

Christmas Shopping on CPT

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Detroit Now + Then



I don't know what it is about waiting until the last minute, but pressure creates diamonds, and Christmas is no different. As a kid, I remember my cousin finding our gifts in my dad's boat, which was in our garage in the middle of winter—to this day, nobody knows why he was outside. However, as I think back on it, I'm curious if that's the reason my parents then waited to shop just days before Christmas to get our gifts.

Now, as a parent, I'm a little better. I did the whole "put the gifts under the tree early," but at the time I had a baby—baby, now as a full toddler with all that toddler energy, he's waiting until Christmas to see what Mama-Santa got him. But for me, this means I have yet to shop, and I'm about to be out and about with everybody and their mama at the store, on CPT [IYKYK], doing ALL their late ass shopping.

So we decided to help make this easier for you, to avoid the long lines and large groups of people, and that random hot, anxious feeling you get when shopping. Instead, shop calmly with intention, get things that create memories but also serve your community in more ways than just a dollar amount, because your gift then helps legacies continue to grow.

Keep a Black business in business this Christmas. Check out just some of our favorite spots to shop for everyone on your list, at the last minute.

GODNII

Words from **Ali Evans**, owner and crafter of **GODNII**, handmade eyewear in Detroit.

My favorite item from my shop that I hope gets gifted is the GODNII Custom Eyewear Experience. Gifting someone a custom consultation is unexpected and a rare experience.

Shopping with GODNII this season is more than receiving a product; but shopping with a brand that is on a mission to reconnect people to God's unconditional love.

One of my favorite gifts I've ever received is a coffee mug, a cupcake, and flowers from a special person. It was the timing, the unexpectedness, and how much the person means to me.

One of my favorite holiday traditions is giving to people who cannot give anything but love back in return.



Somewhere in Detroit

Record Shop

We heard from **Cornelius Harris**, Manager of Underground Resistance + one of the head guys at Exhibit 3000 and Somewhere in Detroit Record Shop located at Submerge.

I'm excited about the Underground Resistance hoodies at the Somewhere in Detroit shop. We've had them out of stock for YEARS, and people have been asking for them, so I'm happy to see these back!

We're a Black-owned independent shop that's been serving EVERYONE who loves music (and even some who don't) for over 30 years now. Here's to 30 more!

My favorite gift was more the experience of learning about the incredible depth of Detroit's creative culture. Music, specifically being at Submerge (the distribution company behind Somewhere in Detroit) opened my eyes. I thought, I knew before, but it was just the surface!

The only tradition I really care about is just being able to see family and loved ones. All too often, the only other time is at a funeral, so I've come to really appreciate just being able to be around family.



LUFF

Erica Hobson, founder and designer of LUFF gave us some insight on holiday gifting and her favorite part of celebrating!



LUFF's knit pants are my favorite gifting piece right now. They are a perfect one-of-a-kind gift for the season.

I believe it's important to shop with small businesses during the holidays because you have a better chance of gifting something unique. My knit pants are a piece that most people say they've never seen before, and are impressed with the quality. I aim to make quality pieces that are long-lasting and make a statement in your wardrobe.



On Christmas 8 years ago, my dad gifted me a sewing machine. I taught myself how to sew and started LUFF 5 months later.

My favorite Christmas tradition is taking turns to watch each person open their gifts.



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Woodward Throwbacks



Co-Founder & Head of Design, **Bo Shephard**, chatted with us about the holidays.

We have a wide range of unique pieces in our 12,000-square-foot showroom in Hamtramck—from vintage glassware and candles to vintage jackets and, of course, furniture. Recently, we launched a small batch of serving trays made from salvaged pink marble, and they've quickly become a favorite. They're especially perfect for the hosting season and make a truly special gift.

Shopping with Woodward Throwbacks means finding something genuinely one-of-a-kind. We curate and create a mix of decor, vintage pieces, and furniture that you won't find anywhere else. Whether you're gifting for someone special or treating yourself, it's a chance to give something with character, history, and intention.



One of my favorite gifts was a pair of vintage mugs from my partner. I'd never seen that shape before, and as a coffee lover, having something so unique—and tied to a memory—makes using them feel extra special every day.

We're still building our holiday traditions, but one of my favorites is when we're lucky enough to get snow. Waking up early, bundling up, grabbing a hot cup of coffee, and heading outside to play in the snow with our dog, Ginger, is hard to beat.



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Art Loft

We spoke with owner **Rachel Adadevoh-Woods** while browsing the electric boutique together.

