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# Small ways to say you care

By Melissa Erickson  
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Good things come in small packages, and these inexpensive gifts will surely be appreciated — maybe even more than the pricey ones.

## Let's Stay Home Soy Candle

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Hand-poured in St. Louis, Missouri, Burning Magnolia candles are made in small batches using premium 100% soy wax, all natural wicks and no artificial dyes or colorants. Choose from over 60 scents that will appeal to anyone on your gift list. Packaged in a 8-ounce jelly jar, the most popular scents are apple cinnamon, balsam fir and lavender vanilla.




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## Essie Swing of Things nail polish

**\$9 — Walmart.com**

This deep purple polish with red undertones will get her in the Swing of Things this holiday season. For the person who wants to add a little dazzle, nail polish is a thoughtful yet simple gift and perfect for someone who doesn't want to spend the time or money on a salon visit. Just be sure to shower them with compliments when you see them next!

## Blue Sky Barcelona 2021 Planner

**\$15 — Bluesky.com**

This smaller version of a popular Blue Sky favorite is an extremely portable 5 by 8 inches. The black and white floral cover features a clear front pocket, allowing users to change the look of the planner, plus an inside storage pocket. Both monthly and weekly views are presented on two-page layouts with lined blocks for scheduling and notes sections for reminders. Also included are reference calendars, yearly goals, contacts and notes pages, plus bonus months to get a head start on 2021.



## Pukka Chamomile, Vanilla and Manuka Honey Tea

**\$6.79 — Target.com**

A soothing cup of tea wrapped up in a pretty package sends well wishes this holiday season. Share Pukka's calming caffeine-free chamomile, vanilla and manuka honey tea with a good friend who enjoys a bit of bliss and stillness. Pukka teas are ethically sourced with 100% organically grown ingredients. Each plastic-free tea bag comes in a recyclable envelope that helps retain the essential oils in the organic herbs.

## Enfusia Cloth Mask Refresher Spray

**\$5.99 — Shop. enfusia.com**

In addition to routinely washing face masks, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, breathe some new life into them with Enfusia's Cloth Mask Refresher Spray. Spritz one or two times to refresh a stale mask with a blend of mint, rosemary and tea-tree lavender. It not only revives a mask, it clears sinuses. For use on cotton masks only.



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- Deep Tissue Massage
- Foot Massage
- Acne Facial
- Dermaplaning
- Spa Pedicure
- Shellac Manicure
- Fit Body Wrap Session
- Tarot Card Reading

Thank you Santa.  
Be safe and healthy this holiday season.

# From **Black-owned** businesses

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

It's never been easier to shop at Black-owned businesses. In addition to large e-market sites and apps including We Buy Black, Official Black Wall Street, Support Black Owned, Black Nation and Post <sup>21</sup>, Pinterest this year introduced new shop boards after noticing that searches for Black-owned businesses were way up. Consider shopping and supporting Black-owned businesses this holiday season.



## AlmaRose Lydia Tote

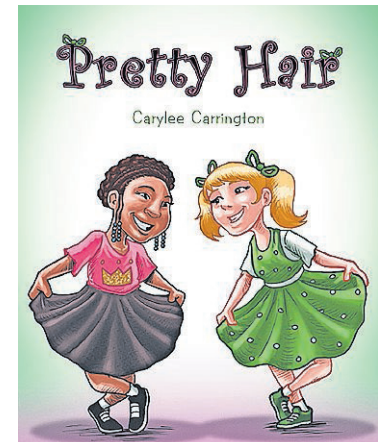
\$131.99 — [almarosebags.com](http://almarosebags.com)

Fashion meets function in the AlmaRose Lydia bag that is crafted with high-quality pebble leather for a stylish exterior, while a water- and stain-resistant interior can handle life's spills. The Lydia is a classic tote with a pop of color and enough pockets and features to accommodate a mom's needs, from kids to work to real life. Creator and designer Almashea Spotser began her Jacksonville, Florida, business as a mission to help women carry it all. The idea is that a mom can go from one aspect of her life to the next without interrupting her flow just to change a bag.

