

Gifts for women

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They're our friends and lovers and moms – and just about everything in between.

The women in our lives give so much to other people. This holiday season, it's time to show them just how much they mean to us. Whether it's a special night to wine and dine her, or authentic jewelry handcrafted by a local artist, make your gift something she'll remember all year long.



Wearable art

Find the perfect accessory to drape your perfect wife. Or say it that way when you give her a one-of-a-kind necklace dripping with semi-precious stones by Boulder jewelry artist Melinda Crocker. Find it at JJWells, alongside other special pieces affixed with handmade pendants by local metalsmith Patti Burton.

JJWells, 2460 Canyon Blvd., 303.449.2112, www.jjwells.com

Wrap her up

This is not your grandma's reindeer sweater. Give her a stylish, cold-weather layering piece that will add interest and warmth to any outfit. Violette stocks an extensive – but not expensive – range of cozy yet hip sweater possibilities in a variety of designs, colors and lengths, including popular wraps by Elan.

Violette, 1631 Pearl St., 303.443.3976



Burning desire

There's something about a beautiful candle that inspires instant calm in the midst of the holiday rush. Chelsea is carrying clean-burning soy Kobo Botanical Candles in intoxicating scents like Fresh Currant, Golden Mimosa and Vanilla Citrus Zest. Each candle comes with long-reach match sticks, an extinguishing lid and gorgeous graphic packaging for an already gift-wrapped presentation.

Chelsea, 935 Pearl St., Boulder, 303.447.3760, www.chelseabella.com

Après-sport style

Every woman can use some "life"-style clothing to take her directly from the slopes to the bar this season.

Consider the long, insulated and well-tailored Blazing jacket from Nau; the always-a-good-hair-day Pistil Nanuk "hoody" that adds a fun faux-fur trim to any outfit; or Tecnica's retro moon boots, with both super-cool and super-warm benefits. All at Outdoor Divas.

Outdoor Divas, 1133 Pearl St., 303.449.3482, www.outdoordivas.com

