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A sleek watch keeps them on time but also serves as an elegant finishing touch to any look.

LONGINES WATCH, \$3,950, LONGINES.COM



An oversized wraparound scarf is the coziest companion for chilly winter outings

ACNE STUDIOS SCARF, \$370, SIMONS.CA

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The energy boost of a speaker playing feel-good tunes is unmatched—it helps that this sleek 360° sound system is aesthetically pleasing, too.

BANG & OLUFSEN SPEAKER, \$4,800, SSENSE.COM



When the weather turns gloomy, nothing lifts the spirits like a fabulous coat. This cashmere robe style might just be the perfect specimen.

MAX MARA COAT, \$8,190, MAXMARA.COM

Festive cheer is in the air, so we've curated the perfect guide to make gifting a breeze. Let us help you find thoughtful and joyful presents for everyone on your list

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Any living room becomes a luxurious oasis when this beautiful cashmere blanket is draped over the arm of a couch.

HERMÈS BLANKET, \$11,400, HERMES.COM



Winter may be upon us but the sun is still shining. Keep glare at bay with a pair of glorious statement shades.

DIOR SUNGLASSES, \$590, DIOR.COM

HardWear by Tiffany

A design from 1962 inspired by New York, a city in flux.

A gift that symbolizes love's transformative strength.



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LITTLE SOMETHING

With the holidays on the horizon, we're here to take the guesswork out of gifting with joy-giving ideas they'll love



This sculptural 3-D-printed vase can shine on its own or hold a fresh bouquet of favourite blooms. The olive hue adds a sophisticated pop of colour to any minimalist room.

SHEYN VASE, \$90, sSense.ca



Editors rave about Merit's lightweight, buildable lipstick formula. This set of three new party-ready shades (all in different finishes) is perfect for those who love options.

MERIT BEAUTY THE DRESS CODE SET, \$78, meritbeauty.com



Made with 100-per-cent recycled wool, this coat is luxuriously soft inside and out—they'll be reaching for it all season long.

ARITZIA COAT, \$375, aritzia.com



With its sophisticated V-cut detail, this suede shoulder bag fits comfortably under the arm and offers easy access to essentials, from lip gloss to an iPad.

STAUD BAG, \$600, simons.ca



A daily dose of positivity in chic phone-case form, this is a gentle reminder to embrace the good vibes with every call, text and scroll.

MORE JOY PHONE CASE, \$39, sSense.com



Take Chanel's most iconic fragrance with you anywhere, slipped in a clutch or worn on the wrist via a dainty chain adorned with Gabrielle Chanel's lucky number 5.

CHANEL NO. 5 EAU DE PARFUM PURSE SPRAY, \$264, chanel.com



For the woman who refuses to choose between comfort and style during the winter season: a pair of waterproof leather Chelsea boots with treaded soles.

SOREL SHOES, \$200, sorelfootwear.ca



This freshwater pearl necklace is a unique update on a classic—the sculptural toggle can be worn at the front as a pendant or at the back, so the pearls are the focus.

CADETTE NECKLACE, \$295, cadettejewelry.com



For the candle connoisseur, Diptyque's pine-scented version is a showstopper. The elegant vessel becomes a chic holder for makeup brushes or pens after the flame has burned out.

DIPTYQUE CANDLE, \$588, holtrenfrew.com



With its effortless oversized fit, curved sleeves and striking merlot stripes, Canadian brand T.Line's Isabel shirt is destined to become a wardrobe favourite.

T.LINE SHIRT, \$295, shoptline.com



Party season prep is a breeze with this mascara from an Indigenous-founded brand that delivers bold lashes with its lightweight and clean formula.

CHEEKBONE BEAUTY UPRISE MASCARA, \$34, cheekbonebeauty.com



Cold weather and chapped skin unfortunately go hand-in-hand. Made with niacinamide to support the moisture barrier, this cream will keep your hands smooth.

RARE BEAUTY FIND COMFORT NIACINAMIDE HYDRATING HAND CREAM, \$25, sephora.ca

For the guys Fun, useful items they need, even if they don't know it yet



A playful twist on the ugly Christmas sweater, this Santa Claus jacquard tie will add a touch of festive flair to his holiday party looks this season.

SIMONS TIE, \$59, simons.ca



Elevate his self-care routine with this body wash, deodorant and fragrance set in sandalwood and vetiver scents. We won't judge if you steal it for yourself.

