

# The Good Gift Guide

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**On these pages you'll find many gifts that give twice, or even thrice! Whether you care about protecting rainforests, disadvantaged children, or homeless puppies, you can buy beautiful gifts and make a positive difference to the world.**

All of the retailers listed here actively seek to make a positive impact on a range of social, cultural or environmental issues. Through your purchase, you will be supporting innovative and inspirational projects in Australia and across the world. All this while shopping - amazing!

Flick through to one of the following categories to find the perfect gift:

- Food
- Homewares
- Kitchenware
- Kids
- Arts and Crafts
- Clothes
- Greeting Cards
- Weird and Wonderful
- One Stop Shop
- Support a Charity





## Food – delicious treats that give back



Based in Parramatta

Give the coffee-lover in your life barista courses from foundations through to latte art. **Darcy St Project** is a social enterprise providing barista and hospitality training for indigenous, youth at risk, recent migrants and mature aged workers. Coffee beans and “community pods” (Nespresso compatible) are also available in-store.



**Mildura Chocolate Company** isn't just a purveyor of fine chocolate. It also provides employment for adults with a disability or experiencing disadvantage. All products are handmade using local produce. They'll even custom-make wrapping for you!

FARMHOUSE

**Farmhouse** is an online gateway to Australia's best farmers and artisan producers. Everything you buy is produced, packed and shipped by the producers themselves. Chocolate, alcohol, produce, cheeses, beard care, tastings and workshops, pet care, craft products and much more!



**Honest to Goodness** offers over 1000 organic and natural products at affordable prices. Find delicious and beautiful products to make someone a gift hamper – tea, chocolate, nuts, crackers and many other delights.



A **Summerland House Farm** hamper is more than delicious nuts, condiments and puddings – it's also an investment in employment opportunities and social inclusion for people with a disability. The company employs over 90 people with a disability and all the products in their hampers are grown by staff or sourced locally in Northern NSW.



**Eat me Chutneys** makes delicious condiments from wonky and bruised fruit and vegetables that would normally be destined for landfill. Try their tamarind and fig “rescue” chutney, or organic cherry and clove pickle. There are gift vouchers for the indecisive.



# Homewares – beautiful things making a difference



**The Bower** has everything you need for the holiday season, from extra tables and chairs for dinner guests to a refurbished bike for the kids – shop in-store or online. Or give the gift of knowledge with a workshop on basic carpentry, furniture restoration or introductory upholstery.



**SisterWorks** run workshops and sells a range of beautiful homewares and handcrafted by migrant, asylum seeker or refugee women in Melbourne, Australia. They gain financial independence by developing their entrepreneurial skills.



**Blessed Earth** sells clothing, manchester, rugs and carpets made from certified organically-produced materials. They even have organic cotton yoga mats and pure wool car mats! Their range now includes sustainable cookware (like low-carbon steel non-stick frypans), mosquito nets, homeopathic items, quality knives, bags, and much more.



