

Mom's Gift Guide

Moms - and mom-types - deserve distinctive gift ideas for the holidays. We found some amazing ideas for our 5th annual holiday gift guide for moms. Take a look!

Sugar & Spice and Everything Nice



Exotic sauces can make boring dinners, well, less boring. **AFRICAN DREAM FOODS** has a set of sauces that include things like Southern Braai (a BBQ sauce with an African Twist) or Jalandaso Fermented Jalapeño (tangy and mild and great for eggs). If Mom prefers hot, African Dream can deliver with African Ghost Pepper, the hottest of the hot sauces. Available on Amazon.

Our world food travels to find great gifts take us to **BAZODEE FOODS**, a Caribbean, Venezuelan and Trinidadian inspired brand that infuses great flavors as a marinade and also celebrates the foods that create family bonds. What's better for a foodie Mom? All Bazodee sauces are all natural, vegetarian, gluten and preservative free. <https://bazodee.com/>

Brooklyn-style crumb cake is something special and **CLARKSON AVENUE CRUMB CAKE CO.** knows what it takes. The company has regular and seasonal flavors, but also a build-your-own option to get just the perfect creation. Clarkson Avenue ships their freshly made cakes nationwide so you can give the cake as a gift in person or have it shipped to Mom's door. <https://clarksonavecrumb.com/>



With beautiful packaging, easy step-by-step instructions, the **MULLED WINE GIFT SET** has recipes and spices for 4 recipes. The idea of heating wine and infusing it with spices may seem odd, but this beverage is one of the most iconic winter cocktails all over Europe. Known as glühwein in Germany, glögg in Sweden, and vin chaud in France, this mulled wine cocktail set makes a great gift. <https://www.cookinggiftset.com/>

Chocolate and wine make for a very safe gift idea for most moms. **SUGAR PLUM'S** Wine Box Truffle Assortment features a 12-piece assortment of handcrafted chocolate truffles all beautifully laid out in a wine bottle-shaped box. The coffee caramel flavor was my favorite. Yum! <https://www.sugar-plum.com/>



Beauty is More than Skin Deep



Portland native Raina Rose founded **FOLK POTIONS**, a line of herbal infused slow skincare. Calendula Oil makes my skin exceedingly happy and the body oil is made from Calendula blossoms grown and dried by Vibrant Valley Farm on Sauvie Island. The Magic Face Oil and Magic Face Balm smell and feel amazing. <https://folkpotions.com/>

La Jolie means beautiful in French and the collection from **GITANNE SKINCARE** lives up to it's name. If mom hasn't added face oil to your skin care routine, she should. This set is a great introduction and an easy, everyday routine with Aurore Resurfacing Mask, Rosé Serum and Unscented Belle de Jour Day Cream. Products are made in small batches in Sonoma, CA. <https://gitanneskincare.com/>

Time sneaks up on all of us and mom may be fighting the effects of age on her skin. Do not tell her that! But rather, give her skincare that heals skin. **FACTORFIVE SERUM** combines human stem cell derived growth factors with copper peptides. Made in America, the serum is hydrating without being heavy and even with a short amount of use, I could see and feel the difference in my skin. <https://factorfiveskin.com/>



Mom skin is often dry skin. **GRAYDON'S MOON BOOST SERUM** is richly hydrating, velvety smooth and smells like sunshine. It is a great antidote to the inevitable winter skin blahs. Pair with a skin care set like Clean Beauty Starter Kit and mom skin will be happy skin. <https://graydonskincare.com/>

If mom could use relief from the "week from hell" (who are we kidding—the year from hell?), **WALTON WOOD FARM** has you covered.



This tongue in cheek gift set has a phenomenal sugar scrub, whipped body cream and lip balm, all with a yummy grapefruit and brown sugar fragrance. <https://waltonwoodfarm.com/>

A Little Bling is the Thing

We love gift ideas that have a great story.

AZURA JEWELRY is woman-owned and founded because of the power a simple piece of jewelry can have on your state of mind, confidence and well-being. The Crescent Moon Necklace is a perfect choice for Mom. The base metal is 925 Sterling Silver and gold-plated with a thick 14k yellow gold coating. Available at: <https://azurajewelry.com/>

Mom, mommy, mama ... whatever name you have for your mom, **SINCERELY SILVER "MAMA" NECKLACE** can be personalized with any endearing word for her. Three styles and metals to choose from mean you can

find exactly the right style. Each has a simple, minimal design that complements any style. Available at: <https://www.sincerelysilver.co/>

My favorite products from this year's guide come from **WORLD FINDS** jewelry. World Finds accessories are designed in Chicago and hand made in India through a long-term partnership with artisans that creates dignified work and meaningful opportunities. There are so many styles to choose from - with prices that will fit any budget - but the Kantha items are my favorite. The repurposed fabric beads feel handmade with warmth and texture unique to these designs. Don't miss the Cause Collection and Kantha Collection bracelets - they make perfect gifts for teachers, coworkers and friends. Available at: <https://www.worldfinds.com/>

