

The background is white with scattered light blue snowflakes and small blue dots. A string of blue and white lights curves across the middle. On the left, there are blue holly leaves and red berries. At the bottom, there are two gift boxes: one with blue and white diagonal stripes and another with solid light blue. A red ribbon is tied in a bow around the blue gift box. The title is written in a red script font.

2021 Holiday Gift Giving Guide



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Bibamba: Bestsellers Gift Box (\$39)

We recently had the pleasure of meeting Patrick and Mara Tcheunou and were immediately won over by their charm, passion, and their delicious, environmentally friendly chocolates that are even... (gasp) healthy! One bite and you'll be hooked on these amazing treats made with love using cacao, plantains, and coffee from their farms in Cameroon. And look at this little guy! How can you resist that face?



I Love ME Gems: Healer Jade Necklace (\$30)

The ME in their name stands for "Manos Emprendedoras", or "entrepreneurial hands." An organization of women who have come from all over the globe to start a new life in Colorado, the members of ME craft exquisite jewelry while also expressing a beauty that transcends language and cultural barriers. This jade necklace looks gorgeous and supports a fantastic organization!



Carlson Vineyards: 365 Bundle (\$48)

Growing up on the Western Slope, Carlson Vineyards was a staple in my house. My mom was a big fan of the Laughing Cat wines and I always got a kick out of the little animated mascot. Flash forward to 2021 and this is no longer my mother's Carlson Vineyard! When Garrett and Cailin Portra first came to Palisade they were only planning to stay a short time. As so often happens, however, Colorado won them over and Garrett became fast friends with his new employers, Parker and Mary Carlson, eventually purchasing the winery from them years later. Carlson Vineyards was recently named the 2021 Colorado Winery of the Year at the annual Colorado Manufacturing Awards co-presented by Company Week and Manufacturer's Edge.





Sweet Caroline's Confections: Rosé Wine Lollipops (\$35 set of 10)

Thanks to a wide variety of delicious flavors and the ability to fully customize every element of their lollipops in order to enhance any motif, Sweet Caroline's has become a natural staple in the wedding industry and is also making major waves in the world of haute couture! Order a batch for your next shindig or pop into the storefront to buy a handful for yourself.



Flouwerco: Gift Box (\$30)

In the world of up-and-coming local food & beverage manufacturers, we would be remiss not to mention Flouwerco. Using edible flowers, the two-woman team at Flouwerco makes gorgeous all-natural, sustainable products that not only taste good but look like works of art. Wow your friends by featuring these beautiful floral crackers on your next charcuterie platter!



Heartwood Studios: Reservation for Floral Preservation (\$50)

While we are on the subject of flowers and weddings... Located in Steamboat Springs, Heartwood Studios was started in 2020 by a pair of gifted creative types who wanted to bring their creations to life. Specializing in custom floral preservation projects that allow you to commemorate a special occasion by immortalizing flowers in resin art, Dani and Kyle are also skilled woodworkers who make everything from cutting boards and magnetic knife holders to custom maps and toddler climbing gyms! As if that wasn't enough, they can also assist you with all of your photography, design, and digital needs!





Spinster Sisters: Oatmeal Milk & Honey Sugar Scrub Bar (\$10.⁹⁹)

Although we featured them in the 2020 gift guide, we simply couldn't pass up an opportunity to highlight the amazing team at Spinster Sisters who just launched a brand new line of products called "Free From". Thanks to this new plastic-free line of products, customers have already diverted nearly 13,000 plastic bottles from the landfills. That definitely deserves a shout-out!



Mali Textiles: Headband (\$25)

Mali Textiles is a community of designers and artisans whose platform currently supports 8 different Peruvian ventures and roughly 150 entrepreneurs committed to promoting social and economic fairness while creating high-quality products. This beautiful headband, for example, is hand knitted from 100% Alpaca Fiber. And it's even on sale. That's a win-win-win-win!



