

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

A 'Gift of Meaning' for friends and family

Sacred Season and Passages are two distinct and beautifully hand-crafted original art collections from Glorious Gifts. The unique designs and inspirational messages are perfect for every occasion, all year round – truly, "works of art" to be enjoyed every month of the year.

Each is a "Gift with Meaning" accompanied by a heart-and-soul-stirring inspirational message. The Passages collection features designs rooted in poetry and literature and reflect such themes as love,

friendship, pursuing one's bliss and strength of purpose. The Sacred Season collection takes its inspiration from scripture, as well as spiritual symbolism found in Medieval and Renaissance art.

Each piece is individually and entirely handmade, from start to finish. It requires approximately one week to create one design, from blowing the glass to the final "drying time" after the last coat of lacquer is applied. Every design has a tag with a gold hanging cord, and is presented in an elegant custom-designed gift box with a free display stand and an inspirational message card.

Visit www.4gloriousgifts.com for more information or to order.



TOP LEFT AND CLOCKWISE: Promises, \$50 (Passages Collection); Bliss, \$50 (Passages Collection); Memories, \$50 (Passages Collection) and The Lion and the Lamb, \$50 (Sacred Season Collection/Special Edition).

Give the gift that helps others this holiday season

CharityGiftCertificates.org is the only organization to provide online and physical gift cards for a wide range of nonprofits to gift recipients. Currently, CharityGiftCertificates offers individual and corporation recipients more than 75 nonprofits to choose from, in areas ranging from health and children to environmental and international cause-based organizations.

The gift recipient logs in with a unique redemption code to select the charity of their choice, allowing one to support a cause that has special meaning to them. Gifts begin at \$5 and all monetary donations are tax deductible for the giver.

The minimum order is \$5 for an ecard and printable. In order for a recipient to receive a Physical Gift Card and Personalized Certificate the total of the order for cards must add up to \$250 (i.e., 10x\$10 and 6x\$25).

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A great stocking stuffer this holiday season

The String Doll Gang is a band of kooky characters that has been growing steadily since the initial 16 members made their North American debut in May, 2005. Handmade in Thailand using one continuous piece of string, each String Doll has his or her own special power that is always something good for you. String Dolls are fun for the whole family and make a great gift for any occasion.

String Dolls have small parts — not recommended for kids under the age of 8.

String Dolls come with a ball chain and label (describing their special power) and are packaged in a little clear shopping bag that fits the doll perfectly.

Suggested retail price: \$10 each. For more information, visit www.kamibashi.com.



SAFETY BOY, top left, will help you recover from your injuries quickly, Scratch, bottom left, helps keep you cool when the heat is on and Big Frank, right, helps you stay on task and finish the job.

Holiday Gift Ideas from the 'As Seen on TV' people

This year, surprise your loved ones with "As Seen on TV" gifts. From kitchenware to pet products, your friends and family will find these presents practical, humorous and the topic of conversation for years to come.

Westinghouse StickUp Bulb

Is the man in your life having difficulties locating his drill in that dark tool shed? Light up his work area with the Westinghouse StickUp Bulb — a cordless light bulb created with Krypton technology that makes it brighter and more energy efficient than standard bulbs. Suggested retail price: \$10.

Earlift

Do your mom, aunt or grandmother wear big, heavy earrings? If so, get them the Earlift, an invisible adhesive disc providing instant support for torn, damaged or stretched earlobes. Made with a medical grade, hypoallergenic adhesive from 3M, EarLift evenly distributes the weight of the earring, relieving the pressure caused by heavy hoops and chandelier earrings. Suggested retail price: \$10.

The GoDuster

Is that dust bin your teenager calls a bedroom getting on your nerves? The GoDuster can help. This battery-powered duster has a rotating brush that picks up dust and dirt quickly and effectively, making dusting fun. Powerful and gentle, its spinning action is perfect for tight spaces

— between books, stereo equipment, or anywhere dust collects. Suggested retail price: \$19.99.

Flat Fold Colander

Is the kitchen in your sister's new apartment too small and cluttered? Help her organize with the Flat Fold Colander, designed for durability, portability and easy storage. The colander opens to strain food and then collapses to fit in most drawers and cabinets. Equipped with a built-in pour spout, the colander also sits high in the sink, keeping food away from draining water. Suggested retail price: \$14.99

Hollywood Purse Hook

Does your best friend own enough handbags to open up her own store? Get her the Hollywood Purse Hook — a way to keep handbags securely off the ground. Small in size, it's easily carried for use in restaurants, bars or at the office. Her purse will not only be off grimy floors, it will also be securely positioned near her and in sight. Suggested retail price: \$10.

Doggy Steps

Don't forget about faithful Fido. Doggy Steps are perfect for the pooch who needs a boost. It is an affordable, lightweight and portable solution for elderly dogs, small breeds, or infirm dogs with conditions such as dysplasia and arthritis, who are unable to climb onto a bed or couch — or get into the car. Suggested retail price: \$39.99. For more information, visit www.telebrands.com.

Brooklyn sculptor offers functional art for the holidays

Whether it's a festive feast for an anniversary or graduation, or an elegant dinner party, artist and sculptor Robin Antar offers her hand-carved Wine Knots as a decorative and functional element. She has sculpted an elegant design that holds two bottles of wine, and serves as a work of art.

The Wine Knots measure 16" h x 11" w x 9" d, and are hand carved out of a solid piece of stone and then cast in stone. They can grace a table, or serve as artwork in another part of the home. Currently available in white and teal blue, they can be made to order in a wide range of colors at www.rantar.com. Wine Knots start at \$500.



WINE KNOTS not only hold wine, but they can be used as a piece of art.



THE GODUSTER, left, retails for \$19.99, Earlift, right, retails for \$10 and the Westinghouse StickUp Bulb, far right, retails for \$10.



THE PURSE HOOK, right, retails for \$10 and the Flat Fold Colander, far right, retails for \$14.99.