## 'Pretty Hair' by Carylee Carrington

\$13.95 — [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

Telling the story of a little girl named Sophia and her first day of school, "Pretty Hair" helps young girls understand that there are an amazing variety of styles and textures of hair, and no one type is the definition of pretty. Children learn to embrace their differences and the differences of others and see the beauty and value in each of us, no matter our outward appearance.



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**\$29.99** — [darlyngandco.com](http://darlyngandco.com)

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## Old Arthur's Pit Master's Gift Pack

**\$45** — [OldArthurs.com](http://OldArthurs.com)

Spice up barbecuing with a gift pack filled with Old Arthur's award-winning sauces and rubs. Crafted from family recipes that have been passed down for five generations, the Pit Master's Gift Pack contains two bottles of Old Arthur's Original Barbecue Sauce and one bottle of Hot & Spicy Sauce, plus six signature dry rubs. The Old Arthur family history began with Arthur Watts, who was born into slavery and crafted his seasonings while preparing the owner's family meals over an open pit. After emancipation, Watts put his cooking skills to work, earning a living catering social functions for churches and cities throughout central Illinois.



## Goodee Bassi Market Tote

**\$199** — [Goodeeworld.com](http://Goodeeworld.com)

Shoppers will find plenty of gift options at Black-owned home goods store Goodee, including the stylish everyday Bassi Market Tote in blue and rust stripe. Whether to store your laptop or fine foods from the farmers' market, this carryall features inside and outside pockets, a sustainable snap closure and a key holder. Ethically hand-crafted by refugees in Italy using handwoven fabric from Burkina Faso, this tote is a vessel for positive change.



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# Gifts for *teens*

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Teens can be difficult to shop for, especially when adults feel out of touch with youth culture. Think about the teen you're buying for. Consider their personality and interests.

If you still have trouble coming up with ideas, here are some "straight fire" — as the teens would say — suggestions.

## Isabelle Grace Alphabet Bead Bracelet

\$24 — [isabellegracejewelry.com](http://isabellegracejewelry.com)

Fashion should be fun, because life is too short for boring. These trendy alphabet bead bracelets are a playful way for teens to express themselves. Perfect for stacking a couple with your favorite sayings/names, or wear them mixed in with a current bracelet stack. Add in a heart symbol for extra emphasis. Max of 10 letter/heart characters. Gold bracelets come with white beads, and silver bracelets come with black beads. Heart bead available in eight colors.



## Story Spark Ascend T-Shirt

\$27 — [Storyspark.com](http://Storyspark.com)

T-shirts are a great gift that won't sit on a shelf collecting dust. The techie teen will appreciate Story Spark's gadget-inspired tees like the Ascend T-shirt that features a fleet of circuit board-inspired paper airplanes. Available in XS-3XL.

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## Winky Lux's Snowflake Lip Oil Ornament

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## Crate Joy Finders Seekers

**\$25/month — Cratejoy.com**

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## Zaphyr Phone Case with Detachable Strap

**\$39 — Zaphyr-cases.com**

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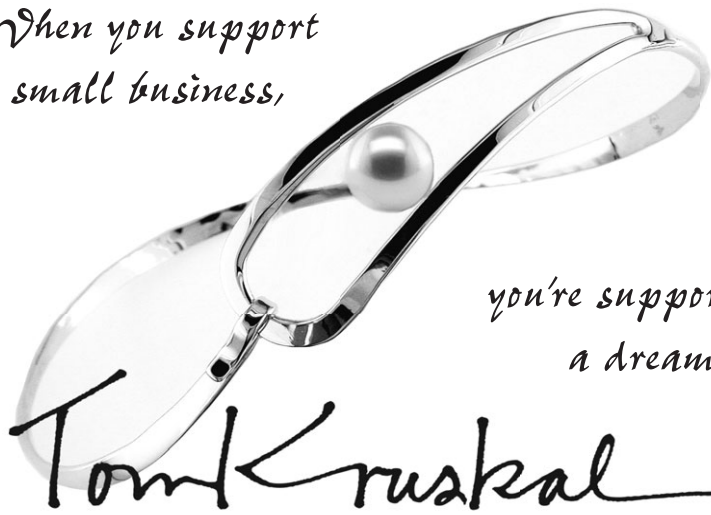
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