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15 Holiday Gift Ideas from Columbia Entrepreneurs

From unique accessories to luxury bedding, alumni-founded retailers have suggestions for the holidays.

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For the eyewear enthusiast

Sustainably made sunglasses from Sunski, cofounded by Tom Stewart ’09CC: $48 and up



For the DIY fashionista

Sewing patterns from Yabbey, cofounded by Kikka Hanazawa ’00GS: $10 per pattern



For the person seeking a stylish home

Virtual interior-design services from Havenly, cofounded by Lee Mayer ’03SEAS. Gift card for an online consultation and custom 3D space rendering: $199



For the eclectic baker

Olive oil cake mix from Flour & Olive, founded by Estelle Sohne ’04LAW: $18.95



For the sustainability-minded sleeper

Bamboo bedding from Ettitude, cofounded by Kat Dey ’07CC, ’14BUS. Airy CleanBamboo Sateen+ sheet set: $449 for queen size



For the haute accessorizer

Italian silk scarves from Tamara, founded by Sara Arippol ’24SPS: $119–$149



For the luxury skincare lover

Revitalizing face oil made from passionfruit and moringa seeds from Eni Culture, founded by Nkonye Iwerebon ’93LAW: $78



For the agave aficionado

Artisanal mezcal handcrafted in Michoacán, Mexico from Mocel, cofounded by Elizabeth Mendoza ’14LAW. 2022 Cupreata Expression limited release: $199.99



For the bejeweled charmer

Chain, lock, and charm jewelry from Marla Aaron, founded by Marla Aaron ’96JRN.
Silver chain necklace: $333



For the culinary child

How to Cook Everything Kids, a cookbook for children by food journalist and Columbia Public Health lecturer Mark Bittman, featuring illustrations by April Kim Tonin ’99GSAS: $28



For the ethically aware decorator

Home accents made by African artisans from xN Studio, founded by Nasozi Kakembo ’08GSAPP: $15–$1,000



For the sophisticated foodie

Caviar from Pearl Street Caviar, founded by Craig Page ’18BUS. Gift trio 12g tin of Siberian Select, Ossetra, and Keluga: $120



For the memory keeper

Custom framed photos and art from Level Frames, founded by Josh Hubball ’05BUS. Prices vary.



For the cocktail mixer

Oyster-infused liquor from the Industrious Spirits Company, cofounded by Manya K. Rubinstein ’07BUS. Seaflow gin: $34.99



For the person who needs to heal

Hemp-based lotion and body spray from Cannaphyll, cofounded by Jude Bond ’92CC. Topical cream: $39.95

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