



# Holiday GIFT GUIDE

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# Letter from the Editor

The temps are dropping, the sun is always setting and if you listen closely, you can hear the faint sound of Mariah Carey and jingle bells in the distance... It's the best time of the year: the holidays are here! Fire up the wood stove, put the cocoa on and take a break while perusing this guide for one of a kind present ideas, holiday party inspiration and more festivities packed to the brim. Whether you're looking for tips on gift shopping, hacks for decking the halls of your house or general feel-good vibes to get you into the holiday spirit, keep turning these pages and you'll find it.

Stay safe out there folks, and happy holidays!

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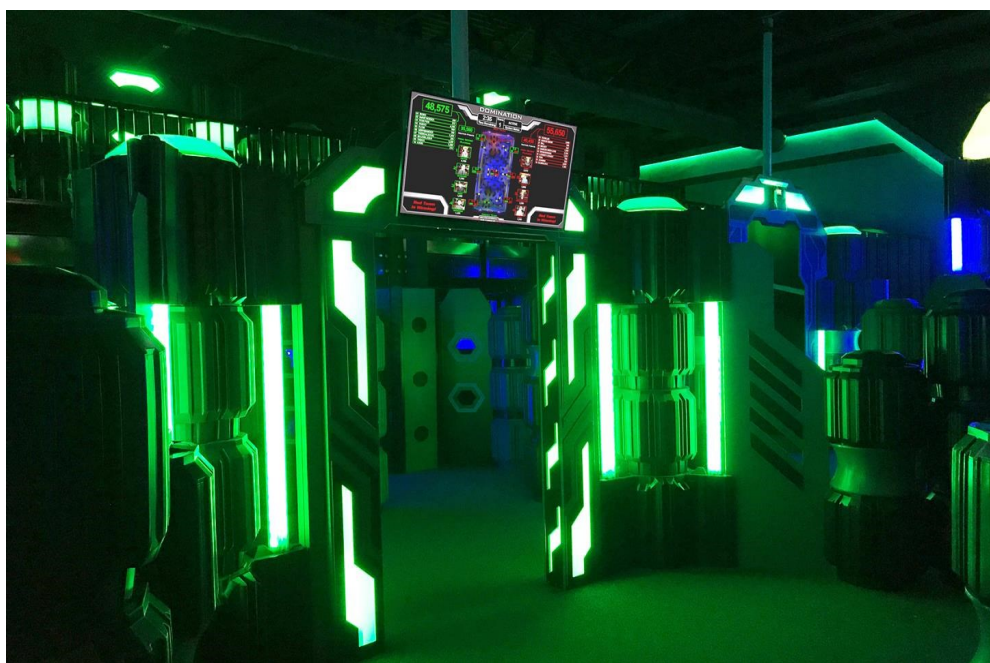
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# Gifts to Bring Home

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The best part about heading home for the holidays is the goodies you get to bring to family and friends as an extension of your college experience. Whether you're a longtime local looking for something special or an out-of-towner hoping to bring green and yellow back home, these gifts are perfect to bring back for friends and family.



### 1. CAVALLINI COTTON TEA TOWEL OREGON MAP

When it comes to home decor, tea towels are vastly underrated as a conversation starter and major decor piece in any dining space. This creative and colorful map of Oregon will spice up Mom's kitchen in no time, and even comes with its own carrying case for easy packing!

### 2. KELLY GREEN OREGON DAD SHIRT

A classic boast for fathers everywhere, this timeless logo shirt is perfect for game days, lunch on the town or just relaxing at home. Made with soft 100% cotton and vibrant printed colors, this crew neck tee makes for a bright and cheery gift to help spread the Duck love to Dad.



### 4. ELLE CREE PAINT BY NUMBERS KIT, PORTLAND UNION STATION

For a great present to get the whole family involved, this paint by numbers kit introduces the Portland Union Station with bright colors and easy-to-follow instructions. The gift includes all paint, brushes and necessary tools to help channel the inner artist with minimal set up this holiday season.



