

WHAT TO BUY WHEN YOU NEED A LITTLE BLING

► With gold prices surging to record highs, sterling-silver jewelry is receiving renewed attention among budget-conscious gift-givers. This **Everlon Diamond Knot pendant** features a 14-point diamond with timeless styling and, starting at \$199, a price that won't empty your wallet. Available at Alan Miller Jewelers.

► **Pandora charm bracelet.** Decorative Murano glass charms, as well as beads crafted from silver and 14-karat gold, provide a myriad of ways to customize these popular bracelets, which compete with such similar brands as Trollbeads and Chamilia. Pandora ranges from \$30 for a simple leather bracelet to \$1,170 for a 14-karat gold bracelet, while charms range from \$20 to \$735 for 14-karat dice with diamond pips. Available at Pandora in Westfield Franklin Park.

▼ **White gold "martini"-set diamond earrings.** While diamond jewelry is a classic Christmas present, the newer "martini" setting features three low-profile prongs that allow diamonds to sparkle with less metal showing, making blinging jewels even "blingier." Prices for the jewelry line start at \$199. Available at J. Foster Jewelers in Westfield Franklin Park.

◀ **"Princess of Dreams" by Nouveau 1910.** This whimsical piece (\$3,150), handcrafted in Barcelona, can be worn as a pin or a pendant. The 18-karat gold fairy is accented with pink sapphires and pink tourmalines, and features wings with colorful "pique a jour" enamel. Available at David Fairclough Fine Jewelers.

◀ Scott Kay, well-known for his bridal jewelry, has started a men's jewelry line that is inspired by biker culture and strays far away from dainty baubles. This set of **Scott Kay cuff links** (\$355) is made of engraved sterling silver with a hammered brass cross, while others include skull motifs and various "tough guy" designs. Available at David Fairclough Fine Jewelers.

▼ **Tahitian pearl earrings with matching pendant.** Natural peacock coloring adds an unusual twist to this distinguished pearl jewelry set. The earrings (\$2,795) and matching necklace (\$1,325) are set in white gold with four marquise diamonds highlighting the perfectly round gemstones. Available at Broer-Freeman Jewelers.

► **The Kenneth Cole New York Rubber Strap Touch Screen Watch** is a classic men's gift blended with modern styling for the tech-savvy. The touch-screen watch (\$125) shows time for 32 cities around the world, and backlighting allows nighttime time-checking. Available at Dillard's.

◀ White watches are one of the top trends in women's fashion this season. **Fossil's Stella Watch** (\$95) includes Austrian crystals around the face and three mother-of-pearl subdials that tell the day of the week, the date, and military time. Available at Dillard's.

► Colored diamonds offer a unique twist on a traditional gift, with black, blue and chocolate diamonds being some of the most popular colors among shoppers. A **2-carat blue-and-white diamond ring** starts at about \$4,995. Available at Alan Miller Jewelers.

◀ **Pearl children's bracelet.** Colorful pastel stars, dolphins, moons, and beads, all crafted from freshwater pearls, adorn this delicate keepsake, 6-inch bracelet (\$50). Available at Broer-Freeman Jewelers.

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