

Small Necklaces Ideal Gift for All-Age Girls

No girl is ever too young for beauty or for fashion, the Jewelry Industry Council claims, and this truth offers some special Christmas gift ideas for the younger set.

Girls of all ages have created a major fashion trend with their passion for the tiny necklaces known as minis.

A small design or pearl hanging from a fine gold chain and nestling in the hollow of the throat has proven its power with little girls of six and those over 16 as well. Even the 3-to-6-year-old set has its own special version of these popular miniatures.

Gold Bracelets
Narrow gold bracelets are another fashion favorite of all ages! And — the power of charms goes on forever. Charms marking every sentiment and every event for every age make a special and lasting gift! Scarab bracelets are big, big fashion among the high school and college set and are often worn two and three at a time.

Bar and circle pins are tops with the younger set and there can't be too many of them. In classic gold for daytime, or set with tiny pearls or stones for dress-up wear, a circle pin is a fashion must.

And, of course, a string of cultured pearls is every girl's most glorious Christmas dream.

Jewelry makes a lady out of a young girl, and a Christmas gift of pure delight.



CASUAL SHOES—Want to give him shoes? —these will fit if you come close to the size! Very smart casuals too. Left to right: golf shoe in polished leather with removable kiltie; ultra lightweight, three-eyelet tie in soft but rugged brushed leather; slip-on with popular buckle-and-strap in the new square toe; new high chukka boot in polished grained leather; and a three-eyelet in grained leather with decorative side-stitching. —Left to right by: Etonic, Winthrop, Bostonian, Nettleton, Jarman.

Seeing Youngsters Happy Is Cherished Christmas Tradition

To see children happy, with shining eyes and radiant faces is a most cherished Christmas tradition. The toys they find under the tree play an important part in just how glowing happy the little ones will be!

To recognize a toy that provides lasting fun for our children, we first must understand a little bit about play and what it means to a child.

Children at play are working at the very important job of growing as individuals, and toys are their vital tools!

Learns Development
The child learns to develop his muscles and his coordination. He learns the value of playing alone, and the value of companionship when he plays with others.

In endless ways, through play, the child works to become a happy, healthy, self-reliant person.

Most parents agree that

children should have educational toys. However, many of them feel that these toys aren't always "fun." Few children will ever tell you — mainly because they don't know it themselves — that they have no use for a toy which does not aid their development.

Instead they hand down their stern judgment by standing in the midst of a playroom full of unrewarding toys and complaining to their irritated parents that they have "nothing to do."

Good Toy Is Safe

Then, what is a good toy? First, a good toy must be safe. It should be free from sharp points and edges so that serious injury cannot result from normal use. A toy should be reasonably durable. Even "careful" children give their toys a tremendous beating.

Be sure that small unattach-

ed parts of a toy can be bought separately. In that case you'll avoid winding up with a useless \$10 pounding table because 50 cents worth of pegs got lost.

The toys must have possibilities of participation. Children want to get into the act. At best they will show only a fleeting interest in an expensive mechanical clown which they only can watch.

Mildly Challenging
By all means, give your children a toy that is mildly challenging. However, the skills necessary for the use of the toy must be well within the range of the capabilities of the child.

Many parents will buy toys for their children which are too advanced. Just ask yourself the question, "Have I ever seen my child, or any child near his age display the particular skill this toy requires?" and you're well on your way of eliminating too-advanced toys which might have found their way to your Christmas tree.

Notice, above all, which toys capture your youngster's interest. Take into consideration the preferences your child mentions. When you become thoroughly familiar with his capacities and limitations, you can make your tour of the toy stores with confidence that you'll get the right toys.

The most reassuring thing about playing Santa Claus is, however, that children either forgive or forget our mistakes in selecting their toys. At least, they always look forward to the next Christmas as eagerly as they did the last.

Varied Earrings Popular as Gifts

Earrings dramatize both the story of texture and the power of color. Button earrings take the lead for classic wear, and the upsweep and dangle designs are splendidly related to the "dress-up" look in after-dark fashions.

An important trend in jewelry accessorizing this season calls for mixing as well as matching. This is seen in gold earrings worn with pearls, and colored stones with a gold necklace. The traditional "matched look" of necklace and earrings will continue strong, and has been elaborated to include the pairing of earrings with pin or bracelet.

Christmas History Intrigues Clerical Scholars for Years

The history of the Christmas observance is one that has intrigued clerical and lay scholars for countless years.

Researchers have found that as far back as the fourth century, the Christmas festival was already an established custom dating back to earlier eras.

The word Christmas began as "Christ's Mass" or as in old English "Christes Masse" or the Mass of Christ. Following the custom of the church in observing the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births.

It was not until St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, set out

to affirm one day for a universal observance that Christ's Mass was changed from its previous celebration in the spring.

The good Bishop was granted permission by Pope Junius I to appoint a group of theologians to determine as accurately as possible, the exact date of Christ's nativity.

Too many years had elapsed for absolute accuracy, and after discovering various contradictions of calendars, astrological and astronomical calculations, the date for the celebration of Christ's Mass was set by the Church for December 25th.

So it is that since the year 354 A.D., this date has been observed as the date of the Saviour's birth.

Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches celebrate this on January 6th.

To this day, the festival of Christmas still occurs on many different dates throughout the world.

December 6th is the day when Christmas is observed in most Western European countries and marks the beginning of a long, happy holiday season!

Scarves Top Gifts For Girls, Ladies

Holiday fashions square-off in a new and delightfully different medley of scarves that make ideal gifts for every gal on your list.

Whether she's a school-girl matron, or in-between, it's easy to find just the size and color to accent her individuality.

The newest 36" scarves convert with ease into loose, low ties, cowl drapes or wide-away neckline loops.

Whether as a colorful extra

or a cherished gift, scarves fill the bill in every way.

Paper Cups Used As Christmas Bells

Green and red paper cups make perfect Christmas bells. To hang, insert a pipe cleaner through the bottom, twist it for a hook. Let the other end hang down below and attach a gum drop for a clapper.

Cups cut in half make good bells to top off a gift package. And, of course, they are always right for serving punch.

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