SALT AND STONE BEST SELLERS SET, \$126, saltandstone.com



This lightweight bomber is ideal for layering. It easily packs into its interior pocket, making it the perfect travel companion for any adventure.

CANADA GOOSE JACKET, \$975, canadagoose.com



Add a splash of whimsy to his accessories with this sea creature-adorned nappa calfskin cardholder from Loewe's collab with a Kyoto-based ceramics studio.

LOEWE X SUNA FUJITA WALLET, \$770, loewe.com



These headphones combine crystal sound quality with 55 hours of playtime. You can customize their look with interchangeable ear cushions and outer caps.

DYSON HEADPHONES, \$700, dysoncanada.ca

From stylish accessories to self-care treats, put a little luxury under the tree



Bring artful elegance to their mornings with this one-of-a-kind natural marble espresso mug and saucer set from Toronto interior designer Montana Labelle.

MONTANA LABELLE ESPRESSO SET, \$185.
MONTANALABELLE.COM



Known for her exceptional silversmithing, designer Steff Eleoff has created a modern twist on the classic hoop—wearable art for everyday and special occasions alike.

STEFF ELEOFF EARRINGS, \$215. ABSOLUTELYFABRICS.COM



Upgrade their smart watch with the latest Apple Watch 10 (Hermès version), which features stainless-steel links and "H" motif. Plus, it comes with a sports band for workouts.

APPLE WATCH HERMÈS, \$1,699. APPLE.COM



These cashmere gloves with a wide ribbed cuff are soft, cozy and just \$50. Available in a variety of colours, they make an ideal stocking stuffer for the whole family.

UNIQLO GLOVES, \$50. UNIQLO.CA



The search for the perfect handbag stops here. With its crescent shape and on-trend dark cherry finish, the Jackie 1961 shoulder bag can take you from work to a soirée.

GUCCI BAG, \$4,970. GUCCI.COM



Crafted from "kokom" scarves (the Algonquin word for "grandmother"), this scrunchie adds a pretty touch to a ponytail or bun while supporting Indigenous craftsmanship.

AAINI SCRUNCHIE, \$11. AAINI.COM



Vitruvi's beloved Stone Diffuser and seasonal essential oils—Sugar & Spice, Forest Frost, Après and Spruce—will create a warm, inviting atmosphere in any home.

VITRUVI DIFFUSER HOLIDAY BUNDLE, \$197. VITRUVI.CA



Turn games night into a celebration with this colourful domino set that adds a playful twist to the classic game. Great for those who love to be the life of the party.

DESIGNWORKS INK DOMINO SET, \$55. GOODNBR.COM



Yes, bows are still very much a thing. This sleek black satin ribbon bow with crystal embellishments is the dreamy high-fashion hair accessory they didn't know they needed.

SIMONE ROCHA HAIR CLIP, \$570. SSENSE.CA



Nothing is more timeless than a pavé diamond band. With its curved design, this 14k-gold sparkler makes a statement on its own, but also pairs beautifully with any ring stack.

MEJURI RING, \$798. MEJURI.COM



Bring main character energy to a holiday event with this gorgeous high-neck dress from Silk Laundry's latest collection. Hey, DJ, cue "The Lady in Red."

SILK LAUNDRY DRESS, \$420. SILKLAUNDRY.COM



Silver sling-back heels with seasonally-appropriate red soles will take any holiday look to shimmery new heights. What could be more dance-floor-ready?

CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN SHOES, \$1,445. CHRISTIANLOUBOUTIN.COM

WHAT TO GIVE THE BEAUTY ENTHUSIAST ON YOUR LIST

These luxe beauty gifts will show them just how much you care

Looking for something to delight the beauty lovers on your list this year? We've got you covered. Whether they've got a passion for fragrance, makeup, skincare, nailcare or all of the above, beauty products from Burberry, Gucci, Chloe, philosophy, Marc Jacobs, Hugo Boss, Kylie Cosmetics, Rimmel, Sally Hansen, adidas and COVERGIRL have got exactly what they're hoping to unwrap. From the go-to must-haves we all know and love, to fun discovery sets filled with new items, there's something to wow everyone on your list this year. To get you started, here are some of the top beauty gifts to give this year.