Moots: Vamoots DR

It is with some degree of trepidation that I admit that I am 100% not a natural or dedicated athlete. I did manage to get up on water skis once and that was probably enough. My favorite part of downhill skiing is sitting in the lodge. That said, what I lack in athletic prowess or knowledge, I make up for in knowing a good, solid, well-made beast when I see one and Moots has spent the past 40 years building a solid reputation for high-performance machines. Starting at around \$10k, Santa may not have a Vamoots DR in the budget this year, but it definitely deserves a spot on every cyclist's ultimate wish list. A Bicycling Magazine Editor's Choice review from 2015 describes this model as "springy and durable and sure of itself," it just "seems to float across the road". So, happy 40th anniversary to Moots and thank you for making us all Colorado Proud.



Xtenex: The Runner (\$14.⁹⁵)

Based on a patented elastic lace technology, Xtenex laces are a godsend for runners who can't afford to take time out of the race to tie their shoes, snowboarders who want to focus on the powder, and for people with mobility or dexterity issues who just want to make life a little easier. They last for decades and come in a variety of colors to coordinate with your favorite kicks.

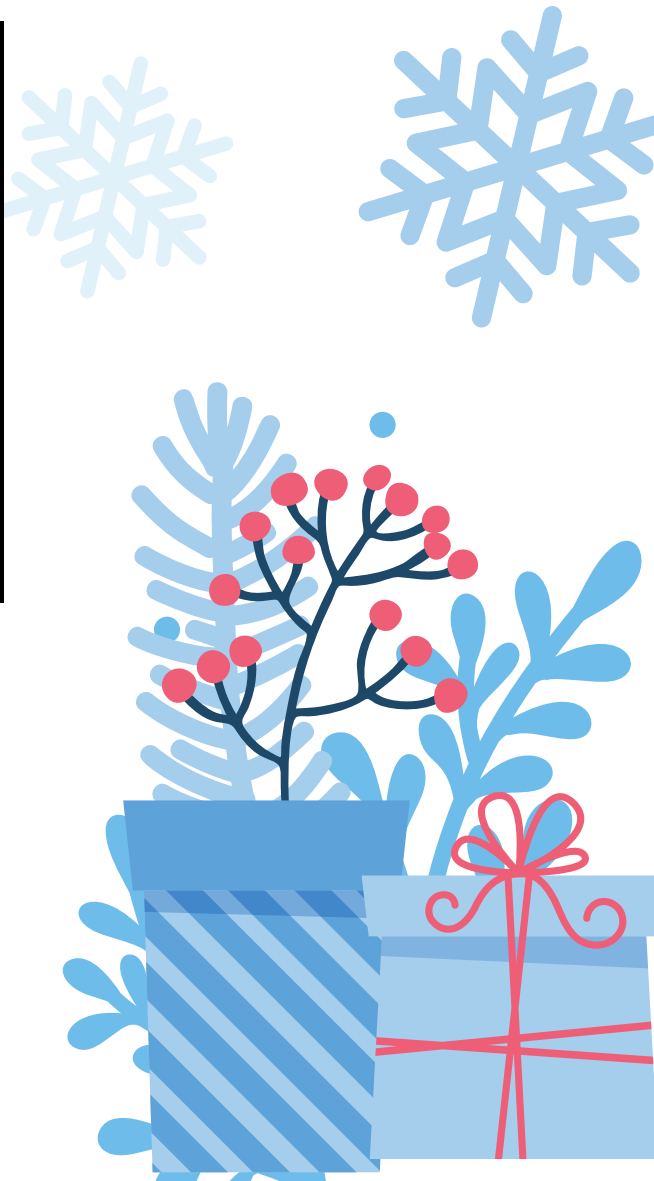
Honey Stinger: Prepare, Perform, Recover Variety Pack (\$29.⁹⁹)

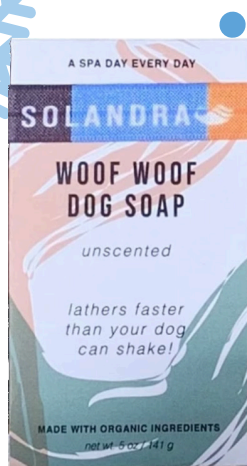
For over 20 years, Honey Stinger has been trusted by athletes to help them "Sweeten the Burn". This variety pack comes with options to PREPARE you for activity, products to help you PERFORM your best during a workout, and RECOVERY products to repair muscles afterward with the proper balance of carbs and protein. A good excuse to eat waffles? Count me in!



