two sizes.

Family Tree Picture Frame

**\$42.99 — Wayfair.com**  
You loved ones will always be nearby when they're together in this family tree picture frame that is made of molded plastic with a black finish. Inside the tree-shaped outer frame sit six 4-by-6-inch openings for your favorite photos. Within the scrollwork of the frame the word "family" sits boldly underneath the photos, which are protected by UV glass. Includes mounting hardware.

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# HOT TOYS

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For many boys and girls the holidays are all about the anticipation of new toys. They're watching unboxing videos, searching through toy catalogs and websites, and making wish lists.

Here are some of the must-haves sure to be a big hit this year.

## Lego Adventures with Mario Starter Course

**\$59.99 — Lego.com**

With this interactive Lego set kids bring Super Mario to life, with the help of a free app and a Mario figure that lights up with more than 100 different instant reactions to movement in his LED-equipped eyes, mouth and belly. Players earn virtual coins by moving from the Start Pipe to the Goal Pole via spinning and cloud platforms, the ? Block and super battles with the Goomba and Bowser Jr. toy figures. Rearrange the bricks to create new levels to master. For ages 6 and up, this 231-piece starter set is great for solo or group play.



## American Girl Courtney Moore

**\$110 — Americangirl.com**

The '80s are back with American Girl Courtney Moore. She's got big hair, neon tights and extra quarters for video games. Growing up as an avid gamer in a blended family in the fictional town of Orange Valley, California, in 1986, Courtney's story reflects the pop culture of the decade from music television to major historical moments surrounding women in government and space exploration. She's also part of a partnership between Girls Who Code and American Girl. The company is matching customer donations up to a maximum of \$50,000 to support the organization's programming and outreach to girls.

## Osmo Coding Starter Kit

**\$99 — Playosmo.com**

Encourage your child to learn to solve problems in logical and creative ways with Osmo's Coding Starter Kit. Aimed at ages 5 to 10 and up, this learning toy transforms a tablet into a hands-on coding adventure. Kids learn basic coding techniques such as sequencing and looping in progression with three learning games. Connecting colorful blocks of code will keep kids engaged while they go on adventures, make music and learn. Works with iPads and Amazon Fire tablets.



## Star Wars The Child Animatronic

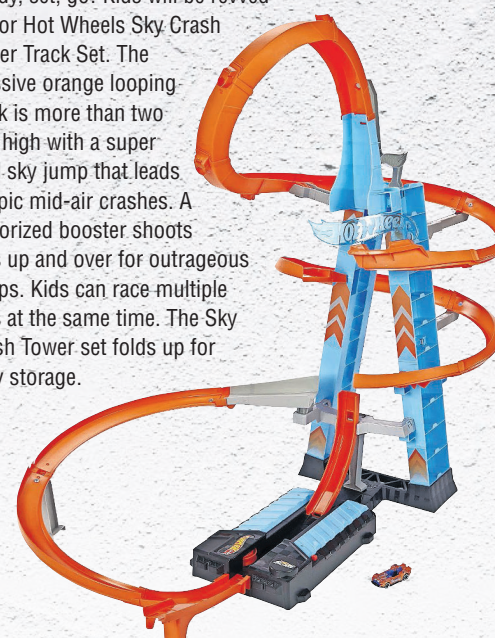
**\$59 — Amazon.com**

He's adorable, and now your little one can be his protector. The Child (also known as Baby Yoda) is an animatronic cutie that responds to your touch. Pat his head three times to awaken the Force, and The Child will raise its arm, close its eyes and sigh. He also wiggles, giggles, gets sleepy, naps and becomes excited with 25 sound and motion combinations. Styled after the fan favorite from Disney+'s series "The Mandalorian," it includes a removable horned skull pendant necklace. For ages 4 and up.

## Hot Wheels Sky Crash Tower Track Set

**\$44.99 — Target.com**

Ready, set, go! Kids will be revved up for Hot Wheels Sky Crash Tower Track Set. The massive orange looping track is more than two feet high with a super cool sky jump that leads to epic mid-air crashes. A motorized booster shoots cars up and over for outrageous jumps. Kids can race multiple cars at the same time. The Sky Crash Tower set folds up for easy storage.