### 3. FUZZY YELLOW POLKA-DOT "O" SOCKS

It's a universal thrill for all ages to receive a pair of fuzzy socks for Christmas, so you know you can't go wrong with this gift choice for anyone in the family. Cozy, comfortable and machine washable; what more could you ask for?

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-Melanie Lopez, Student, Class of 2022

### 5. LANDMARK FINE GOODS 8OZ CANDLE, EUGENE SCENT

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# Gifts for Alumni

THE UO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S PICKS FROM THE DUCK STORE

When you're shopping for fellow Ducks, present and past, it's crucial to find a gift that will bring back the spirit and feeling of being on campus and really bring out that "SCO DUCKS!" energy. This stellar list of holiday gifts was hand-picked by the UO Alumni Association to help share the college spirit with your favorite alumnus this holiday season.

## 1. UGLY SWEATER "O" OREGON CHRISTMAS SOCKS

Whether they're headed to a holiday party at the office or to Autzen for a drizzly game day, these "ugly sweater" socks are just what you need to spice up an outfit with that classic green and yellow. An ideal stocking stuffer, these socks are machine washable, festively decorated and just tall enough to peek up out of any shoe for a sprinkle of Duck spirit.



## 2. NIKE LEGACY91 SEASONAL 2021 WHITE ADJUSTABLE HAT

This sporty snapback is a great gift for the football fan, golfer or any outdoor enthusiast on your shopping list who wants to keep the rain and wind out of their face. Printed in a cool heather grey, the classic Nike swoosh and an "O" stamped on the back makes this adjustable Oregon hat a must-have present for all Ducks.

## 4. OATMEAL ARCHED FOREST SUEDE OREGON QUARTER ZIP

Cozy and perfect for all kinds of Oregon weather, this mock-neck quarter zip can be worn for any occasion while maintaining peak comfortability. The creamy oatmeal color and ribbed cuffs are great for any style and shouts "OREGON" loud and clear, quintessential for a proud UO alum.



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-Isaiah Truong, Class of 2017, UOAA Lifetime Member

## 3. GLASS LEGENDS DRINKWARE 16OZ "O" PINT GLASS

This UO-inspired glass is a classy and timeless addition to any pint collection, or the perfect piece to get that collection started! Handmade in Portland, the 3D "O" logo on the bottom and thick crystal glass will fancify any beverage to enjoy with fellow Ducks.



## 5. DUCK MASCOT HEAD SHOT GLASS

Perfect for measuring out your favorite mixed drink or just tossing 'em back, this adorable shot glass is perfect for the alum on your Christmas list. Made of sturdy ceramic, they can get ready for the weekend with the Duck just like in the good old days!



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# Gifts for Everyone

## UNEXPECTED HOLIDAY GIFTS FROM THE DUCK STORE

Picking out the perfect present can be tough depending on who's receiving it, and a lot of stress for the gift-giver—but it doesn't have to be that way! Check out this list of sure to impress gifts for everyone on your list, hand-picked by festive Duck Store team members to make sure it'll hit home for all parties.

### MOTAWI HANGING CERAMIC TILES

These decorative statement tiles are a perfect gift for any room of the house, complimenting a wide range of color schemes with earth tones and a classic "minimalist-realist" style. The abstract cat design will brighten a multitude of spaces and is perfect for any animal lover in your life.



### 1. CAVALLINI JIGSAW 1,000 PIECE PUZZLE

If there's one tried-and-true gift that is a delight for just about anyone, it's a new brain teaser. Clear the table and bust out this flora-inspired puzzle covered with succulents, cacti and vibrant earth tones as you put each piece together, great for holiday entertainment with larger groups.

### 2. KIKKERLAND DESKTOP CORNHOLE BEAN BAG GAME

Bored on lunch breaks? Looking to spice up an office meeting? This desktop cornhole game is a great gift for any office-going professional who needs a little excitement during their day. Challenge friends, coworkers and family with this classic backyard sport made-portable. Grab a bean bag and get started!



### 3. HOME BREWED BEER SOAP: VANILLA PORTER

Perfect for any scent or hop aficionados, this porter-inspired soap is naturally made with moisturizing oils and crafted with actual home brewed beer! Safe for all skin types, use this soap on your face, body and hands with confidence and "intoxicate your skin."