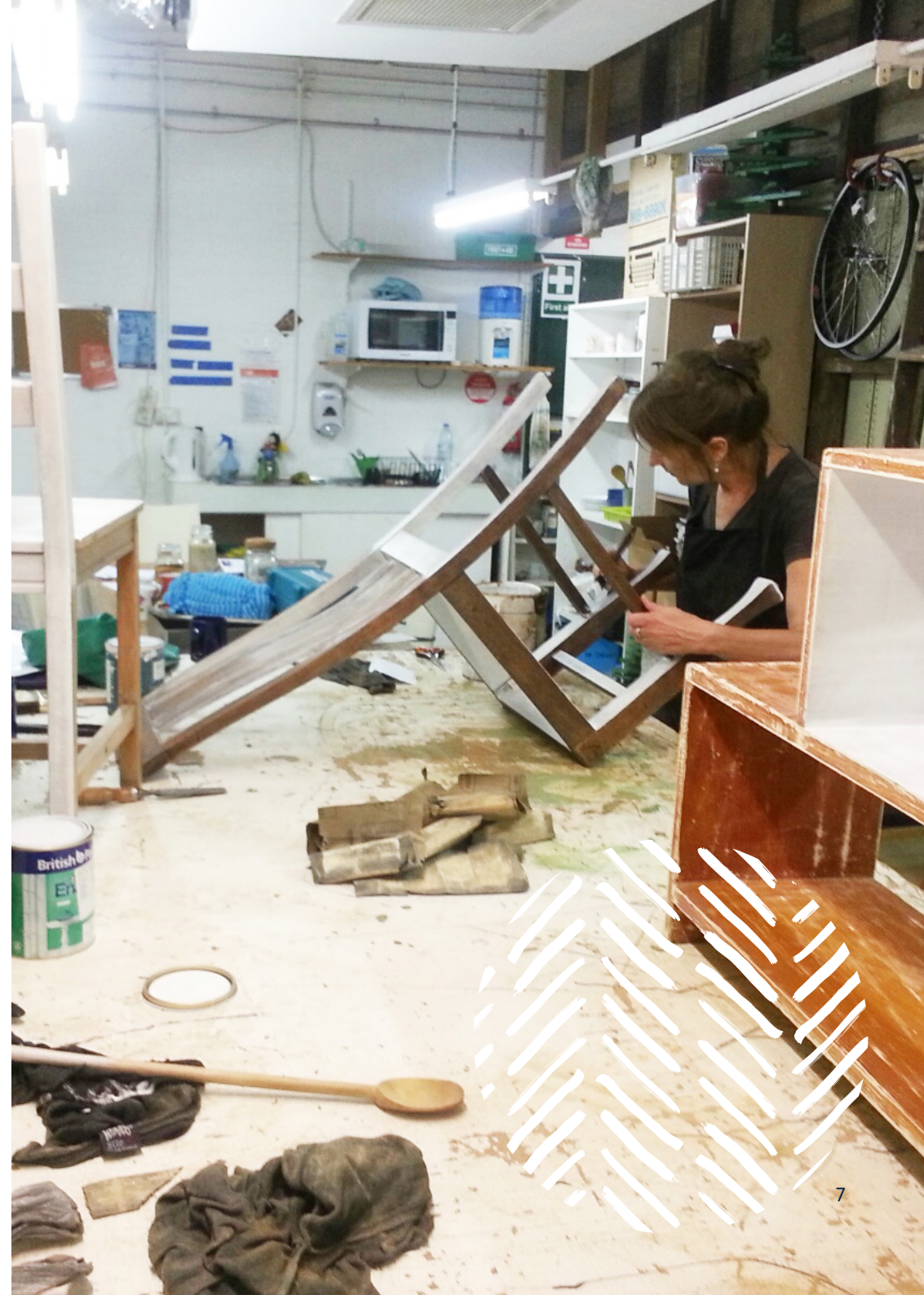
Buy cushions, lamp shades, curtains and rugs in the most gorgeous eco-fabrics including hemp, design and made in Sydney by **ClothFabric**.



**Silk Lotus** is a social enterprise importing beautiful hand-made jewellery, textiles and accessories that are gorgeous and ethical. The items are from small producer groups with profits donated to aid agencies for greater impact.



**Sampan** specialises in ethical and eco-friendly gifts and homewares from South East Asia and India. All products are handmade from natural, recycled or renewable resources, right down to re-using packaging when shipping customer orders.







## Kitchenware – Practical, creative and good for the planet



**Big Bite Eco** is eco-ware for food lovers. To help you reduce, reuse and recycle check out the beautiful, affordable, reusable and practical alternatives to single use packaging created by Big Bite Eco.



Reduce your food waste, save money and reduce the amount of plastic in the world! The Swag have created a range of food storage bags made from 100% natural, unbleached, unseeded cotton. Rather than the unnatural environment of a plastic bag, **The Swag** is a natural breathable bag that helps your food stay fresher for longer.

#untrashy

**#Untrashy** have a huge range of sustainable and reusable alternatives to single-use plastic products. Everything from a personal straw pack to some brightly coloured squishy, un-smashable silicone wine glasses – you're sure to find something for everyone.



**Amber's Food Wraps** let you throw away your clingwrap and use non-toxic wax wraps to keep your food fresh. Amber's Food Wraps are made from 100% cotton designed by the traditional owners of the Northern Territory, Australia. They are dipped and finished in organic beeswax, which is locally sourced; organic resin, and organic jojoba oil.



**Natural Panaa** have created a beautiful alternative to plastic party plates and cups with products made from the Areca leaf. Make these a talking point at your next party! Did you know these products are created from fallen Areca leaves – so no trees are harmed in the production of these products – WOW!



# Kids – gifts for children with heart, inspiration and fun



For a beautiful range of timber and natural toys for children of all ages, head to Malvern (Melbourne) store **Honeybee**. You'll find non-toxic face pencils, nativity sets, music and jewellery boxes, child-sized gardening gloves, wobble boards, castles and even a kitchen sink



The **Trading Circle** sells gorgeous gifts for children including hand-stitched cloth books, purses and pencil cases, jewellery, and three-way story dolls (like Red Riding Hood who turns upside down to become Grandma and the Wolf). There are gifts for adults such as silk scarves, delicious fair trade chocolates, bags and baskets. Browse in-store in Summer Hill (Sydney) or online.