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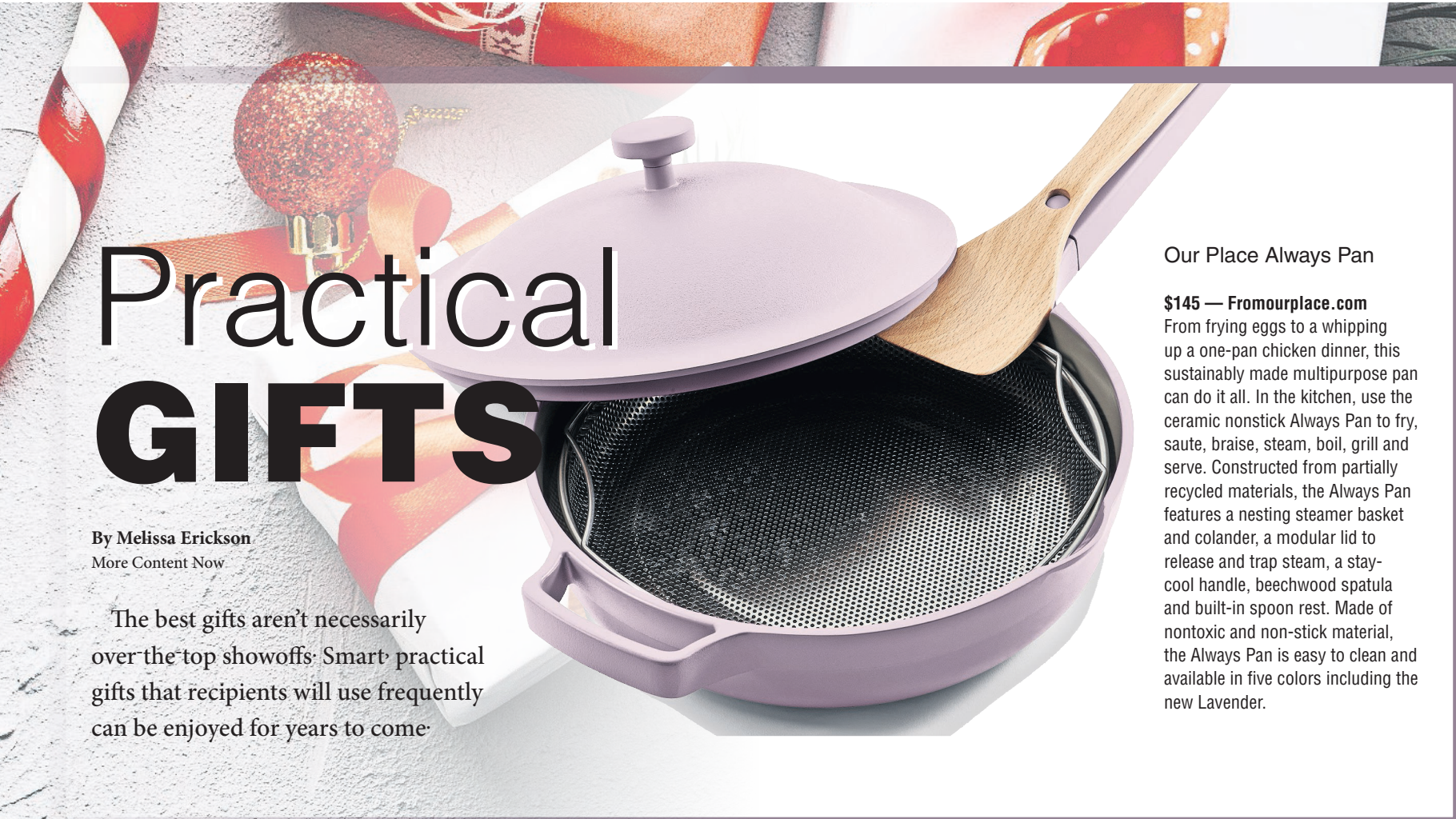
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# Practical GIFTS

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The best gifts aren’t necessarily over the top showoffs. Smart, practical gifts that recipients will use frequently can be enjoyed for years to come.

## Our Place Always Pan

**\$145 — [Fromourplace.com](https://www.fromourplace.com)**  
From frying eggs to a whipping up a one-pan chicken dinner, this sustainably made multipurpose pan can do it all. In the kitchen, use the ceramic nonstick Always Pan to fry, saute, braise, steam, boil, grill and serve. Constructed from partially recycled materials, the Always Pan features a nesting steamer basket and colander, a modular lid to release and trap steam, a stay-cool handle, beechwood spatula and built-in spoon rest. Made of nontoxic and non-stick material, the Always Pan is easy to clean and available in five colors including the new Lavender.



## Distil Wally Bifold

**Starting at \$65 — [Distilunion.com](https://www.distilunion.com)**  
Streamlined down to the essentials, Distil’s Wally billfold is a slim and secure wallet with a cool trick. A new design incorporates a self-retracting ribbon and color-coded pull-tabs. Tug on the tab for easy access to a driver’s license or credit card. When retracted, cards stay securely stowed within magnetic snap-shut pockets. The billfold features two interior slots for the most frequently-used cards and RFID blocking built into the card pockets. Compact enough to fit in a front pocket, the stainless steel money clip adjusts to fit varying amounts of cash.

## Gerber Dime Multitool

**\$23 — [Gerbergear.com](https://www.gerbegear.com)**  
Compact, lightweight, affordable and perfect for everyday use, the Gerber-Dime multitool is a great choice for the person who likes to be ready for anything. Comes with 12 tools in sturdy stainless steel construction including a wire cutter, needle nose pliers, knife blade, scissors, Phillips and flat head serewdrivers, and a unique blade to score and cut plastic packaging. The Dime is available in multiple colors and a bladeless version. At 2.75 inches long when folded it fits comfortably in a pocket or on a keychain.