SaraBella + Colorado Native Beers Fly Rod

I am a sucker for a good collaboration and I've been known to enjoy a Colorado craft beer on occasion, so this SaraBella/Colorado Native Beer fly rod is right up my alley. It also helps that April and JT Archer are two of the kindest, most hardworking, thoughtful business owners around. SaraBella comes from the names of the Archers' dogs—Sara and Bella. The name is also a nod to the fact that SaraBella started when April got tired of fishing with equipment made for men and felt it was high-time to create fly rods with a woman's physicality in mind. Along the way, they also made a commitment to employing veterans and survivors. In their own words as stated on the website, "We've all been through some big life challenges, and we choose to work with our hands, collaborate as a team, and connect humans to water."





Solandra: Woof Woof Dog Soap (\$14)

The Manufacturer's Edge team is well known for our love of dogs. We have more dogs in the ME family than children! So, I was excited to discover this dog soap from Solandra that is free of phthalates, sulfates, parabens, palm oils, and synthetic fragrances. PLUS, Solandra is a woman-owned business that donates 10% of their profits to homeless shelters.



Alpen Confections: 6 Pcs Gift Box (\$16.⁵⁰)

If you like rich, delicious, decadent chocolate confections that look like crown jewels—and, seriously, who doesn't?!?—look no further than Alpen Confections. They have only been around for about a year, but they are already the pride and joy of Montrose. Honestly, these things are so beautiful, I don't know whether I should eat them or wear them!



Denver Tent: Maroon Bell Tent

I don't know if you have heard, but yurts are all the rage. I don't personally have one yet, but when the time comes, this is the one I have my eye on. The Maroon Bell tent is Denver Tent's latest creation. Manufactured 100% in the US, the Maroon Bell is designed to be easy to transport, easy to set up, and it is extremely spacious, which is a huge consideration for those of us married to 6'3" tall giants! In addition, the Maroon Bell has been subjected to the harshest conditions and it holds up beyond Denver Tent's expectations.

And, after the weird weather we've had lately, that is a huge selling point!





Organadina: Organic Cereal Snack Pop with Cacao (\$15.⁹⁹)

Organadina is one of the many companies featured this year who have participated in the World Trade Center Global Trade Activator program. We are delighted to highlight the diverse products from people who have chosen to make Colorado their home. It also helps when they make delicious food like this organic cereal snack made entirely with ingredients from Peru.



Grass Sticks: Ski Poles (\$98)

Grass Sticks was founded in 2014 by an engineer-turned-ski bum who was tired of bent and broken poles. After going through three sets in one season, Andrew Beckler decided to apply his knowledge of physics and engineering to start crafting high-quality, handmade bamboo ski poles that come with an unlimited 2-year warranty—no questions asked!



Revel Gear: Trail Hound™ 30 ft Camping Light (\$24.⁹⁹)

Whether you enjoy roughing it under the stars or if you are more of the “glamping” type, these LED camping lights will enhance any outdoor adventure. This high-efficiency 30-foot strand draws less than a watt of energy and is even waterproof. According the Revel Gear website, they pair well not only with camping, but also with hammock-ing, jamming, Instagramming, telling stories around the campfire, and a deep red wine. Strangely enough, I pair well with a deep red wine, too. I think we’ll get along quite well!





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It's been a crazy couple of years and we hope you get a smile or
two out of our annual gift guide and that you discover a few new
Colorado-made products to add to your wishlist. We wish you all a
joyous holiday season and looking forward to working together to
make 2022 peaceful, productive, and plentiful!

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