**Little Earth Nest** has a lovely range of toys, from fairy doors to pirate ships. There's a dump truck made from recycled plastic, a sustainable timber Victorian dolls house, recycled silver earrings, a gardening board game made from 75% recycled materials, natural bath crayons, and eco-chalk for hair colouring (instead of spray cans!).



**Homely Creatures** sells fair trade items designed in Australia and handmade in Bolivia and Nepal. The cushions, wall art and "creatures" are unique and stylish additions to a nursery, and made from natural materials.



**100 Story Building** produces books and a quarterly magazine edited by young people for young people. Read some crazy tales and find a whole lot of inspiration to get writing, drawing and creating. Inspire a young reader or writer you know with a magazine or workshop.





# Arts and Crafts – art changing the world



**Welcome Studio** sells beautiful illustrative art prints by local Sydney makers, with all profits supporting refugees and people seeking asylum in NSW.



Parramatta Clay & Arts Inc  
Based in Parramatta

**Parramatta Clay and Arts Inc.** Gallery and Studio sell a range of items handmade ceramic items including bowls, platters, mugs, jugs, ornamental jewellery and Christmas decorations as well as gift vouchers for classes. Shop 5, 10-14 Hunter Street, Parramatta.



**Injalak Arts** is a non-profit Aboriginal-owned social enterprise. 200 artists and weavers from Gunbalanya and surrounding outstations produce artworks, beautiful screen-printed fabric and unique Pandanus baskets. Buying from Injalak Arts supports a 100% Aboriginal owned business and delivers positive social, economic and cultural outcomes for its members.



Find a beautiful, unique or quirky piece of art from **QArt Gallery**. Their gallery is full of work featuring the exceptional talents of artists with intellectual disability. Find original paintings, prints, greeting cards, art tiles and even hand-embroidered bags.



**Notely** sells beautiful notebooks printed with sustainable ink onto FSC certified paper, and with 100% post consumer waste recycled, carbon neutral paper on the inside. Planet friendly, attractive AND supporting real artists.



**Empower International** sells a range of gorgeous hand made products, hand-embroidered bags, jewellery, cards, toys and cloth baby books. Purchasing from Empower International provides financial sustainability for women and their children who have been impacted by, or who are at risk of, sexual exploitation. Find them in St Kilda (Melbourne) or online.







## Clothes and Jewellery – Look good. Feel good.



Socks that fight poverty? **The Conscious Step** donates a portion from every pair of socks sold to organisations that protect oceans, fight hunger, treat HIV, provide clean water, educate kids, plant trees and work to end poverty and provide disaster relief.



Is your man's bum improving lives? If not, race over to the **Buy Undies, Give Undies** website to get him some comfy black undies and a child in Africa or Vanuatu will also get a pair (which helps stop the spread of disease).



**The Social Outfit** is a fashion label with a difference. It employs and trains people from refugee and new migrant communities in clothing production, retail, design and marketing. Collaborating with fashion designers, they hand-make clothing, homewares and stationery.

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Apart from selling a gorgeous collection of batik clothes and accessories from Ghana, West Africa, **Hilda** is an Australian brand that's providing regular employment and support to women in Ghana.



**Created by Culture** creates sustainable and stylish jewellery made from glass bottles that would otherwise be in landfill. An ethical business that provides a fair wage to artisans and helps to keep traditional Ghanaian crafts and traditions alive.



**Maraca** create fun, crazy, inspired jewellery made with rescued, recycled or discarded materials. The materials come from everywhere including deconstructed toys, reclaimed parts of provisional public art, offcuts from Perspex suppliers!! These pieces will be a talking point at any occasion.



# Weird and wonderful – for the person who has everything (or is just really hard to buy for!)



Send your loved ones on a mouth-watering food adventure in Sydney! **Taste Cultural Food** Tours is building strong social connections and cross-cultural understanding through unique food tours. The tours also make memorable parties or office events.



**Jeeneemobile** sell mobile phone plans and use the profits to donate free services, develop accessible technology and run technology training programs to help people living with disabilities improve their lives.



**Addventaginous** has gift vouchers for the person in your life who has forgotten how to ride a bike, or who never knew. There are a range of classes to build bike skills, confidence and safety, catering for a range of abilities and cycling interests.



Send someone a gorgeous flower arrangement from **Angkor Flowers** and you'll also be helping them to provide employment and training opportunities and financial independence for women from low-skilled migrant and refugee backgrounds in Sydney.



