

Diamonds at Christmas Suitable for Milady

Love is "built-in" when a woman receives a diamond gift at Christmas.

Diamonds, classic gold pendants and conversation-type rings, sprinkled with diamonds, come in a variety of designs for every taste and budget.

Precious jewelry designers have answered the strong appeal to own the king of gems. By silhouetting a diamond or two against a textured design background, they make precious pieces in a wide range of prices. Both 14-karat and

18-karat gold are used, the latter being somewhat softer. Shades of sun-yellow are most popular, but green-gold or pink-gold can lend a dramatic touch to Florentine finish and unusual surface treatments.

Pooling Finances

What to give mother for Christmas can be solved by pooling family finances. A single fine piece of diamond jewelry can speak for all who love her. This eliminates individual gifts, a few of which are often returned for ex-

change anyway.

What should the treasure be? A jeweler's stock can be extensive and confusing, so it is best to decide in advance what type of piece it should be. Perhaps this is the Christmas for the diamond watch she has wanted. Many diamond watches start well under a hundred dollars. Sometimes the watchface is flanked with tiny round diamonds or the wristband is dotted with diamonds. Bracelet-watches are popular, hiding

time under a decorative cover.

A woman who has a flair for wearing pins imaginatively will appreciate a classic gold leaf design with curling tendrils tipped with diamonds. Perhaps a contemporary square fluted gold disk pin with a diamond perched on its rim would appeal to her. Floral motifs can be selected with an eye toward a woman's favorite flower. Pins and matching earrings make ensembles to enhance all types of apparel.

Pendants can be worn on necklace chains or as charms

on bracelets. Diamond-paved hearts, in sizes comparable to a French green pea on up to half a dollar size, cost anywhere from \$35 up the scale depending upon the number and quality of diamonds. Four-leaf clovers, petaled buds and gracefully engraved scrolls—all set with tiny round diamonds—can be worn either alone or in combination with a pearl necklace. The sparkling pendant should be suspended in the

center hollow of the neck.

"Anniversary" rings, always worn on the fourth finger of the right hand, should be selected carefully. Since a woman's hand shape determines the overall size of the ring, the design should be selected according to the size of her hand and the contour of her fingers. Some occasional-type rings of twisted gold wire bands rise into spirals of diamonds, while others carry the design interest along the finger. Rings are perfect conversa-

tion pieces as they show off a pretty hand.

What is a woman's design preference? Find out if she has a tendency to wear conservative or modern designs. Does she prefer white or yellow metal? Armed with the answers to these essential questions, the "just right" diamond gift can be chosen for her to enjoy for many Christmases. The intuitive woman will know that the design and piece was selected carefully and specially for her.



WRINKLE-RESISTANT—For the party season, big and little sisters are set to steal the spotlight in crisp, wrinkle-resistant dresses blended in Kodol polyester, nylon and cotton. A removable bolero jacket, decorated with Schiffli embroidery, tops these "stay-fresh" full-skirted frocks. By Kate Greenaway.

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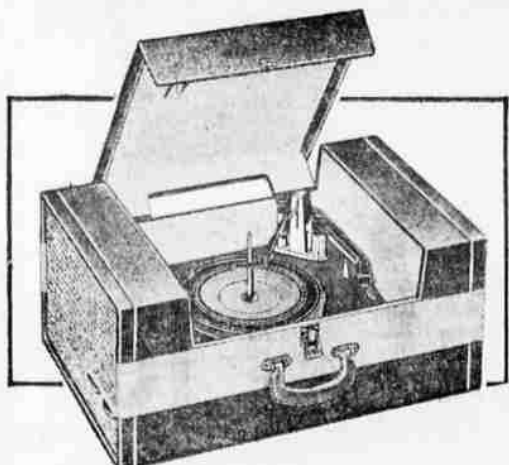
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Boxes, Envelopes Are Practical Gifts

Gay-colored, quilted boxes for handkerchiefs, hosiery, gloves and scarves encourage "ship-shapeliness" of bureau drawers.

Plastic or fabric envelopes for sweaters, men's shirts and lingerie do their part toward neatness, too.

Smart chrome multi-hanger units for blouses, skirts, handbags, belts or ties; shoe racks, too — are practical presents with a handy future.

A convenient, multi-drawer chest can be used by either man or woman.

Notion departments feature these practical "gifted" items as well as dozens of others.

Garment and blanket bags in all sizes and colors; wardrobe closets that may be easily dismantled for storage all have their own appeal to the good housekeeper.

It's nice to have a debonair man around the house. Your man can be a fashion plate in a pair of handsome smooth leather slippers that set off his Christmas smoking jacket. Soft, but masculine, leather slippers in natural tan, deep brown or elegant red put at-home ease on a smart footing.

Then, too, there are many masculine-looking warm shearling-lined slippers for men and boys in all leather textures. While tans, browns and black remain favored colors, he'll like color mixtures such as brown with black cuffs. Some show texture interest, with complementing colors in brushed leather on a smooth leather slipper.

A Present For House Delights Entire Family

One of the nicest holiday traditions is that of giving a present "to the house," a gift the whole family can enjoy. To delight everyone, a "house gift" must be shared and enjoyed by Mom and Dad as well as the children. It should be easy to care for and durable, besides adding an attractive note to home surroundings.

Leather furniture is just such a gift, suggests Leather Industries of America. A leather upholstered chair in the living room or den will become a "favorite" seat for Dad, Mom and the kids. Available in hundreds of soft and brilliant colors, a leather chair offers a decor dividend for modern or period styles. Best of all, leather chairs resist sag, soil and scratching — all common dangers when the family includes teen-age con-tortionists.

In the dining room, leather-covered chairs combine with sleek, satiny woods, make a family meal an occasion. Rich-hued top grain leathers provide atmosphere without care. A damp cloth wipes away all food stains and restores modern leathers to their original brightness.

Leather ottomans are perfect seats for youngsters; Dad uses them to stretch his legs on while relaxing. Mother likes their bright notes of color.

For the den, a leather-topped desk adds a note of authority to Dad's "home office." A desk top set of handsome tooled leather diary, pen and pencil and leather-edged blotter also dresses up the study. They are available in dark reds, greens and browns on startling white.

New lamps for the living room now show-off rich tooled leathers for the base, while occasional tables have handsome leather tops. Sturdy leather headboards in vivid colored leathers are available for children's beds, and softly-feminine off-white and beige tufted leather headboards for the master bedroom.

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