

WHAT TO BUY JEWELRY

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Jewelry, whether the high-end, save-it-for-special-occasion kind or the inexpensive fashion bling, is a gift that will keep loved ones thinking of you every time they wear it. Consider your recipient, consider your budget, consider your message, and go shopping!

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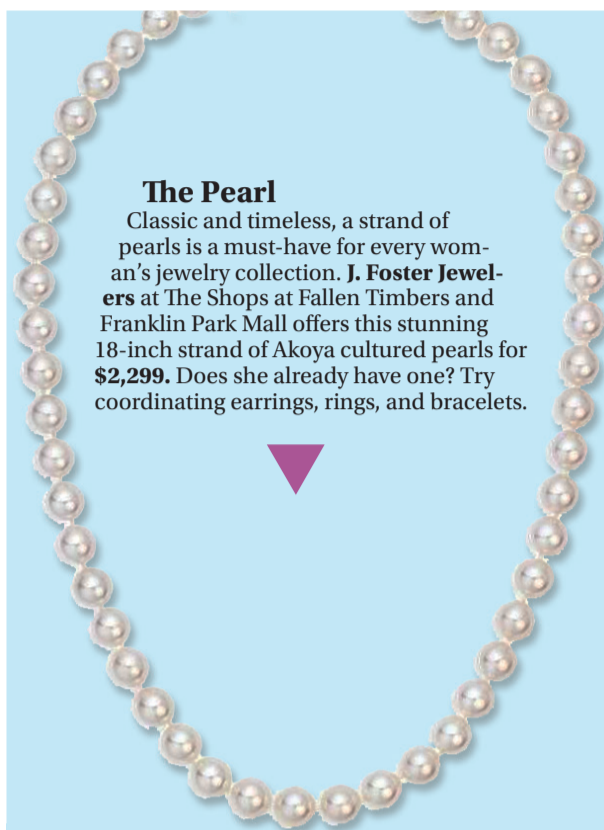


Frogtown pride

For the Toledo, aka Frogtown, aficionado on your list, how about this fun and funky frog pendant? **JCPenney.com** offers it for **\$99.98**, but sales abound at this time of year.

Bangles

This sleek gold-tone and crystal stud bracelet will provide a sharp accent to any outfit — casual or dressy. The Michael Kors Crystal Stud Bangle Bracelet, which also comes in silver-tone and rose gold-tone, is **\$115** at **Macys.com**.



The Pearl

Classic and timeless, a strand of pearls is a must-have for every woman's jewelry collection. **J. Foster Jewelers** at The Shops at Fallen Timbers and Franklin Park Mall offers this stunning 18-inch strand of Akoya cultured pearls for **\$2,299**. Does she already have one? Try coordinating earrings, rings, and bracelets.

Golden Oldie

Antique shops and, yes, pawn shops, offer an array of vintage jewelry you can't find just anywhere. **Estate Jewelers of Toledo**, 5442 Monroe St., has an array of platinum and diamond bracelets from the 1920s. This 10-karat Edwardian bracelet, circa 1910, is listed at **\$6,500**.



Arm accessory

Want to keep up with Paris Hilton and Lady Gaga? Toledo's oldest jewelry store carries a line of metal mesh handbags made by a company that's one year older. Founded in 1877, **Broer Freeman Jewelers**, 4328 W. Central Ave., has a swank selection of Whiting & Davis (founded in 1876) bags that are pretty enough to be mistaken for a piece of jewelry — and popular with celebs. This crystal drop bracelet bag sells for **\$298**.



Beads, anyone?

For those creative people on your list who like to do it themselves, consider a gift card for beads and other jewelry-making supplies at **Bonita Bead Boutique**, 215 Conant St. in Maumee. The shop also carries jewelry by area artists and fair trade pieces like this multiple-strand, gemstone necklace in varying shades of green from Thailand. **\$64**.

Cross your heart

A special — or stunning — cross can make a beautiful gift. While most jewelry stores and counters have a wide selection of crosses from the traditional to the not-so-traditional, this very modern, almost whimsical 14-karat white gold cross was designed by Eli Antypas, owner of **Eli Antypas Jewelers**, 5300 Monroe St. You can find it there for **\$1,690**.



Timeless gift

Nothing says timeless like a timepiece for the best guy on your list. Bulova offers an array of sharp, precise watches like this 11-diamond stainless steel watch with gold tone accents and a date window. **\$350** at **Broer Freeman Jewelers**, 4328 W. Central Ave.



Jazz things up

Buy her some jewelry that makes a fashion statement but doesn't strain your wallet. **Elegant Rags**, 109 Louisiana Ave. in Perrysburg, features a variety of "statement pieces" such as this black and grey beaded necklace for an affordable **\$45**.

A girl's best friend

It's hard to miss with diamond earrings or a diamond pendant for those special dress-up occasions. **Jeffrey Mann Fine Jewelers**, 5247 Monroe St., carries a wide selection of Forevermark diamonds such as these gorgeous earrings from the Center of My Universe Collection for **\$7,695**. The diamond pendant is **\$3,595**.



* Prices and availability subject to change.