## Sennheiser HD 450BT Noise Cancelling Headphones

**\$150 — [Shop.sennheiser.com](https://www.shop.sennheiser.com)**  
Working from home requires the proper tools, such as a pair of good noise-cancelling headphones. Sennheiser HD 450BT headphones offer Bluetooth audio and solid noise cancellation at a mid-range price. Available in black or white the over-ear headphones are generously cushioned with memory foam for a comfortable fit. Physical buttons and switches on the right ear cup control volume, music, voice assistant, call-answering and noise cancelling. The foldable headset comes with a storage case, aux cable (2.5mm and 3.5mm) and USB-C cable. When charged the battery life is 30 hours.



## AAA membership

**\$49 and up — [AAA.com](https://www.aaa.com)**  
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## SpaSilk Pillowcase

**\$19.99 — Amazon.com**

Diving into a nap or a good night's sleep is more enjoyable if a pillowcase not only feels good but is good for you. Made of 100% charmeuse silk and available in a variety of colors and sizes, SpaSilk pillowcases are silky smooth, naturally breathable and will help reduce hair tangles, frizz and breakage. With less friction than other fabrics, silk pillowcases help minimize facial lines and wrinkles. Machine-washable on a delicate setting.



## The Goods Mart Surprise Snack Box

**\$20-\$60 — Thegoodsmart.com**

A carefully curated selection of better-for-you snacks, a Surprise Snack Box can be customized to fit different dietary restrictions (gluten free, paleo, vegan) and supports a small, female-founded business.

## Verilux HappyLight Compact

**\$29.99 — Verilux.com**

Most people don't get outside enough, especially at this time of year, which can result in a type of depression called seasonal affective disorder. Light therapy can make someone's day better and brighter. Verilux's HappyLight Compact delivers up to 10,000 lux intensity of natural, UV-free, full spectrum light to enhance mood, energy, focus and sleep. The lightweight, compact design features a simple on/off button.



By Melissa Erickson | More Content Now

Goodbye, 2020! Hello to a new year filled with comfort and self-care. Give the gift of wellness with these presents for anyone on your list looking for relaxation, clarity, focus or a boost of energy.

## WTHN Acupressure Mat

**\$65 — Wthn.com**

Stress is at an all-time high during the holidays, so soothe the soreness out and sleep better with help from WTHN's acupressure mat. It's a great gift for anyone who wants to combat aches and pains, stress and anxiety, and improve their quality of sleep. The mat and pillow set are ergonomically designed and made with raised plastic acu-points instead of needles. Comes with a how-to guide that outlines different positions and steps for best results.



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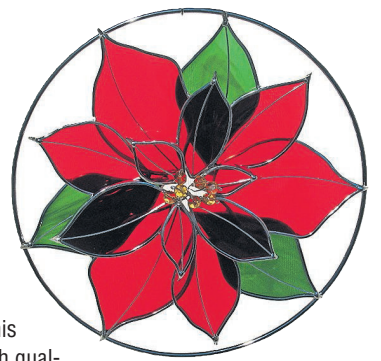
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Keeping kids active, engaged and out of trouble is child's play with entertaining activity and arts and crafts kits. Hands-on activities help little ones develop motor skills and a sense of achievement when they finish a project. These gift suggestions offer a great solution for when parents need kids to be occupied and when they want to share time together doing something creative.



## Stained Glass Poinsettia Kit

**\$29.95 — Studiooneartglass.com**  
Stained glass was one of the biggest craft trends of 2020, and this colorful kit is a great way to introduce a young person to this classic craft. This quick kit includes everything your little crafter will need with no cutting required. With red glass petals, green leaves and yellow beads in the center, this 8-by-8-inch poinsettia is made from high quality stained glass and nickel-plated metal for strength. Can be hung or displayed.



## Art 101 Doodle and Color

**\$29.99 — Amazon.com**  
Unleash their inner artist with the Amazon-exclusive Art 101 Doodle and Color 142-piece set that includes all the tools needed to expand the creativity of both beginner and advanced artists. The set includes 60 crayons, 24 oil pastels, 24 premium core colored pencils, 24 watercolor cakes, three mixing palettes, an eraser, sharpener, two sketch pencils, two paint brushes, a color chart and convenient wooden carrying case in trendy grey-wash wood or a rich cherry wood.



## Little Learning Hands World Explorers

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## Clixo Itsy Pack

**\$29.99 — myclixo.com**  
The sky's the limit on what kids can build with Clixo: caterpillars, butterflies, helicopters, planes and anything else a child can imagine. Clixo is a building toy with a modern twist, combining the magic of origami with the ease of classic block building. When playtime is done, Clixo pieces easily snap together, making cleanup a breeze. Plus they're dishwasher-friendly.



## Paint by Sticker Kids: Dinosaurs

**\$9.95 — Amazon.com**  
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