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# Street Talk: Holidays Edition



Written and Photographed by Lizzy Lee

'Tis the season! After the first term being back on campus, it's time to wind down, relax, and be with those closest to us. Whether that's in sunny California or snowy New York, everyone has a favorite part of the holiday season.

## What are your favorite holiday traditions?



"My favorite holiday tradition is probably having everyone over on Christmas Eve and we all sit around and have dinner and talk."

Trevor



"Decorating the Christmas tree."

Caroline



"My favorite holiday tradition would have to be holiday stuffing. Food on a holiday always smacks like nothing else!"

Trinity



"We do the White Elephant presents so every year we get one of those random gifts."

Ana



"My favorite holiday tradition is probably Hanukkah, when we make Latkes."

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"My favorite holiday tradition is probably watching Christmas movies with my family."

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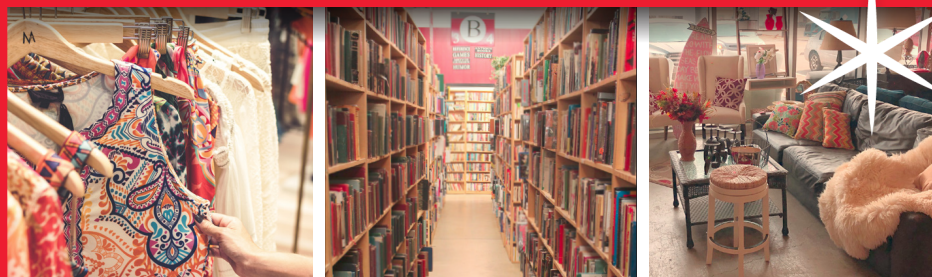
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# Deck the Halls

How to Make Your  
Space More Festive

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One of the best parts about the holidays is being able to see all the festive lights and decorations the community has put together. What's even better is being able to make your own home just as merry! Use these ideas and projects to spice up your space this holiday season.

## DIY Projects:

### PINE CONE MOBILE.

*What You'll Need:*

Pine Cones (foraged or store bought)  
Twine or plastic wire  
Artificial leaves  
Embroidery hoop or sturdy stick

Using an embroidery hoop or stick, bind your choice of string to it, leaving long enough strands to attach pine cones and leaves. Tie your choice of flora to the strands and hang where it can be best enjoyed! As a bonus, spray the pine cones with diluted cinnamon essential oils for a festive scent.

### DIY ORNAMENTS.

*What You'll Need:*

Clear plastic ornaments  
Stuffings: glitter, dried leaves and berries, fake snow, confetti  
Glue

Open up the top of the clear ornaments. Carefully place your choice of stuffings into the ornament until desired look is achieved. Glue topper to secure the ornament close. Optional: grab friends or family and DIY an entire set of ornaments as a holiday activity!

### MASON JAR CANDLE HOLDERS

*What You'll Need:*

Mason jars  
Small Candles (real or fake)  
Ribbon  
Fake Snow or glitter  
Your Choice of accessories (bells, pine needles, berries, etc.)  
Glue

Glue the candle to the bottom of your mason jar to secure it in place. Fill the bottom of your jar with a base of white glitter or fake snow (epsom salt is a good alternative). Tie a bow or ribbon around the outside and glue to the jar. Accessorize with pine cones or other holiday elements.



## Budget Options:

**Target:** At the front of every Target is a dollar section. Usually around the holidays this section will be filled with inexpensive, holiday themed items. For just a few dollars you can score a selection of holiday decorating goods to spice up your space.

**Dollar Stores:** Every holiday, dollar stores will have aisles dedicated to holiday themed decorations. You can choose to decorate from their holiday section or you can explore their craft aisles for equally as inexpensive DIY options.

**Use What Nature Gave You:** Many of the themes around holiday decorating contain some element of plant, fruit, or berry. Get creative with what's in your kitchen by drying orange slices or stringing popcorn. Cranberries and cinnamon sticks are inexpensive grocery store finds that can be placed in a bowl with pine needles or cones to achieve the perfect holiday look.