THE ELEVATED VANILLA FRAGRANCE

Burberry Goddess Eau de Parfum Intense amplifies its namesake's signature trio of vanillas with a fourth—vanilla wood—intensifying the scent with a vibrant woody aroma. Housed in a luxurious bottle filled with a light ambery fragrance, it was inspired by the warmth of a sunset.

BURBERRY GODDESS EDP INTENSE, \$216. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE VIBE SETTER

This brand-new collection of six eau de parfums has been meticulously crafted to elevate mood and emotional well-being, scientifically proven to elicit positive emotions. Designed for everyone, the range offers scents that celebrate individual expression and adapt to whatever you're feeling—or want to feel. From energizing to comforting, each fragrance is crafted to uplift your mood and enhance your experience.

ADIDAS VIBES EDP, \$34.99. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE SHADOW ILLUMINATOR

Rimmel's new Wonder'Last Shadow Sticks impart an instant blast of high-colour impact. The effortless, silky-glide shadow stick is clean, vegan, and certified cruelty-free, making it as kind as it is bold. Comfortable to wear, it lasts all day and offers buildable colour in eight flattering shades.

RIMMEL WONDER'LAST SHADOW STICKS, \$10.99. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE ULTIMATE IN BODY CARE

Adapting the Miracle in a Jar concept for the body, this certified cruelty-free, multi-level retinol serum is clinically proven to deliver transformative results. It doubles skin's moisture, reduces crepiness, and enhances radiance, promoting a youthful glow and visible volume. Powered by retinol, it supports skin renewal, smooths texture, and improves elasticity—because winter bods deserve extra TLC.

PHILOSOPHY ULTIMATE MIRACLE WORKER BODY SERUM, \$62. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE FREE-SPIRITED FRAGRANCE

Marc Jacobs' iconic Daisy takes on the great outdoors with Marc Jacobs Daisy Wild, a bold and feminine fragrance that captures the irresistible essence of nature. Jasmine, vetiver and notes of banana blossom sparking a sense of discovery reminiscent of a wildflower bouquet, now available in a refillable bottle.

MARC JACOBS DAISY WILD EDP, \$174. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE MIRACLE MANICURE

An homage to this season's trending red shade, the new Sally Hansen Once Upon A Holiday Duo Pack featuring Miracle Gel™ brings a festive look to hands in an instant. With just two simple steps, it offers a longwear, gel-like mani from the comfort of home—and no UV or LED light required.

SALLY HANSEN MIRACLE GEL HOLIDAY DUO PACK, \$20.99. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE POUT PLUMPER

For a fuller and more precise lip, this plumping lip liner is an evolution of the Kylie Cosmetics best-selling lip liner. Crafted with an ultra-creamy formula that's clean, vegan, and cruelty-free, it glides on effortlessly, delivering a smudge-proof contour that lasts without feathering or fading.

KYLIE COSMETICS PLUMPING LIP LINER, \$24. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE HOT DESIGNER FRAGRANCE

Chloé girls are having a moment. Channel the French fashion label's legendary boho chic with this addictive floral woody that reinterprets rose—the Maison's signature flower—in its most powerful ever incarnation, combining it with unexpected raspberry, cashmere and cedar for a voluptuous escape.

CHLOÉ EDP INTENSE, \$199. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE LASH LIFTER

In more newness from Rimmel, Wonder'Bond Bonding Serum Mascara has arrived to instantly revitalize lashes in one swipe. As the first bonding mascara on the market and powered by a Biotin Bonding Complex inspired by hair repair serums, it delivers longer, smoother and healthier-looking lashes with up to 350 per cent more volume.

RIMMEL WONDER'BOND BONDING MASCARA, \$9.99. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE ULTIMATE LIPSTICK

Give the gift of lightweight, notice-me colour without the drying effect. COVERGIRL's moisture-rich, vivid lip colour glides on smoothly and evenly, delivering vibrant, creamy colour while comfortably cushioning lips with a moisture complex of squalane, avocado, and aloe butter for smooth, supple lips. Free from carmine, this clean, vegan, and certified cruelty-free formula is the perfect choice for conscious beauty lovers.

COVERGIRL CLEAN LIP COLOR, \$13.99. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE ICON OF THE HOUR

Modern and memorable, this distinctive fragrance is testament to the power of BOSS, a strong decision maker who adds his golden touch wherever he goes. As the newest scent in the Boss Bottled family, it opens with a leather accord and a slightly roasted accent before leading on to a woody signature of myrrh, cedarwood and patchouli, fruity divanya leaves a rich and lasting finish.

