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GUIDE



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piece of the city
with one of these
unique presents

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▲ **NEW YORK IN A BAG, MOMA DESIGN STORE SOHO**

Part of the fun at the Museum of Modern Art's SoHo store is looking through the diverse, well-designed objects to find just the right gift. This New York in a Bag set of wooden city structures and cars will please anyone on your list. \$18. • 81 Spring St. • 646-613-1367 • momastore.org

▼ **ASSORTED COOKIES, LEVAIN BAKERY**

Friends and family will be delighted by these decadent and delicious 6-ounce masterpieces. Box up a few for a perfect taste of the city. \$27 for four giant cookies. Two NYC locations. • 167 W. 74th St. • 212-874-6080 • 2167 Frederick Douglass Blvd. • 646-455-0952 • levainbakery.com



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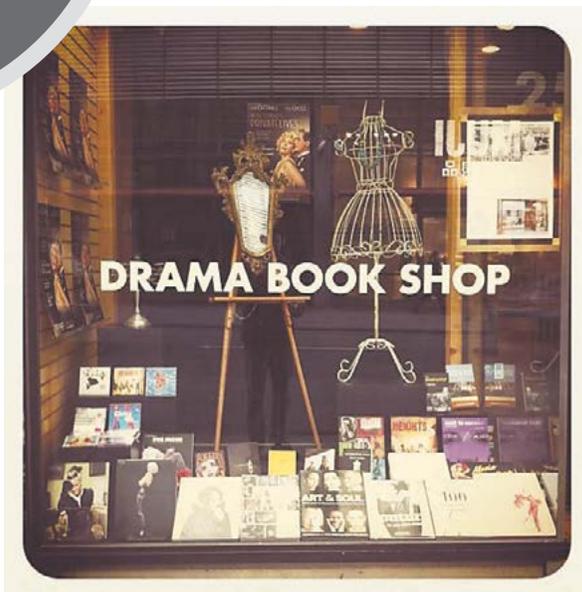
STUDIO MANHATTAN

▲ **MESSENGER BAG, STUDIO MANHATTAN ART + DESIGN**

These super-cool leather and canvas bags have scenes from New York — Chinatown, Manhattan Bridge and others — screenprinted on them. \$95. Two locations. • 277 Bleecker St. • 646-476-5470 • 170 Mulberry St. • 718.392.3030 • studiomanhattan.com

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DRAMA BOOK SHOP

PLAYS AND MORE, DRAMA BOOK SHOP

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MOUTH

BROOKLYN SPIRITS TASTER, MOUTH INDIE SPIRITS + WINE GALLERY

Pack homegrown spirits in a signature tote with a few other goodies from Mouth.com's store in the Dumbo neighborhood. The shop focuses solely on craft spirits and indie alcohol, while the website is a foodie's dream, peddling artisanal sweets, jams, honey and more. • 192 Water St., Brooklyn • 347-227-7007 • mouth.com



C.O. BIGELOW

SHAVING SET, C.O. BIGELOW

Opt for the three-piece set — a badger-hair brush, a razor and stand — for a traditional shave experience from this apothecary established in 1838. \$129 • 414 Sixth Ave. • 212-533-2700 • bigelowchemists.com



ERICA WEINER

N.Y. TRANSIT TOKEN NECKLACE, ERICA WEINER

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FDNY VEHICLE SET, KIDDING AROUND

This five-pack of New York's fire and rescue vehicles is an example of the many offerings available at a store run by people with a passion for toys. \$17.99. Two locations. • 60 W. 15th St. • 212-645-6337 • Grand Central Terminal, 107 E. 42nd St. • 212-972-8697 • kiddingaroundtoys.com



KIDDING AROUND



BROOKLYN CHARM

ONE-OF-A-KIND NECKLACE, BROOKLYN CHARM

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4D CITYSCAPE, METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART STORE

Recreate Gotham's famous skyline with this scale-model puzzle that spans 101 years of architectural history. The puzzle includes 120 plastic buildings depicting the city as it appeared as far back as 1812. Landmarks include the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, the original World Trade Center and Freedom Tower. \$39.95. • 1000 Fifth Ave. • 212-731-1498 • store.metmuseum.org



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more great places to shop in NYC

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1 NOLITA
NoLita, short for North of Little Italy, was once the tenement-filled home base to thousands of immigrants who came to New York for a better life. Now chic and super-cool, the streets are filled with one-of-a-kind boutiques, shoe stores, jewelry vendors and quirky style-setters. Mulberry, Mott and Elizabeth streets feature unique bars, amazing restaurants and clubs that don't start happening until the wee hours.

2 UNION SQUARE
Super-mega stores like DSW and Nordstrom Rack offer bargains galore. Holiday time is when the outdoor tents feature all sorts of gifts, handmade soaps, scarves and crafts. Home to the Greenmarket farmers markets, Union Square is also where all the local, organic and freshest food and flowers are showcased on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday by New York farmers.

3 HELL'S KITCHEN (CLINTON)
Now renamed Clinton, this once rough-and-tough neighborhood is now a trendy assortment of bars, restaurants and coffee shops. Glittering high rises mix with renovated brownstones with Old World character. Mom-and-pop shops range from antique stores to art galleries.

4 CHINATOWN
One of the most-populated Chinatowns in the United States, New York's is a dazzling trip into authenticity. Canal Street runs through several blocks of this ethnic neighborhood. You'll find roasted ducks in the windows, along with fruits and vegetables you've never seen before spilled out onto the streets. Check out Pearl River Mart for low-priced souvenirs, silks and mementos.

5 SOHO
SoHo (short for South of Houston Street — pronounced House-ton) was

once home to New York's factories, from sewing to iron foundries. The warehouse buildings have been converted to loft spaces used for living (if you're super rich) and an array of high-fashion boutiques, shops and trendy restaurants. You'll find a Bloomingdale's and even a Chanel boutique.

6 LOWER EAST SIDE
The Lower East Side has had a complete makeover. Once one of the roughest neighborhoods in town, it's been reborn into a trendsetter. Boutiques that feature designers who make their own creations are the norm. The unusual and unexpected is at home here, in furnishings, jewelry and culinary experiences.

7 MADISON AVENUE
Madison Avenue from 59th Street to the 90's is home to Tom Ford, Giorgio Armani, Calvin Klein, Hermès, Carolina Herrera and almost every high-fashion

designer and jeweler. You will see celebrities shopping along this busy street.

8 MEATPACKING DISTRICT
Once the headquarters of the meat industry, this neighborhood has been transformed. At the corner of Ninth Avenue and West 14th Street, the high-tech Apple Store is mobbed day and night. The cobblestone streets are home to the latest designer boutiques, including Diane von Furstenberg and Catherine Malandrino, as well as fantastic restaurants.

9 FIFTH AVENUE
Fifth Avenue has always been the center of elegance in New York. Start spending at Saks Fifth Avenue and work your way up to the super-chic Bergdorf Goodman. Along the way, you'll find jewelers Cartier, Van Cleef & Arpels, De Beers and Tiffany & Co., where you can window-shop to your heart's content.