## Last Minute Ideas:

**Mini-me Tree:** Didn't have time to buy a tree? Don't fret because rosemary plants have leaves just like pine needles and smell just as good! Place in a festive dish with a ribbon or bow and you've got yourself a mini Christmas tree.

**Wrap It Up:** During the season stores will have loads of different wrapping paper to choose from. Choose your favorite pattern and wrap empty boxes for use as decoration. You can even use wrapping paper for a festive picture background at your next holiday party!

**Holiday Cards Display:** Festive cards can be found at most stores during the holiday season for just a few dollars each. String together with ribbon or twine and the festive art of the cards does all the work for you.







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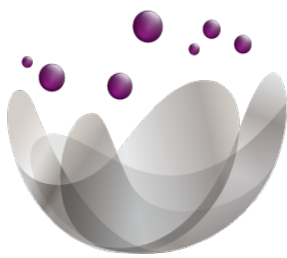
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# DIY “Advent” Calendar

Written by Shannon Enriquez



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or many, some of the best memories associated with the holidays come from the build up—the countdown to the holiday itself. This year, make the holiday build-up even more memorable with your own DIY “advent” calendars. Traditionally given to children, there’s no shame in owning it or making an adult version for yourself or others to enjoy.

## Choosing your calendar container

The first step in DIY-ing your countdown calendar is deciding how you’re going to display each day for the person receiving it. Traditional advent calendar templates/boxes can be found premade to order online, or you can take a more of a DIY route. Use single-serve containers such as envelopes or ring boxes to hide corresponding numbered papers or notes with the presents. Next, you have to decide what will fill the calendar.

## Self Care

One example could be makeup, self care items or hygiene products like candles, lotions and face masks. Fill a large basket with numbered bags, each with a different makeup product inside. This countdown calendar is the perfect gift, showing how personal each product can be and how unique of an idea it is. Another easy DIY countdown calendar filler option is the traditional chocolate. Filling a countdown calendar with your favorite chocolates, treats, or goodies is always a gift worth receiving. Hershey’s Kisses, homemade treats, or your favorite candy will do.

## Tree Ornaments

If you celebrate Christmas, consider filling your calendar with tree ornaments. This is a fun way to keep you in the holiday spirit whilst decorating throughout the whole month of December. Creating a theme within the ornaments is a clever way to style your holiday tree and sets a tone for the coming month (and holidays down the road). Look to support your town by shopping locally for ornaments. Lots of small designers or boutiques have unique finds you won’t find online. Switching it up and looking through Anthropologie’s ornament selection is also never a bad idea, and can be a great place to look for inspiration.

## Homemade Recipes or Notes

When looking for a personal, curated gift, nothing beats a handwritten letter or note. This can be done in many ways, one of which includes filling a glass jar with numbered letters, individually tied with a ribbon, or sealing fancy envelopes with stickers or a wax seal. This festive, thoughtful gift is ideal for anyone. These letters can be anything you make them, from joke cards to love letters, so don’t hold back! Lastly, try filling your countdown calendar with homemade recipes or tips for baking and cooking. The recipient will be using your gift for much longer than a few months, and has a special personalized charm. These recipes will last a lifetime, potentially through generations and will always remind them of you. These can be special passed down plates from family, festive holiday baking inspiration or a curated selection of your favorite dishes.





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# Celebratory Charcuterie

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**N**o holiday party is complete without good snacks, and there's no better way to elevate your party from casual get-together to sophisticated soiree quite as much as an artfully made charcuterie board. From gluten free, nut free, to vegan, these boards will have every allergy and sensitivity covered. Get creative with the layout!

To throw a charcuterie party, the more diversity the merrier. Get new meats and cheeses you haven't tried before, and do research on the best alcohol, fruit and vegetable pairings. Although charcuterie is typically served with wine, there are a variety of drinks that pair well and plenty of non-alcoholic options that work for everyone. To decorate, any large wooden serving board will do, but remember the power is in the presentation. Experiment with different patterns and ways to present the food, and tiny mason jars and mini serving spoons are always a plus for things like jams and spreads. For a Covid-friendly charcuterie party, each guest can be given their own appetizer plate and toothpick to make sure it is hands-free. To be allergen friendly and avoid cross contamination, having smaller boards with allergen labels is always a good idea.

