

LAST MINUTE GIFT GUIDE

# And all through the house

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Thanks to the last days' heavy weather, and economy, many of us will be spending more time at home this winter. Being stayed up means fewer bits of time to out-of-the-office any time than stable office choices, and the only consolation is to maximize that year's final business — "hush-hush" — and shop for gifts to make your friend and family's season the best.

Clearly, there's never a moment, and party-fact that you can seem to help the business on your list (but the below — and maybe your gift catalog) look for all the fall-winter to follow!



Nothing creates the need for a solid cleanup, and Dyson's new DC31 Animal hair tool, \$279.99, is one of those gifts that won't leave husbands sweating on the sofa for the rest of the holiday. This trendy purple hair tool comes with an attachment for detangling pet hair, and a dual-power mode to help stretch its run time. Available at Sears, Home Outfitters, Future Shop and online at [www.dyson.com](http://www.dyson.com).

Give the real fresh weather on your list a head start on that first day's resolution to get organized with these adorable, numbered, apothecary containers. At \$5.42 a pop, they're handy bottles for everything from herbs and spices to paper clips. They are certain needs, saving for a set as a meaningful reminder. It's a housewarming to keep things tidy all winter long. Available at [www.apothecary.com](http://www.apothecary.com), 80 Northside Ave., or 70 Clark Street Road.



Everything, from a romantic home-crafted glass to that gourmet pizza, looks better by candlelight, especially when the light's coming from a luminous (but perfect) Tea Kite Spindle Beads Suspended Tea Lanterns Lane, \$99, candle included, beauty a silver-plated brass and stainless steel simple-etched base design. It's perfect for setting a festive mood, and will look amazing on any table or shelf. Available at [www.teakite.com](http://www.teakite.com), 500 Yorkville Ave.

Whether it's a movie marathon or a solo game night, no one likes holding the hot button with remote. The Logitech Harmony 700 universal remote, \$179.99, eliminates that coffee table clutter by taking control of all your devices — and creates the job even better. Includes friendly controls like "watch TV." Available at most big box electronics retailers.



Savvy hosts know the cocktail is half the work, and the rest, to mix up a mean martini or margarita. This elegant, six-blade stainless steel bar set from 41 Home has all the tools for a wannabe bartender, and a glass at \$20. Dress it up with a few bottles and some mix, and your ingredient will surely show the festive spirit. Available at [www.CanadianSuperstore.com](http://www.CanadianSuperstore.com), 825 Don Mills Rd.



Just as some friendly competition with those holiday-loving Bette-Table Top Games, \$70 each. Whether a foosball fanatic or a job Canadian air hockey fan, these easily stored away games offer up all the fun of their full-sized siblings without taking up all the floor space. Available at [www.41home.com](http://www.41home.com), \$10 Queen St. W.

No party dinner is complete without a touch of whimsy and great lights, and these Animal Shit Glasses, \$45 each, set up up both in spades. The cast animal heads — available in a rabbit, ram, mouse, bear and fish — look adorable sitting on a shelf or when you're toasting "hush-hush." Available at the Drake Hotel General Store, 1150 Queen St. W., [www.drakehotelstore.com](http://www.drakehotelstore.com).



What better way to pass a chilly evening than snuggled up under a cozy blanket? These blankets from the 150-year-old Pendleton Woolen Mills, in Portland, Ore., are available in a variety of gorgeous styles to suit any decor, and will help cut heating costs to bone! Prices range from \$85 to \$250. Available at the Drake Hotel General Store's new Bonobos location, 1071 Yonge St., [www.drakehotelstore.com](http://www.drakehotelstore.com).

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