

HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN



11 SHOPPING
DAYS LEFT

WHAT TO BUY EXPENSIVE GIVING



Shinola wristwatch

There aren't a whole lot of watches made in the United States these days, but **Shinola** is doing just that in Detroit. They might not have the pedigree of high-end Swiss brands, but they've cultivated a unique American story and have classic retro-cool styling. This **Runwell Sport** clocks in at **\$675**. You can find the whole Shinola line at **Howard Jaffe Jewelers**.

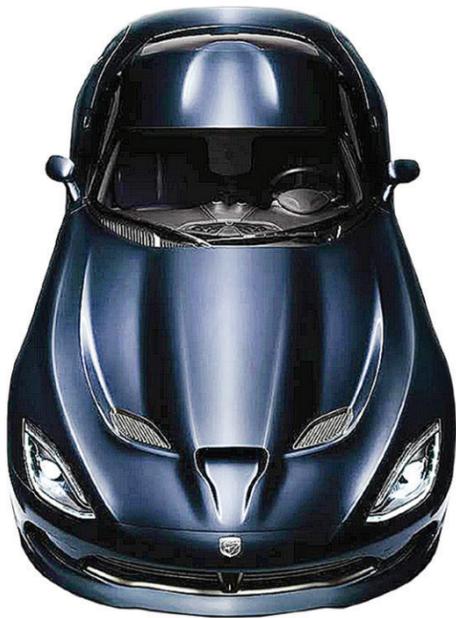
Leather travel bag

Traveling was once a luxurious affair. Now, we're crammed into jetliners like we're being stuffed into a Pringles can. Bring a little of that glamour back with a leather cabin bag from **Coach**. Comes in brown or black. **\$898**.



Sports car

There are two real, honest American supercars. The Chevrolet Corvette is the classic example. The **Dodge Viper** is less refined, less restrained, less common, and more expensive. Where do I sign? If you really want to go big — and fast — a 640-horsepower V-10 rocketship is hard to beat. Just make sure you can afford the insurance premiums. **Yark Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram**. **\$84,995**.



A little luxury can go a long way. Maybe you've been scrimping and saving all year to splurge on a major gift, or maybe you're just light-your-cigars-with-\$100 bills wealthy. Either way, here's an assortment of gift ideas for those who like to live large.

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Personal watercraft

With easy access to Lake Erie and the Maumee River, a personal watercraft is a great summer toy for folks in northwest Ohio or southeast Michigan. **Honda East** in Maumee has this top-end 2015 **Sea-Doo GTX Limited iS 260** for **\$17,299**.

Vintage arcade game

Remember Frogger and Pac-Man? You can help your arcade-rat friends revive those old games with a reconditioned machine from **Champion Amusements**. The Toledo company takes vintage machines and loads them up with 60 classic games. Put one in their game room for **\$1,995**.



Fancy shaving gear

For the man who has everything — except, perhaps, a beard — how about a **badger hair shaving brush**. This one from **Macy's** is set in silver. **\$250**. You can add a **chromed brush and razor stand** for another **\$150**.



Scotch

There's top shelf, and then there's **Johnnie Walker Blue Label**. Often thought of as the premier Scotch whisky, Blue Label is known for its smoothness, its silk-lined presentation box, and especially its price. **Joseph's Beverage Center** has it for **\$242** a bottle.



Diamonds

The old tagline says diamonds are a girl's best friend, and who wouldn't want to add to their social circle? Maybe you're getting ready to get hitched, or maybe you want to surprise her with a big upgrade to celebrate a milestone anniversary. **Broer-Freeman Jewelers** always has an ample supply of loose diamonds. Right now the crème de la crème of its inventory is a 3-carat marquise-cut diamond that retails for **\$30,000**. (P.S.: Guys, an engagement-cut diamond doesn't get you off the hook. You still gotta buy a Christmas gift.)



European vacation

You can give vacations or you can give experiences. If the latter is appealing, how about a trip through Europe on a luxury riverboat? **Viking River Cruises** offers an eight-day trip down the River Rhine starting at **\$1,856**. Book through **Central Travel**.

Prices and availability subject to change.



Burberry trench coat

A couple things to agree on: We all need a coat. None of us needs a coat that costs **\$1,795**. But when it comes to giving gifts, it's OK to throw need out the window in favor of indulgence. This classic belted **Burberry** trench, lined in the famous camel, ivory, red, and black colors, does the trick. **Burberry.com**



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