

Oh My Goodness

This is a thoughtful spot - filled with insights aimed toward better living.

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Santa's Little Helper - Third Chapter

Hmm...which person to shop for next? I know! It's always challenging to come up with gifts that will meet the high standards of teenage girls, but here are a few ideas that are surely up to par.



Any item from Margot Elena's personal care line, Love & Toast, is the perfect present for a pretty girl. Not only are the designs youthful and spunky, but the quality of the products even surpass the adorable packaging. This is an

instance where you *can* judge a book by it's cover. The various fragrances mainly consist of fresh fruits and florals. Overall, they have a very clean scent. To view more Love & Toast lotions, perfumes and lip balms, visit loveandtoast.com.



Okay. How charming is that little owl in a bottle cap? Edgy Petal bottle cap necklaces are handmade from recycled materials. These necklaces sort of speak for themselves, so I'll *try* to keep it brief. It is difficult to find her products online, so the best way to retrieve such a charm would be to come visit us at **Notice** in either Lake Geneva or Highland Park.

Lauren Gauger, the creator of Edgy Petal, first began when she was only 20 years old. Her inspiration comes from many different directions. I own a *Wizard of Oz* necklace, with Glenda the good witch of the North inside, and another completely filled

with sprinkles. My sister has one with a little skull with a bow on it that she got for the Halloween season. I could go on and on about all of the many designs she has produced, but the list would be too long! What's great about sporting these necklaces is that you are truly wearing art while being eco-friendly. Each necklace is one-of-a-kind, which makes finding the perfect one that much more of a treasure. Well, so much for keeping it brief!

Last, but certainly not least, are the craze we call string dolls. This phenomenon has traveled all the way from Thailand, and I am sure it has only just begun. Each doll is handcrafted from only one piece of string, and the accessories are added later. Similar to the Momiji dolls aforementioned, "The 'Original' String Doll Gang" serves the dual purpose of being cute and bringing a specific charm to their owners life. For example...



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Each string doll is approximately two to three inches in height, and the lobster claw key ring adds and additional two inches. Their specific charm - or message - is attached to the key ring on a double-sided tag. All of the string dolls bring comfort and optimism to your day. Customers often spend the most time fawning over these little dolls. I own Lady Liberty and Elfy, both of which were given to me as presents by my manager, and I love them! Elfy is currently strapped onto my Mosey convertible bag. View the entire gang and their good intentions by visiting kamibashi.com under the products section of the website.

It's good to know that the items on this list are not exclusive to teenage girls, but bring joy to people of all ages. Click here to visit **Notice's** website, and search for your favorite items from this gift giving guide. (All of the pictures were provided by their given website.)



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