



99 Gifts That Are Truly Touching

From a few drops of fabulous fragrance to a dessert that takes 14 hours to make, these exotic gift ideas will shock even the most worldly recipient.

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“Handcrafted,” like most marketing buzzwords, was a serious thing that serious people did before it got so overused it became a punch line. What began as a reaction to the smooth blankness of the screen quickly morphed into a thicket of “artisanal” face creams and “bespoke” cocktails at your favorite bar—with an egregious surcharge for the pleasure.

The holidays, however, are different. Something handmade feels, well, special: It takes longer to find objects made by hand, and they tend to cost more. Such gifts are more individual, and getting them often needs to be arranged weeks or even months in advance. It reminds us that, whether it’s a poker set that uses 1,000 individual pieces of wood or a ring’s carving technique that requires years to master, yes, it is the effort that means something.

Lucky for you, we have thought up some genius, shortcut solutions to solve your gift-giving conundrums this season. Many of the 99 items below are indeed handmade in the truest sense: a warm throw created by traditional Belgian methods, a gin that they can blend themselves, a beautiful handbag woven by artisans in Africa. Even the ones that aren’t totally handmade come with an unexpected benefit: zero buzzwords.

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Maison Atia Faux Fur Coat

A striking faux fur coat is just the thing for an upcoming trip to St. Moritz, and this one comes from ethical label Maison Atia, a fast-growing label that's run by Chloe Mendel, daughter of Gilles Mendel. \$1,695



Nobis Mila Lady Faux Fur Trapper

While you're at it, pair the coat with a faux-fur hat. There's nothing cozier than tightening a fuzzy trapper over your ears in the dead of winter. \$130

