

Character gifties

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Gifts mean so much more when the gift fits the recipient to a tee, whether you're Christmas shopping or looking for a present for a special day. Find her description here and you'll discover a plethora of gift giving ideas to be found at LOCAL stores, that'll warm her heart.

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Artsy: Here's a woman who sees the world with an artistic eye. There are no limits to what can or can't be a canvas. She's inspired by nature, uniqueness, and culture, enjoys independent films that contain drama and romance, and listens to indie, tribal, and worldly music that isn't found on standard radio stations.

- A work done by her favorite local artist
- A large frame that she can fill with her own creation
- Tickets to Cirque de Noel
- Scarves, earrings, and unique accessories that complement her artsy, bohemian style

SHOP AT: Fruitbasket Flowerland, Frames Unlimited, Lafontsee Gallery, Schuler Books and Music

Socialite: When she's not on Facebook or Twitter, downtown is her scene. She loves going out with friends and meeting new people. Her charismatic personality makes her a master at networking. She believes that fun is where the people are.

- Gift card to favorite nightclub and/or restaurant
- "Diane Warner's Big Book of Parties" by Diane Warner
- Artistry 3-D Shimmer powder
- Leopard print iphone case

SHOP AT: Kimberly's Boutique, Uniquely Stranded, Bella Furs, Upscale Consignment Shops, L.Marie & Co.



Wine Connoisseur: She may not own a vineyard, but she knows everything there is to know about good wines. Admiring and affectionate, she loves tasting the delicate flavors in each sip. She takes frequent trips to vineyards with her friends to stock up on her favorites and is never afraid to try the new tastes of the season.

- Got Wine? T-shirt
- Wine
- Stemless Wine Glasses
- Bar Divani "Wine Passport"

SHOP AT: Art of the Table, John Russo's Wine Warehouse & Deli, Martha's Vineyard, D&W



Foodie: Food is there to be enjoyed! Her kitchen is filled with cookbooks and handwritten notes that illustrate her past cooking adventures. She loves the Food Network and Travel Channel that expand her food loving horizons with their unique and delicious dishes. Her cupboards are stuffed with a variety of food that makes every aisle at the supermarket look scarce. She prefers local restaurants insisting that you can count on the food being better quality.

- "How to be a Better Foodie" by Sudi Pigott or "The Official Foodie Handbook" by Ann Barr and Paul Levy
- A Magic Bullet/Ninja (multi-purpose blender)
- "Bake Pop" baking pan and accessory kit
- "Chocolate Lovers" earrings by Hershey
- Monica's Gourmet cookies at D&W

SHOP AT: Bistro Bella Vita, Forest Hills Foods, Nourish Organic Market, San Chez, Green Well, Pietro's, Grove, Olives, Twisted Rooster.



Car Enthusiast: This woman associates her car with status and keeps it clean, polished, and puts a lot of care into its preservation.

SHOP AT: Star Collision CARSTAR (auto detailing packages), Southland Auto Wash



Activist: Her weekends are filled with volunteering and getting involved in organizations that tackle important issues. She's passionate, strong, loyal, outgoing, and a believer in helping those in need. Nothing makes her tick more than injustice. She's interested in emotional documentaries that raise awareness about social struggles going on in the world.

- Donation in her name to one of her favorite local causes
- "Behind the Mask: the story of people who risk everything to save animals" by Keith Mann, John Feldman, and Shannon Keith
- Basket of organic, eco-friendly lotions
- "The American Dream" (1989) or "Battle in Seattle" (2007) strong activist oriented films

SHOP AT: UICA, Spirit Dreams, Literary Life, Global Gifts GR, The WAR Chest, Clothing Matters





Tech Savvy: She's the friend you call when your printer isn't working. Blessed with a tech-eye, this woman is always sporting the latest gadgets of the technological trend. She's a logical thinker with outstanding knowledge on how to operate the latest tech releases. Her iPod is full of techno and she watches shows like "The Big Bang Theory."

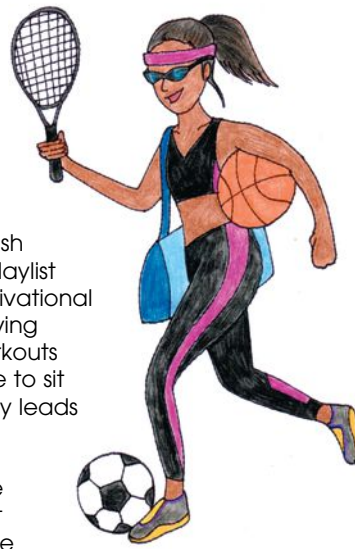
- Computer case/bag
- Dual purpose flash drive
- Universal Magic Charger

SHOP AT: CompuCraft, Norman's Camera

Athlete: She believes the day hasn't started until she's broken a sweat. Self-motivated, active, and healthy, she fills her week with various activities that let her push herself physically. Her playlist consists of upbeat, motivational jams that keep her moving through her various workouts and she barely has time to sit down before her energy leads her on another athletic journey.

- Nalgene water bottle with flip-top making it easy to open with one hand and carry on the go.
- Deo-geo deodorant and sweat stain remover
- Reflector vest for her workouts in the dark
- Pull-over hoodie
- Sports sunglasses
- Armpocket Sport arm band for your smart phone
- EOS Holiday Lipbalm Collection

SHOP AT: Gazelle Sports, Bill & Pauls



DIY Girl: Why pay for it when you can do it yourself? The DIY Girl is driven by her own capability. When her sink breaks, she needs nothing more than her wrench and the Internet to figure out how to fix it. She loves tinkering, taking things apart, putting them back together, and takes on a lot of DIY projects. Much of her inspiration comes from the DIY network, fabric and home improvement stores that allow her to creatively construct her passions.

