

SITES to see

Click here for last-minute gifts

We asked ShopSmart readers for their favorite gift sites, and they turned us on to some great sources for unique holiday presents. Of course, we checked them out and each one meets our requirements for privacy, contact-info disclosure, and customer service, so you can shop securely. Just remember that personalized items usually cannot be returned.

Other sites we like Etsy for handmade items that won't look like you made them, and Ten Thousand Villages and Original Good for artisan creations from around the world.

TIP If you're planning to shop at the sites of popular retailers like Apple or 1-800-Flowers, go through GoodShop.com and you'll give twice: Up to 20 percent of your total purchase can go to charity—and the site lists money-saving coupon codes.

BeerOnTheWall.com

Give the beer lover in your life a gift he'll actually use. We like the \$32.95 Global Brew 12-Pack Imported Beer Sampler. (Note: It doesn't ship to Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, or Virginia.) And



the custom label creation tool is pretty cool. Bummer: No refunds unless they screw up your order, but who's going to return beer?

Order by Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. PST.

Shipping Baskets start around \$10.

Gift-wrapping No.

CandyDirect.com

This site has it all—from saltwater taffy to Air Heads and Alien Ice Cream. There's even sugar-free candy. Assemble your own assortment or choose a gift box. We love the vintage candy, arranged by decade; the '70s Candy Box, \$32.50, includes Sky Bars and Jujubes. The site says it won't accept returns if chocolate melts en route, so if your sister lives in the blazing heart of Texas, go for the \$6 insulated box.

Order by Dec. 15.

Shipping \$9.95 ground flat rate; free for orders of \$75 or more.

Gift-wrapping \$5 per item.

FragranceNet.com

Find your loved ones' favorite scent at a huge discount. We found Sarah Jessica Parker's Lovely eau de parfum for \$27.19, almost 48 percent off regular retail. The "Hard to Find" section rocks; if your mother-in-law's signature scent is difficult to track down or it's even discontinued, you may be able to replenish her stash here.

Order by Dec. 22.

Shipping \$5.95 for standard ground; free for orders \$70 or more.

Gift-wrapping Starts at \$3.99.

Imagekind.com

It has a great selection of art to buy, or you can use the site to create your own gifts. Transfer your family photos to canvas, cards, or frames. You can shop by color, genre, décor, and more. We found a 30x20-inch Warhol poster for \$129. And if your folks don't appreciate your taste, they have 30 days from purchase to get a refund.

Order by Dec. 22 at noon PST, though some orders require more lead time.

Shipping Starts at \$7.99.

Gift-wrapping No.

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FOR THE CHEF Penzeys.com's themed spice gift sets are a hit with epicureans.

FOR THE BOOKWORM BOMC2.com (as in Book of the Month Club) subscription recipients get a new book at regular intervals.

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