## Pomegranate Paradise (gluten free)

This board is perfect for a festive holiday party with vibrant red and white colors and delicious fruity flavors.

To lay on board:

Pomegranate seeds (placed in serving bowls or jars)

Walnuts

Blueberry goat cheese

Gluten free rosemary almond crackers

Red grapes

Cucumber, sliced

Beet hummus

Multi-colored baby carrots

Prosciutto, thinly sliced

Smoked dried beef, thinly sliced

Mortadella, thinly sliced

Gluten free multigrain crackers

White cheddar block, cut into cubes with toothpicks

## Perfect Pairing: Pomegranate Sangria

1 bottle cheap, fruity red wine (such as Merlot or Pinot Noir)

1 blood orange, sliced

1 apple, sliced

¼ cup sugar

½ cup orange juice

½ cup pomegranate juice

add ¼ cup brandy

Optional: 1 cup sparkling water when serving

Add all ingredients in a pitcher (besides sparkling water) and allow to sit in the refrigerator for a few hours before serving.

Alcohol free pairing: Pomegranate Shirley Temple

2 liter bottle sprite

1 cup pomegranate juice

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## Savory Selections (nut free)

A more classic take on a charcuterie (which translates to cured meats) board, this is sure to get rave reviews from your guests.

To lay on board:

Pretzel thins

Salami, thinly sliced

Prosciutto, thinly sliced

Mini italian sausages (served warm)

Asiago cheese, sliced

Manchego cheese, sliced

Baked brie (served warm in the center of the board)

Multigrain crackers of choice

Pumpkin seed crackers

Pear preserve

Sliced apples

Blackberries

Olives

Perfect Pairing: Sparkling white wine or champagne

Alcohol free pairing: Sparkling apple cider

## Plant Power (vegan)

This board is a veganized take on classic charcuterie, but just as delicious. The vegan meat and cheese market has massively expanded, and many of these delicacies can be found in your local health food store.

Vegan spreadable herb cheese

Multigrain crackers

Lavender crackers

Vegan deli slices of choice

Fried jalapenos stuffed with vegan ricotta

Roasted eggplant, sliced

Green grapes

Sliced red bell peppers

Macadamia nuts

Cashews

Mini pickles

Vegan cashew herb dip

Blueberries

Perfect pairing: For a white, try Sauvignon blanc or for red, cabernet sauvignon (from a brand that has disclosed their wine is vegan)

## Alcohol free pairing: Lavender agave lemonade

5 cups water (divided)

¾ cup organic cane sugar

1 cup lemon juice (and more to taste)

2 tablespoon dried lavender

¼ cup blackberries for color

¼ cup agave syrup (and more to taste)

In a saucepan on low heat, add 2 cups water, sugar, and blackberries and stir until sugar is dissolved.

Add lavender and lemon juice and stir. Set to cool in the fridge for 1-2 hours until it's time to serve.

Remove the saucepan from the fridge and strain to remove pieces of lavender and blackberries (if the holes in your strainer are too big, you can put a tea towel in your strainer).

In a pitcher, add the remaining water and agave and combine with the saucepan mixture.

At this point, add more lemon juice or agave to desired sweetness.

Add ice and serve!





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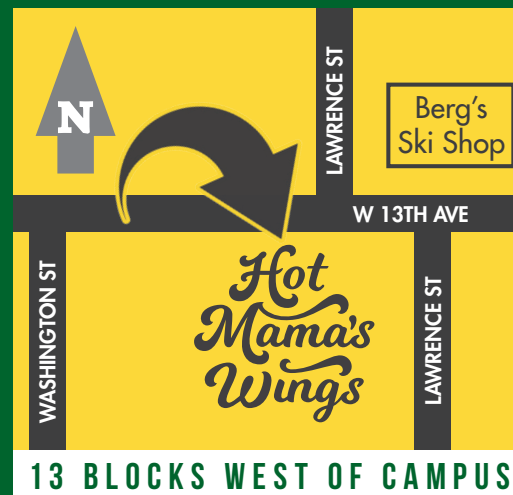
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