



GIFT GIVING
Clockwise from top left: Houses ring by Jill K. Davis; a necklace from Ashley Buchanan Jewelry; "Houses" by Mikel Robinson

One Stop Shop

Make your list and check it twice at this annual event.

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While we get just as excited as the next guy about the latest and greatest tech gadgets, there's something to be said for a good old-fashioned handmade gift. Enter the 12th annual One of a Kind Show at River North's Merchandise Mart, which features unique artwork, clothing, accessories, furniture, home decor, jewelry and more from more than 600 artists from the U.S. Consider repurposed sweater stockings by Katie Ames Refashions for your hippie-obsessed friends or Henry Levin's hand-blown glass pitchers for the gourmand. The wheel-thrown stoneware "poppy" vases by Justin Rothshank Ceramics would be perfect for the urban gardener in your life. And in between scoring finds for your hard-to-shop-for friends and family, soak in 20-minute artist talks on topics from gift-wrapping to ceramic box construction, as well as live music performances. The gourmet gallery on the southwest show floor will provide sustenance, or pop into the Toyota Retreat room for tea, massages and other amenities to get you through all your holiday wish lists.

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