

## Holiday Gift Guide By Aly Morris



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You've made your list and checked it twice, but you're drawing a blank on what to actually gift this year. Look no further than Chicago's countless pop-up shops and markets for a creative edge. From a cozy craft fair that brings Etsy to life to an outdoor market with holiday spirit galore, we picked seven of our favorites to help you up your giving game this year.

### NOW THROUGH DEC. 24 Christkindlmarket

**Daley Plaza**  
50 W. Washington St.  
**FREE** This open-air market, inspired by the Christkindlmarket in Nuremberg, Germany, celebrates its 21st year of offering German and European gifts and specialty items. Grab a stein full of glühwein (hot spiced wine, non-alcoholic options also available) and an order of potato pancakes before exploring the festive offerings. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



### NOV. 25-NOV. 27 Mercado Navideño — Christmas Market

**National Museum of Mexican Art**  
1852 W. 19th St. 312-738-1503

**FREE** Peruse handmade items from all over Mexico, such as jewelry, ceramics and textiles. Museum members receive 30 percent off all merchandise. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

### NOV. 26-27 AND DEC. 10-11 Randolph Street Market

**Beaux Arts Plumbers Hall**  
1340 W. Washington Blvd.  
312-666-1200

Browse vintage, antique and modern keepsakes from more than 125 vendors at this indoor market. After bargaining with dealers, refuel with a variety of food options, from breakfast goodies to sweets. Don't forget to take advantage of free gift wrapping and parking. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$3-\$10. Tickets: [randolphstreetmarket.com](http://randolphstreetmarket.com)

### DEC. 1-4 One of a Kind Holiday Show

**Merchandise Mart**  
222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, 7th floor  
More than 600 artists from across North America will present their handmade items at this 16th annual market. The four-day fest highlights ceramics, glassware, jewelry, traditional paintings, home goods, accessories and more. Beyond meeting the makers, attendees can enjoy artist demonstrations, workshops, fashion shows, gourmet food and live music. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. \$12-\$20. Tickets: [oneofakindshowchicago.com](http://oneofakindshowchicago.com)

### DEC. 3-4 Renegade Craft Fair

**Bridgeport Art Center** 1200 W. 35th St.  
**FREE** Browse 250-plus makers who specialize in jewelry, textiles, prints and pottery that are perfect for the hard-to-shop-for peeps on your list. Plus, enjoy DIY workshops and fuel up with food and drink along the way. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

### DEC. 10-11 The Chicago Art Girls Holiday Pop-up Shop

**Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School**  
3730 N. Oakley Ave.  
**FREE** Over 40 local female artists, designers and creatives came together to put on this holiday pop-up. Shop unique handcrafted items such as egg nog lip balm from Soap Distillery and eco-friendly lightweight statement jewelry from Veronica Riley Martens. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

### DEC. 11 Holidose

**Morgan Manufacturing**  
401 N. Morgan St. 312-972-8400  
Shop like a boss while browsing more than 100 makers, bakers, chefs, designers and artists at this highly curated pop-up market. Holiday shoppers can also nibble on treats from local food vendors. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$10-\$12. Tickets: [dosomearket.com/holidose2016](http://dosomearket.com/holidose2016)