HUGO BOSS BOSS BOTTLED ABSOLU, \$165. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE LIMITED-EDITION NAIL ART SET

Easy to apply, easy to remove and party-ready in minutes. Festive nail art has never been more gorgeous than with Sally Hansen's Salon Effects® Perfect Manicure Press-On. "You Sleigh Me" is the perfect sparkly-red and on-trend coffin shape, and its all-in-one set includes nail glue and adhesive tabs for easy application.

SALLY HANSEN HOLIDAY PRESS-ONS, \$11.99. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA

Heavenly hostess gifts Raise a glass to the holiday MVP with these stylish and practical ideas



This isn't any old holiday cookie tin. It's filled with 16 of Toronto chocolatier Chocolat de Kat's beloved holiday bonbons, including Santa's Cookies and Chai Spice noodle flavours.

CHOCOLAT DE KAT COOKIE TIN, \$65. CHOCOLATDEKAT.COM



Help them set the mood with this incense set featuring a wood-based Hinoki scent paired with warm cinnamon spice. It creates a cozy, earthy vibe that suits the chilly season.

AESOP MURASAKI AROMATIQUE INCENSE, \$53. AESOP.COM



Don't underestimate the power of stylish coasters. Made from wool and recycled cashmere, these will ward off ring marks while adding whimsy to a tablescape.

REFORMATION X SHRIMPS COASTERS, \$148. THEREFORMATION.COM



This tea blend evokes fresh cinnamon rolls without the sticky mess or sugar crash. Infused with organic cinnamon, rooibos, tulsii and chicory root, it's perfect for herbal tea lovers.

LAKE AND OAK TEA, \$18. SHOPLAKEANDOAK.COM



Made from hand-carved and polished green onyx marble, this stunning multi-purpose vessel can be used as a vase or to store utensils and is big enough to chill a bottle of wine.

SHOPPE CLOVER VASE, \$225. SHOPPECLOVER.CA



THE MINTY PLUMPER

For fuller-looking lips with a burst of minty-fresh flavour, COVERGIRL's Clean Fresh Yummy Gloss Plumper are infused with a natural plumping complex with a cool, minty sensation. Available in 12 buildable cream, iridescent-shimmer and sparkle shades, including three holiday-ready options, this gorgeous gloss gives the gift of plumped lips and a glassy shine without the sticky feel.

COVERGIRL CLEAN FRESH YUMMY GLOSS PLUMPER IN MERRY KISSMASS \$12.99. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



THE DESIGNER BOUQUET

For a whiff of three irresistible floral fragrances, this set contains petite bottles of Gucci's Flora Gorgeous collection. Flora Gorgeous Gardenia is a rich white-floral that combines an irresistible gardenia note with solar Jasmine grandiflora absolute, Flora Gorgeous Magnolia blends essences of magnolia and patchouli with a playful dewberry accord and Flora Gorgeous Orchid infuses warm vanilla with a refreshing ozonic accord.

GUCCI FLORA TRIO SET, \$110. SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA

THE KIT X OGX

GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTHY HAIR IN JUST ONE WASH

Discover the Newness from OGX®



COCONUT MILK: DEEPLY HYDRATES FOR SMOOTH, SOFT HAIR, ENHANCED WITH A CREAMY COCONUT SCENT.



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Hair is one of our most personal forms of self-expression, and keeping it healthy is key to showcasing your authentic self. OGX® makes it easier than ever with its newly refreshed collection of shampoos and conditioners. These updated formulas address a variety of hair care needs, making them the perfect holiday gift—or a treat-yourself moment for winter hair care.

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Give the gift of healthier hair—because every wash should feel like self-care.

*vs. non-conditioning shampoo

**JCI calculation based on Scantrack, 2023

***vs. non-conditioning shampoo, with continuous use



This adorable Thom Browne leather bag charm is for the fashionable dog lovers out there. It doubles as a coin purse you won't need to dig into your overstuffed bag to get to.
THOM BROWNE COIN PURSE, \$1,424, THOMBROWNE.COM



For the keen entertainers, this recipe book includes 20 expertly crafted cocktails inspired by book publisher Assouline's elegant Swans Bar in London. Just the thing for toasting friends and family in style.
ASSOULINE SWANS BAR BOOK, \$150, ASSOULINE.COM