So this time of year, you know, we're having guests over, and it's always wonderful when somebody enters your home to smell a beautiful fragrance. So candles are an amazing gift to give or to have in your home. The Votivo candles and their diffusers are a wonderful gift. For people with discerning tastes, we carry Alessi, a luxury homeware brand that's made in Italy, and it's been around for over 100 years. They have beautiful serving plates, bowls, and tea kettles. We've been a registered retailer with them for about 28 years.



Art Loft is a global lifestyle, boutique, and gift gallery. We've been around for almost 30 years, and the quality, unique nature, and exclusiveness of our merchandise are reasons to shop with us. We also do complimentary gift wrapping.

I'm an accessory girl, and I love scarves, so when people give me a scarf as a gift, it's special.

Having company over for the holidays is one of my favorite traditions.



Source Booksellers



Alyson showed us their favorites around the shop + talked about the holiday season with us.

The illustrated book, “The Old Sleigh” by Jarret and Jerome Pumphrey, is one of my favorite items here at Source Booksellers. We’re celebrating this addition to their series of illustrated books, and they created the art on the cover of our holiday catalogue. We’re very excited about their work! Sticker books are a big thing this year. We have sticker books for everyone: plant lovers, book lovers, and adults. “The Googly Bright and Judgy Fish” sticker books are fun. They have several individual stickers and a sheet of googly eyes that you can place on each sticker, and you can put them in notebooks and calendars, or any part of your life that you want to cheer up.

People should shop with us because we have such a variety of books available for all different ages and a very thoughtful selection of books curated by our staff. We also have a table of several different books signed by the authors that we have been rotating every week, available to buy. We also have a website where people can shop online and order books!

I think my favorite gift I’ve ever received was a hand juicer. I love to make my own grape juice, orange juice, or pomegranate juice at home.

Sharing meals with family has to be my favorite holiday tradition.

Sometimes great gifts aren't wrapped up sitting under our Christmas tree, but rather a wonderful experience we get to enjoy. We chatted with some black business owners offering experiences and services that make for fun, thoughtful gifts.

Rooted in Faith



Founder, **Alicia** reflected on the holiday season + what it means.

My favorite service to see gifted is the Bare Skin Sculpt. It's a truly one-of-a-kind, therapeutic facial massage experience designed to melt away the tension we carry in our face—often without realizing it. Clients leave not only looking more lifted and refreshed, but more importantly, feeling calmer, lighter, and more at ease in their bodies. It's our most gifted service, which feels especially meaningful.

If you're patronizing us, it's because you felt led to. We're rooted in faith, so there's no pressure here. I trust that people know when something is meant for them. If you feel intrigued, a gentle pull to come, or a quiet "yes" in your spirit. I can't wait to have you in my care, and if you feel the opposite, that's okay too. I desire to create space for rest, healing, and peace—and to respect whatever feels aligned for you.

The absolute greatest gift I've received is something that can't be bought or earned. It's my faith—the gift of salvation I have through Jesus Christ. That gift is the genesis of our name, Rooted in Faith. It shapes how I live, care for others, and hold space in my work. Everything I offer flows from my faith.

I've only done this once, but I would love to make it a tradition—traveling somewhere warm with the ones I love. Using that time to truly rest, step away from the pace, and reflect on the true reason for the season is another gift within itself.

Art In Motion Ceramics Studio

A photograph of the exterior of the Art In Motion Ceramics Studio. The building is constructed of red brick. The name 'ART IN MOTION' is displayed in large, 3D letters on the facade. Each letter is filled with a colorful, abstract mosaic pattern. Below the sign is a large window with a white frame, showing a wooden shelving unit inside. To the right of the window is a white door with a glass panel. A digital display on the door shows the date '25 12 21'. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

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Owner + artist **Kay** provided some thoughtful words on this holiday season.

One of my favorite gifts right now is our pottery classes and workshops. Gifting a ceramics experience allows people to slow down, try something new, and create something with their hands, whether they come solo or with a loved one. It's a meaningful experience that lasts longer than the holidays.

Art in Motion is a black woman-owned ceramic studio and gallery rooted in creativity, healing, and community. When you shop with us, you're supporting local artists, small businesses, and a space that prioritizes access to art, learning, and connection in Detroit.

One of my favorite gifts has been something handmade or an experience shared with someone I love. There's something special about gifts that carry intention and memory, not just an object. My favorite traditions are spending time with family and community, slowing down, reflecting on the year, and making space for creativity and rest during the holidays.



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