



Fabulous finds from the Chicago Market

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The Chicago Market: Living & Giving show (www.shopchicagomarket.com) features more than 10,000 gift and home product lines on five easy-to-shop floors in the historic Merchandise Mart in downtown Chicago. Lest you think that's a tiny show, keep in mind that each floor is four football fields large.

The Chicago Market incorporates many components within one show, including a handmade division, a whole floor dedicated to home décor, and a collection of earth-friendly ideas and products. There is a lot to see and enjoy in just one building. The following is just a sampling of all there was to offer. (*All prices are wholesale unless stated otherwise.*)

Blessing Ring Necklaces and Bracelets

Whitney Howard Designs

818/884-8478,

www.whitneyhowarddesigns.com

Whitney Howard Designs created The Green String line, new necklaces (\$5 to \$9) and bracelets (\$5) that feature its popular Blessing Rings inscribed with words like Peace, Hope, and Journey. The new line comes on 100% organic string in a variety of colors.



Mosaic Cuff Bracelets

WorldFinds

800/609-9303,

www.worldfinds.com

These mosaic cuffs (\$21 set of three) have so much appeal—the colors are vibrant, and the glass beads, accented with a wooden disc artfully placed, lend to their contemporary design. The texture is wonderful and, because of the metal used, you can squeeze the cuff to fit the wrist. WorldFinds imports all its jewelry and women's accessories from India and other countries. Each is handmade by women and fairly traded.