Canada's wind chill is no joke, but this functional and stylish knit balaclava will keep their head and neck warm in one go. They'll appreciate the snug fit to keep the cold out.
COS BALACLAVA, \$150, COS.COM



This set from Toronto's 1999 will elevate their beauty game. With a cream blush stick, highlighter, pencil and mascara, it's perfect for everyday, evening and everything in between.
19/99 BEAUTY FLUSH AND GLOW KIT, \$51, 1999BEAUTY.COM



Made with ghee, soothing arnica and turmeric extracts, this Muscle Recovery Balm is a great stocking stuffer for the workout buff. Keep it on the bedside table or in the gym bag for mindful massages that tend sore muscles.
GHLEE MUSCLE RECOVERY BALM, \$44, GHLEE.COM



This '90s-coded star choker from Vancouver-based jewellery designer Kara Yoo is a playful statement piece for the holiday season and beyond.
KARA YOO NECKLACE, \$280, KARAYOO.COM



Add a pop of unexpected colour to their monochromatic winter wardrobe with this checkered scarf in earthy and pastel tones. Made from a cozy wool blend, it's the ultimate cold-weather companion.
ROOTS SCARF, \$68, ROOTS.COM



For occasions that call for a touch of sparkle, this limited-edition palette features five eyeshadows—gold, glittery peach, pink and matte burgundy—in a luxurious gold case.
DIOR DIORSHOW 5 COULEURS IN GOLDEN MASQUERADE, \$92, DIOR.COM



A black heel is forever. But with a patent finish and retro-inspired perforated details, these charming Mary Janes will bring equal amounts of cool and glam to any outfit.
PRADA SHOES, \$1,590, PRADA.COM



Help them unwind on the go with this tension-reducing remedy. The convenient roll-on is ideal for travel or stashing in a purse, and calming sage, chamomile and lavender take the edge off anytime, anywhere.
SAJE STRESS RELEASE ROLL-ON, \$33, SAJE.CA

THE KIT TEAM WENT TO THE CAFAS

The Canadian Arts and Fashion Awards are a celebration of local talent we look forward to every year—especially getting all dressed up to rep amazing Canadian designers



The CAFAs are the biggest night for Canadian fashion, where designers, brands, hair and makeup artists, photographers, models and content creators are recognized and honoured. At this year's gala, host Brooke Lynn Hytes kept the show moving swiftly and hilariously, and super-model Linda Evangelista accepted the Vanguard Award with a moving speech about growing up in St. Catharines, Ont., as her mother and son looked on. This year's big winners were Beaufille and Spencer Badu, taking home the womenswear and menswear designer of the year awards, respectively.

Dressing for the CAFA gala is a special pleasure because it's not about just looking fancy but about showing love to local talent. The Kit team worked with designers from across Canada to source show-stopping outfits that really showcase how much talent there is in this country. Here's what we wore.

Photography: Jenna Marie Wakani. Hair and makeup: Simone Otis, Emma Rafizadeh, Paola Manigat, Jiefan Alan, Kelly Davidson/Cadre Artists.



Evie Begy, general manager Wearing: David Dixon dress, Biko earrings, bracelets and rings, Call it Spring shoes



Laura deCarufel, editor-in-chief Wearing: Golshaah top and skirt, Mademoiselle Jules necklace, Jenny Bird bracelets, Biko rings, Aldo shoes.



Rani Sheen, features director Wearing: A Bronze Age top and pants, Lo'Bat earrings and ring, Pierre Hardy shoes.



Loren Amaral, project manager & marketing specialist Wearing: Sagradesa dress, Mademoiselle Jules earrings, Jenny Bird ring. **Millicent Hofung, collab specialist** Wearing: House of Gallagher dress, Jenny Bird earrings and bracelet, Aldo shoes. **Ainslee Lockhart, collab art designer** Wearing: Sid Neigum dress, Jenny Bird earrings, ring and pendant necklace.



Renée Tse, shopping & social media editor Wearing: Ourma dress, Kara Yoo earrings, Ai bag, Aldo shoes.



Briannah Daniel, art director Wearing: House of Gallagher dress, Biko necklace and earrings, Mademoiselle Jules ring.



Elena Vitovskaia, creative director Wearing: Smythe the top and skirt. @NoahNoahNoah vintage earrings and ring, Biko rings, Aldo shoes.



Eden Boileau, production director Wearing: House of Gallagher dress, Jenny Bird bracelet and earrings.

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