**RSPCA** offers presents for both animal lovers and the animals themselves. Designer dog collars, a massive array of presents for kids (like cute animal shower caps!), books and DVDs or even Christmas presents for pets.



With the gift of a lottery ticket from **yourtown** (formerly BoysTown) you will support Kids Helpline and your loved one could be inviting you over for tea in their new luxury home or taking you for a drive in their prestige car.



For a really unusual present, how about a box of toilet paper? **The who gives a crap** rolls are made from 100% recycled paper or bamboo. They're Australian-owned, with half their profits used to build toilets in the developing world. Check out their limited edition extra-soft rolls!



If the surfer in your life takes minutes to get his/her wetsuit on, **Surf Sock** is the answer they didn't realise they were looking for. This handy item, made from reclaimed sails, gets a wetsuit over a foot in a second and then provides a nice, dry place for a mobile phone.



**Multi-Powered Products** is the shop for gadget-lovers big and small. Solar-powered backpacks and MP3 players, solar powerbanks, wind-up torches, radios and toys like remote controlled buggies, a gyroscope robot and a salt water fuel cell engine car.



Designed in Bondi Beach and made in Western Sydney, the **2xo** quality bags are made from upcycled billboards, firehoses, banners, sail cloth and rubber. From laptop sleeves to totes and tiny "fortune cookie" bags for coins.



**The Pluralist** make watches with numbers in kanji or Arabic, and donate \$5 from every watch sold to a not-for-profit organisation. Stylish and different!



**Nue Bar** have a selection of PH balanced hair care bars. Everything you want from your shampoo and conditioner but without the plastic bottle. The products are palm oil free, handmade, vegan, cruelty free, contain no SLS, SLES, parabens, silicones, petroleum by-products or artificial fragrances. As an added bonus, worldwide shipping is 100% carbon offset!



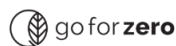
**Australian Red Cross** merchandise including solar powered radios, a book about Man Caves, tea towels, herbal dog wash, Christmas puddings, room fresheners and much more.



**Dresden Optics** make lightweight frames for glasses with easily interchanged or replaced parts. Most frames are fully recyclable, some are even made from materials that can't typically be recycled, such as milk bottle lids and beer keg caps.



# One-stop shop – find all your 'Good Gifts' in one place



**Go for Zero** has a mission to help every home be toxin-free and conscious of their environmental impact. Discover fantastic Australian products which are great for you and the environment and support small Australia business. You can find some beautiful and unique gifts from bath products, perfumes, makeup, skincare, health foods and tea.



By buying from **Oz Fair Trade**, you are helping to improve the lives of many women and their families who live in extreme poverty. Full profits go back to purchasing more fair trade products. Find spoons and jewellery made from bombshells, super soft t-shirts, cards, cushion covers, bags, slippers, and lots more.

## Ethical living



**Ethical Living** specialises in ethically made and fair trade goods. There's a huge range of products including jewellery, felt and knitted toys, two-sided bags so kids can decide which "look they want", clothing and shoes for adults and children, home décor and more.

**Change Merchants** source beautiful, fair trade products from all over the world. Fabulous cotton "pumjammies" (pyjamas or pants!) for men and women, sustainable leather passport covers, jewellery made from bomb casings, tooth fairy pillows, cufflinks and other cool stuff.



**Sustainable Handmade Collective** sells fair trade gifts from around the world - chocolate! toys! spices! homewares! as well as books, greeting cards, wine, or CDs. They have lavender-filled cat and dog eye pillows, baskets and boxes galore, and lots of chocolate. Shop online or spend time in a store near you.



**Biome** sells everything you need for an eco-lifestyle: bags, skincare, educational toys, home décor, natural makeup, natural deodorant, crayon rocks made from soy wax, lunch boxes, sustainable clothing, cookware, Manchester and lots more. Online or in store (Queensland only).



**Upcycle Studio** sells a gorgeous and eclectic range of gifts made from upcycled materials. Check out their bags and accessories made from sail cloth, fire hoses and billboards, sustainable lunch boxes and water bottles, and more. Shop online or in St Peters (Sydney).



**Flora and Fauna** is an Australian online store that guarantees that all your purchases will be vegan-friendly and ethical. Look for the Dirty Hippy makeup range with truly sustainable packaging, pretty cloth nappies, stylish water bottles, mushroom elixirs, bags, clothing, eco-crayons and lots more. They also support Sea Shepherd and the Where Pigs Fly Sanctuary.



**Eco at Home** sells all sorts of everyday but beautiful essentials including baby olive oil soap, books on eco living, natural house paint (which actually has a pleasant smell), children's gardening tools and gifts. Available online or in their Willoughby (Sydney) store.