- Travel tool kit
- DIY books and CDs
- Work gloves
- Carhardt for women

SHOP AT: Rylee's Ace Hardware; for when she can't do it herself: Community Auto Repair, Nawara Bros. Appliance



All Business: She clocks-in as soon as she wakes up. Suit ready and phone at her side, she's a workaholic who thrives on challenges and overcoming obstacles. She's smart, a quick-thinker, and a problem solver. She adores rewarding herself at the end of a successful workweek by putting her feet up and catching up on all the shows she has saved on her DVR.

- Travel coffee thermos
- Artistry Creme Luxury eye cream
- Ergonomic chair
- Fabulous business jacket
- Gift card to local eateries
- Small desk lamp for working into the wee hours

SHOP AT: Kimberly's, L. Marie & Co., Groskopfs, StonesThrow/EQ3, D2 Design Quest



Fun Lover: She loves going to parties, events, shopping, enjoying the world around her, and has her inner-child in a constant embrace. Her favorite films are slapstick comedies that leave her in stitches with witty dialogue and outrageous adventures. Her music is always full of fresh upbeat tunes that instantly put her in the fun loving mood. She's quirky, outgoing, loves to laugh and enjoy life.

- Sock Monkey hat and mittens
- Coola Natural Body Bars
- Photo album so she can document all her favorite memories
- Homemade goodie bag packed with fun things like Play Doh, box of crayons, travel toothbrush, fruit snacks, jump rope, quirky hair clips, and a gift card to a local ice cream parlor.

SHOP AT: The Mud Room, River City Improv, Circle Theatre, Witte Travel & Tours, Celebration Cinema, Michigan Rag



Book Worm: This woman reads...a lot. Her literacy hobby has made her insightful with a good vocabulary. She always provides in-depth conversation on topics and is a critical thinker. She enjoys nothing more than curling up into a cozy chair with a good book at the end of the day and is happy to let you look through her library for reading material with suggestions on what books are the best. She's involved in book clubs, discussions, and frequently visits the library.

- "Ask me about my book" T-shirt
- Cozy throw from Wealthy at Charles
- Reading light
- Bookends

SHOP AT: Literary Life Bookstore, Schuler Books, Papers Plus



Romantic: Not just for Valentines Day, this woman is compassionate, has a closeness to nature, and loves lovely songs and stories. She follows her heart and encourages others to do the same. Her confidence and caring attitude emits a loving atmosphere toward all things. She likes to travel and dine at fancy restaurants where she gets a chance to wear her favorite red dress.

- Bed and breakfast package
- Lakeshore soy-wax candles, fragrant room sprays and bath salts
- Custom jewelry
- Flowers

SHOP AT: Mary Ann's Chocolates, Gina's Boutique, Celebration Cinema, Brattains, Burgett, Eastern or Crescent Floral



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Dream Chaser: This woman is not restricted by anything and practices living life to the fullest everyday. Her "never give up" attitude keeps her motivated to chase her life's desires. She loves to travel, challenge herself, and is always partaking in spontaneous adventures that lead her all over the map. Empowering and inspirational attitude is contagious and motivates others to go after their own dreams.

- Travel accessories from Peninsula Travel Gear
- "1,000 Places to See Before you Die" by Patricia Schultz
- Explosions in the Sky CD
- Birds in Flight wall art
- Therapedic International heated "mink" blanket

SHOP AT: Literary Life Bookstore, Spirit Dreams, Peninsula Trading Company

Environmentalist: Earthly and passionate, she's a good caring person who loves nature and preserving the environment. Her transportation of choice is her bicycle and buys organic foods and environmentally friendly products. Her free and down-to-earth spirit is admired along with the volunteer hours she puts in to cleaning up parks and outdoor areas.

- Gift basket full of organic soaps and lotions
- Hempwear
- "The Vegetarian Cookbook" by Nicola Graimes
- Fair-trade organic chocolate or coffee
- Membership to Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park

SHOP AT: Clothing Matters, Minty Keen, Global Infusion



Music Freak: From the Walkman to the portable CD player and now the iPod, this woman was born with headphones in her ears. She's a walking music library and loves all kinds of tunes ranging from the top hits on the radio to local underground concerts. Her album collection includes vinyl and CDs and is stuffed with a variety of songs that fit any occasion and she begins her mornings with VH1's "Jump Start Hour" where she will be introduced to new songs and videos by artists that she will add to her music library.

- Recycled record bookends
- Record coasters
- Music on vinyl and CD
- Authentic favorite band T-shirt

SHOP AT: Beat Goes On, Schuler Books and Music, Dodds Records, Vertigo



The Juggler: School, work, volunteering, kids, friends, and a personal life? How does she handle it all? This woman has mastered multi-tasking and leads a constantly busy life.

- Bubble bath, scented candle, wooden back massager, sleeping mask, and a *Women's Lifestyle* magazine.
- Spa gift card for a massage
- Portable Make-Up-Matte
- Guided imagery relaxation CD
- Studio Z Go-Pocket
- Baggalini organizing bag
- Neck heat wrap
- Personalized canvas tote bag
- Yoga classes

SHOP AT: Right at Home, Spirit Dreams, Bottega Salon, Expressions of Grace, Holistic Care Approach

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