



# WHAT TO BUY LOCAL SHOPPERS

2015 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

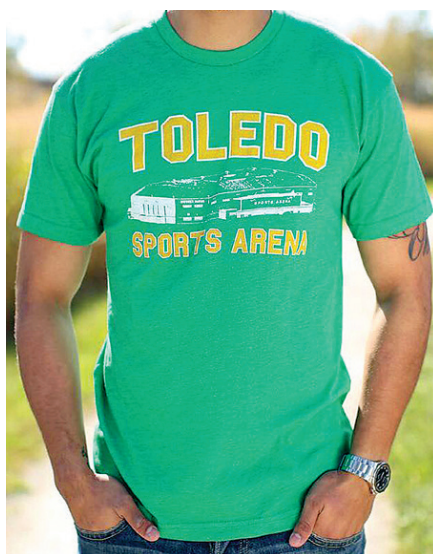
**A**cross northwest Ohio, there are many companies and entrepreneurs who produce wonderful items sure to be hits as gifts this holiday season. Some you might have heard of,

others you might not. But if locally made items are your recipient's preference, you would do well to give these businesses a try.

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### Cookware

Used by professional bakers and amateur cooks alike, Calphalon cookware, made in Perrysburg Township, has a new offering this year: Calphalon Signature Stainless Steel. Made with five layers of metal for precise heating and temperature control, the 10-piece set has a Sear Nonstick surface so durable you can cook with metal utensils and not damage it. It's also dishwasher safe. Between \$500 and \$550. Available at **Bed Bath & Beyond**, **Macy's**, **Kohl's**, and **William Sonoma**.



### Toledo T-shirts

"You Will Do Better in Toledo," and you'll also do better with a T-shirt or hoodie, from Toledo-based **Jupmode** products, which features that famed motto out of Toledo's historic past. Jupmode sells a variety of casual apparel, glasses, socks, hats, and even beer cozies, all of which lets you proudly proclaim to the world your support for the Glass City. **Prices:** about \$24 to \$45. Available at [jupmode.com](http://jupmode.com).



### Toledo Zoo gift cards

Wonder how to stuff a Tasmanian devil, tortoise, or Australian crocodile into a Christmas stocking? The Toledo Zoo has the answer with zoo gift cards that can be used on admission, merchandise, refreshments, rides, and the purchase of zoo memberships. Gift cards come in increments of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, or \$100. Available online at [toledo zoo.org](http://toledo zoo.org) or at the zoo's **North Star Trading Post** gift shop near the main entrance.



### NFL football

What sports fan can resist a genuine NFL football? Better still, if you want to give them one made right here in northwest Ohio, you'll want a Wilson model that comes directly from the **Wilson Sporting Goods'** football factory in Ada, the only factory still producing footballs in the United States and the one factory that has produced every football ever used in a Super Bowl. **Price:** about \$45. Available at **Dick's Sporting Goods**.

### Glass pickle

Toledo is the Glass City, and what better gift than a piece of glass artwork. Noted local artist **Brien Strancar** sells a variety of colorful glass paperweights and other items, but his holiday specialty this season is a glass pickle ornament, which, according to legend, means an extra gift for the child who first spots the pickle on the Christmas tree. **Price:** \$35. Available at **Handmade Toledo** and [etsy.com/shop/strancarstudiosllc](http://etsy.com/shop/strancarstudiosllc).



### Tango Foxtrot whiskey

Distilled spirits make a classy holiday gift and now you can give a bottle that is 100-proof Toledo. **Toledo Spirits Co.** is brewing two batches of its Tango Foxtrot whiskey just for the holidays, with the first offering this month and a second batch available in December. But be warned: This smooth liquor sells quickly, and quantities are always limited. **Price:** \$60 for a 375-ml bottle. Available at **Toledo Spirits Co.**, 1301 N. Summit St.



### Handmade handbags

Searching for a stylish yet distinctive purse or handbag to turn heads? Toledo craft artist **Betty Floored** has just the gift. Her Oh So Betty custom leather and canvas bags are guaranteed to have envious people asking, "Where did you get that?" **Prices:** \$25 to \$140. Available at **Handmade Toledo**, 1717 Adams St.



### The beer necessities

Searching for that perfect craft beer? **Father John's Heavenly Devilish Brewing Co.** in Bryan, Ohio, will help you brew, bottle, and label it. The microbrewery's staff helps amateurs pick a recipe, mix ingredients, then brew. Later, they will bottle, label, and store your brew while it ferments. When ready, you get 72 22-ounce bottles of your signature beer. **Price:** \$150 to \$250 plus a one-time \$50 bottling fee. Reservations at 419-633-1313.



### Bullet earrings

You might say Toledo-made **Crave jewelry** is No. 1 with a bullet. That's because local artist Jaci Riley likes to get creative with casings from bullets used by her grandfather. Crave sells cufflinks, earrings, and necklaces that all use spent shell casings. But Ms. Riley also uses other metals and materials to make eye-catching jewelry. **Price:** \$26 to \$50. Available at **Handmade Toledo** and [etsy.com/shop/cravejewelrydesign#](http://etsy.com/shop/cravejewelrydesign#).



### Bodycare

Feel refreshed with organically made body care products, which are the specialty of **Humblebee Family Farm** in Holland. Eric and Jada Clingo use an assortment of organic, gluten-free, non-GMO ingredients to come up with lotions, lip balm, soaps, shampoos, and deodorants that come in a variety of scents from lavender to lemongrass. **Price:** \$3 to \$10. Available at **Handmade Toledo** and [etsy.com/shop/HumblebeeFamilyFarm](http://etsy.com/shop/HumblebeeFamilyFarm).

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