**Amnesty International Australia** sells ethically made clothes for adults and babies, books, bags and stickers to fund their work in protecting human rights around the world. Your loved one will look great in a "Love is a human right" or "fighting bad guys" t-shirt (or romper, for a baby).



**Fair Go Trading** is a Perth (Australia) based retailer of fair-trade and organic goodies. Go retro with their beautiful hand-painted cake tins and kitchen canisters. Get stylish with their artisan totes and evening bags. Or browse the wide range of hemp bags, puppets, jewellery and more.



# Support a Charity – give a gift where it's really needed



Sponsor an Australian woman to go through the fantastic **Fitted for Work** program that helps women experiencing adversity break through barriers to get and keep work.



Choose from The **Australian Red Cross**'s six donation gift cards, including the \$50 Gift of Friendship (a daily phone call for a month to an elderly or isolated person).



**Care Australia** offers a great range, from \$10 drought resistant seeds to \$665 to provide a community watering pond for crops. Care Australia is a non-government and non-religious.



Give the gift of sight with **The Fred Hollows Foundation**, starting at \$25 to restore the sight of a Cambodian mother who had never seen her baby.



Give a gift that celebrates and protects animals with **Humane Society**. You can help protect Africa's elephants, create a better world for farmed animals, stop illegal wildlife trade and more.



**Karma Currency** links you to almost every charity in existence. It's perfect if you're not quite sure what makes a person tick, as you can just buy a gift voucher and your loved one chooses the charity that'll receive the money.



**Medicins Sans Frontieres** (Doctors Without Borders) provides emergency medical relief to victims of natural or human-created disasters and victims of armed conflict. You can create a donation fund with them for your special occasion.



With **Muslim Aid** you can give personal or business Zakah, pay Fedyah or cleanse your income received from interest. You can choose how the money is spent, such as for sustainable development, orphan aid, health and education.



**Oxfam Unwrapped** offers a massive range of cheesy gifts for people who already have everything they need. "You're lovely here, but you're FOWL in Vanuatu" says the card giving a \$40 family of chickens.



**Rainforest Rescue**'s gift cards include a \$10 cassowary care package and help to recover the Richmond birdwing butterfly.



**RSPCA** has five gift cards representing the five freedoms for animals, including freedom from hunger and thirst, freedom from fear and distress, and freedom to express normal behaviour. A lovely set of gifts for the animal-lover.



With **Simply Giving**, you choose a Christmas present for a disadvantaged Australian child through Barnardos, Anglicare, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, The Smith Family and more – and you get a certificate, gift card or origami for your tree.



This is where the concept of giving to people who need it most actually started. **Tear Australia** is a Christian group helping the world's poor. Gifts are priced from \$5 (for chickens) to \$5,000 (to help a community transform their village). There are even build-a-village cardboard toys!



**Unicef** allows you to buy a range of gifts helping with education, clean water, nutrition, maternal health and more. For just \$51 you can provide 200 polio vaccines.



Help conserve endangered animals such as tigers, orangutans and pygmy elephants by "adopting" an animal through **WWF**, and your loved one will receive an adoption certificate, sticker, factbook and other goodies, including optional soft toy.



**GiveNow** is an Australian online donations platform that connects you to the causes you and your loved ones care about. You can donate money on someone's behalf or find other creative ways to give, like donating stamps to help a charity reach a bigger audience.



# Greeting cards – send a message and help others

Words With Heart  
STATIONERY | PRINT | DESIGN

earth  
greetings  
100% earth friendly

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**Words With Heart** combines environmentally responsible production, funding for women's and girls' education projects, and word that empower. With your artwork they'll make anything from business cards and stickers to posters and notepads, and they'll use the profits to pay for education for women and girls in the developing world.

For beautiful Australian-made cards printed on 100% post-consumer waste recycled paper, head to **Earth Greetings**. They have cards for a wide range of occasions, and also sell wrapping paper, gift tags, bookmarks, and calendars. 10% of their profits are donated to environmental organisations.

**Rosie Lou**'s Australian designed and made cards are beautiful and quirky, like the play-on-words "I love you from my head tomatoes" card, printed with vegetable ink on recycled paper. There are also gift packs of seeds, wrapping paper, notebooks and some textile items as well.

**Charity Greeting Cards** gives you dozens of charities to support when you buy your cards. The charities on offer include Father Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, MS, Kids Helpline and Parramatta Mission.

Customise your gift cards with **Charity Card Market**, a company that donates 20% of the takings to your chosen charity (over seventy to choose from!), prints the cards on eco-friendly paper and uses soy-based inks. You can even upload your own image.





