



HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

WHAT TO BUY

LOCALLY MADE PRODUCTS

Shopping at local businesses is one way to boost the local economy, but you can take that one step further by purchasing items that are manufactured in northwest Ohio. The possibilities run the gamut from durable goods such as glass, furniture, and automobiles to a wide variety of home goods and artsy gifts.

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◀ **Sauder furniture** — Made in nearby Archbold, Ohio, Sauder furniture has a wide variety of inexpensive, easy-to-assemble furniture. The Shoal Creek entertainment credenza is available at **Menards**, \$149.98.



▶ **Dietsch Bros. chocolate** — If it's candy you're looking for, Dietsch Bros. in Findlay has been making fine chocolates for 75 years. A top-seller for Christmas — the 1-pound bag of chocolate-covered pretzels, which comes in milk, dark, or white chocolate, or a combination of all three. **The Andersons**, \$13.75.



▶ **Local wines** — A bottle of wine is always a great gift, especially when you're invited to a friend or relative's home for the holidays. Mon Ami wine, which is made at Firelands Winery in Sandusky, is sold at the **Mon Ami Restaurant** and **Historic Winery** in Catawba Island and at stores including **Kazmaier's Five-Star Market**. From \$7.49 for its **Pink Catawba** to \$34.95 for its **Ice Wine, Vidal Blanc**.



◀ **Calphalon cookware** — Manufactured in Perrysburg Township, Calphalon's Unison Non-stick cookware set is an excellent choice for the chef on your list. Available at **Macy's**, **Dillard's**, and **Bed, Bath & Beyond**, \$649.95.



▶ **Carruth creations** — Who wouldn't be delighted to receive a whimsical or serious or simply captivating stone creation by Waterville artist George Carruth? From his trademark Garden Smile plaque to a whole line of Christmas-inspired designs, the hardest decision will be choosing one. **Garden Smiles** in Waterville, \$43.



◀ **Limited-edition ornament** — Here's a gift that pays tribute to Toledo's roots as the Glass City and its world-class art museum. Designed by local artist Gideon Rockwood, this year's limited-edition ornament — a baller dancer, inspired by Edgar Degas' pastel *Dancers* — was hand-crafted in the museum's Art Glass Pavilion. **The Museum Store**, \$38.

▶ **Libbey glasses** — Made right here in Toledo, Libbey Glass' 25-piece Craft Brew set is perfect for the beer connoisseur on your list. The set features four classic pilsner glasses, four porter/stout glasses, and four craft pub glasses along with a stainless steel bottle opener and 12 cardboard coasters. **Libbey Glass outlet**, \$49.99.



▶ **Swan Creek candles** — Made of 100 percent soybean wax, Swan Creek candles burn clean and smell great. Better yet, they're made in Swanton in refillable Kerr jars. The company's signature 24-ounce kitchen pantry jar candle is sold at **Swan Creek's outlet stores** in Toledo, Swanton, and Dundee, Mich., \$16.99.



▶ **Local art** — Nothing says locally made gift like locally made art. Pay a visit to an area gallery and you're sure to find something for anyone on your list. A list of galleries is available at www.acgt.org. This blown-glass art snowman is sold at **Gathered Art Gallery & Studios**, 23 N. Huron St., \$25.



▶ **Whirlpool washer** — It may not be the typical Christmas gift, but Whirlpool's Clyde, Ohio-built Duet washer — the dryer is made in Marion, Ohio — will cost you considerably less than, say, a Toledo-built Jeep. The front-loading washer and dryer set is available at **Appliance Center**, starting at \$1,748.