

# HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN



**10** SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

## WHAT TO BUY LOVERS OF ARTS AND CRAFTS



**Light Keeper Pro**  
Those who dabble in home decor often delight in the holiday season, but nothing takes the joy out of creating festive scenery like a string of lights that don't work. This light fixer could be a gift that the person on your list will treasure this season and during future holidays. You plug your miniature light set or bulb into the gadget and press the trigger, and according to the manufacturer, it will fix the problem. **The Andersons, Home Depot, Walmart, \$20 to \$29.99.**

**Jewelry tool kits**  
The other must-have for jewelry makers is a good set of tools. Miniplier sets, crimpers, crimping pliers, and soldering tool kits make great gifts, and they come in a variety of styles and price ranges. **Hobby Lobby and JoAnn Fabrics, \$17.99 and up.**



**No Sew Fleece Tie Blanket**  
These relatively easy projects for beginner or experienced Do-It-Yourselfers are hot-selling items at fabric stores. A gift basket with all the materials needed to make one would be a special treat for the crafty person on your list. Be sure to include at least two yards of fleece material in either a solid or print pattern that would appeal to the taste of the person receiving the gift. Also needed are a tape measure and a rotary cutter and mat. **JoAnn Fabrics fleece material \$9.99 and up — Dritz® Rotary Cutting Kit-Mat, Ruler & Cutter, \$49.99.**



**Shadow box frames**  
These boxes are similar to standard picture frames but there is more depth inside, giving creative types like scrapbookers an avenue to let their imaginations run wild. They come in a variety of price ranges and sizes, so they are a popular gift for people who enjoy bringing all their photos and keepsakes together in one hangable box. **Michaels, Hobby Lobby, and other craft stores — prices range from \$10 to \$100.**



**Silhouette cameo machine**  
If you have a person on your holiday gift list who is an avid scrapbooker, an electronic cutting tool would make it much easier for them to enjoy their hobby. It allows for precise cutting around designs or images printed from a home computer. It plugs into a PC or Mac and cuts paper, card stock, vinyl, and fabrics. **JoAnn Fabrics, \$299.**



**Glass-blowing classes**  
The Toledo Museum of Art offers a variety of ways for the artist on your gift list to explore the technique of glass blowing. Adults and teens 14 and up can learn the basics in the Fun with Glass Workshop — **\$50 members/\$60 nonmembers.** Or for a more intensive experience there is the Glassblowers Boot Camp — **\$200 members/\$225 nonmembers.** Details and sign-up information can be found at: [toledomuseum.org/glass-pavilion/classesworkshops](http://toledomuseum.org/glass-pavilion/classesworkshops).

*Prices and availability subject to change.*



**Candy-making molds and flavors**  
Most kids enjoy eating candy, and this gift also lets them also enjoy the process of making it. Several area stores sell a variety of candy molds, and the candy-making process can be made even easier if you buy packaged candy melts that come in an array of flavors. **Michaels, Walmart. Candy mold sets: \$10 to \$12. Candy melts: \$2.49 to \$3.29.**



**Jewelry-making tools**  
Taking care of their supplies and keeping them organized is very important to jewelry artists. Having a place to store beads and other materials can help them stay organized and save time that is better spent sorting out beads, crystals, cords, and string. They can be simple one-shelf units or more elaborate, but there is a storage unit in every price range. **Michaels. Bead organizer carrying case, \$11.99.**



**Rainbow Looms**  
You might have spotted those colorful rubber band bracelets on younger kids, and this gift would allow the crafty teen or pre-teen on your list to make their own. The box set includes rubber bands that can be turned into bracelets, rings, and charms. It is recommended for children 8 years or older. **Michaels, Target, \$14.99.**



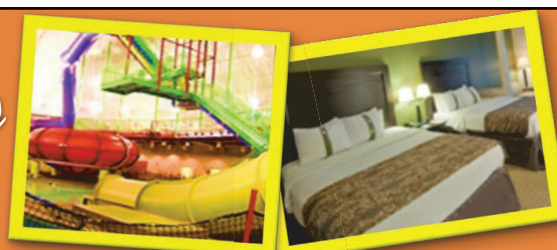
**Rotary tool kits**  
For the hobbyist who enjoys small projects, **Dremel** rotary tool kits can make the perfect gift. They are ideal for craft projects such as woodworking and glass etching but equally as useful for Do-It-Yourself projects in the home. The tool cuts, grinds sands, buffs, and shapes materials such as wood, laminate, ceramic, and metal. **The Andersons, Home Depot, and other hardware stores \$40 to \$89.99.**



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December 29th (Monday): 10am-9pm  
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