



# HO-HO-HO SHOP TILL YOU DROP HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

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With a Ho-Ho-Ho and a Hee-Hee-Hee, it's time to go out on that shopping spree!

No need to hit the malls. Consider being old-school and get off your computer to truly enjoy the spirit of the gift-giving season right in the heart of Northwest Denver.

The smell of cinnamon and sage, the touch of something fuzzy or furry, the flicker of a feather or sequin, the scent of a candle, the perfect cozy hat, cocktails to-go, or the delight of a cheap and cheerful find. The hunt for treasures at every price point shows that the merchant scene is alive, well, and ready to serve your friends and family some delectable treats.

Shopping local for the holidays is a map of discovery and a key to the people who have been grounded in our community, often for decades. Supporting what's iconic and treasured like Lois Harvey's West Side Books, Cindy Berry Ollig's Perfect Petal, and Wendy

Sjogren's Clotheshorse, or saying "goodbye" to Nicole Sullivan's community Bookbar, or wishing Kat Furr, an original in the Tennyson gift scene with XO Gifts, good luck as she moves to Gold's Market on 26th Avenue and Kipling after this holiday season ends.

Aside from the old, discover what's new, like menswear master Eli Cox of Berkeley Supply Company's new and expanded digs on Tennyson. A new women's shop, Boutique La Vega, owned by Deb Scherer has entered the contemporary accessory and apparel scene on 32nd Ave with some seriously cool denim and boots.

The Dew Drop Shop at Nurture on 29th Avenue and Federal Boulevard features a rotating apothecary of beauty and wellness products curated by Cindy Koder that give back to worthy causes. West Colfax newbies Omar Sandoval and Skylah Marroquin have just opened Chaos, a vintage thrift shop fea-

turing 25 vendors and local artisans. Maurice Anderson and KC Christian launched a fun and funky new boutique, It's a Bodega, that mashes up high-end trainers, leather jackets, kooky toys, and bodega eats at the Edgewater Public Market.

Wordshop, located at 3180 Meade St., encapsulates the sentiment of local merchants that depend on us: "For every dollar you spend, you are casting a vote for the kind of world you want to live in. Thank you for supporting small businesses. We love you."

We could devote an entire newspaper to all of the great finds out there, but here are some of our inflation-buster top picks mostly under \$100 and five new shops that will get you some lovin' this holiday season. Shop till you drop and have a joyous season ahead.

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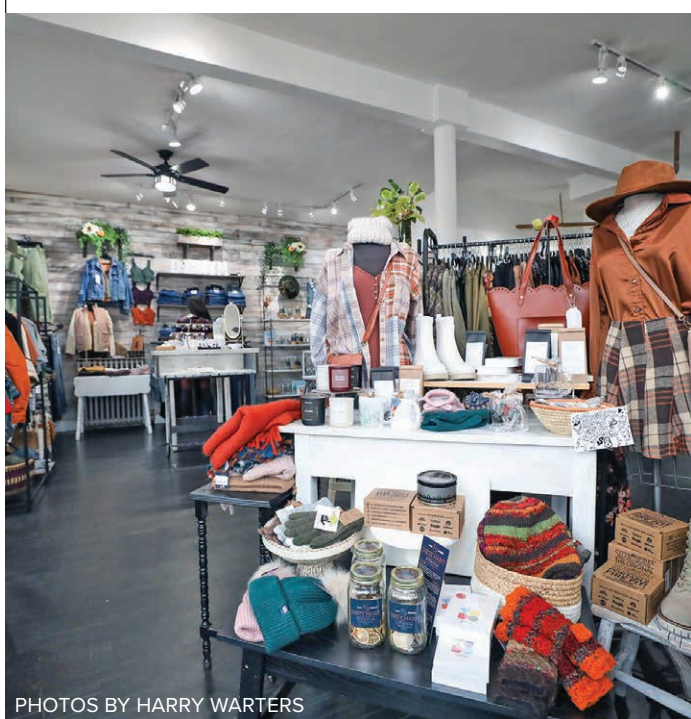


**Mojave + Tejon Dry Goods**  
2436 W 44th Ave.  
Exquisitely handcrafted, curated collectibles, ceramics, leather, skin care, and apparel \$10-\$500.  
**Best Pick:** Hand-Loomed decorative cushions and blankets, \$88-\$118.

**Berkeley Supply Company**  
4040 Tennyson St.  
Visit this beautifully reimagined and dramatically larger space for this menswear trailblazer since 2012. High quality apparel, denim, leather goods and accessories, \$25 and up.  
**Best Pick:** Denim, \$125-\$400



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**Boutique La Vega**  
3640 32nd Ave.  
A new women-owned Boutique La Vega has entered the contemporary accessory and apparel scene on 32nd Avenue with some seriously cool finds, \$38-\$200.  
**Best Pick:** Killer Boots, \$175

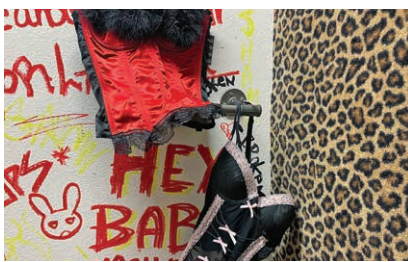


**It's A Bodega** –  
Edgewater Public Market  
5505 W. 20th Ave.  
A whacky mix of toys, high-end trainers, men's leather jackets, hipster tees, and a bodega, \$5-\$1000.  
**Best Pick:** It's a Bodega mystery box filled with snacks, drinks and who knows what, \$50.



**Dew Drop Shop**  
at Nurture – 2949  
Federal Blvd.  
A pop-up shop of small-batch alchemists and local artists that give back to worthy causes. \$6-\$50.

**Best Pick:** Cult + King, where conscience and style collide in hair potions and lotions, \$18-\$40.



**Chaos 3601 W. Colfax Ave.**  
A vintage & thrift shop featuring 25 vendors and local artists, \$10 and up.  
**Best Pick:** Saucy Bustiers, \$18-\$38





**CHEAP & CHEERFUL INFLATION BUSTERS FROM \$5 TO \$100**

**April & West 4162 Tennyson St.**  
Handwoven straw & beaded bags, \$65



**Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus 2121 Museum Dr.**  
The Gift Shop is full of unique and educational items perfect for kids (and grown-ups!) of all ages.

**Form 4234 Tennyson St.**  
Green glass tumblers, two for \$34



**Stitch Boutique 4500 W. 38th Ave.**  
Perfect golden girl puffer, \$99



**Real Baby 4315 Tennyson St.**  
The perfect plush magnetic closure jacket, \$50



**Clotheshorse 4232 Tennyson St.**  
Native American turquoise rings, \$100 and up



**Stalk Market Co. – Edgewater Public Market 5505 W 20th Ave**  
Fresh greens, \$15-40

**Ruby Jane 3616 W. 32nd Ave.**  
Perfect holiday PJs, kids \$29.90; women's three-piece set \$94.90



**Lady Jones 4016 Tennyson St.**  
The perfect plush bucket hat, \$28-\$69



**XO Gifts to Go 3843 Tennyson St.**  
The ultimate gift to go, camp craft cocktails, \$26



**The BookBar 4280 Tennyson St.**  
Get cozy with a good book, \$10 and up

**West Side Books 3434 W. 32nd Ave.**  
It's a gift just to go into the shop. Books from \$5 and up



**The Perfect Petal 3600 W. 32nd Ave.**  
Matchsticks under glass, \$38-\$60



**Zero Market – Edgewater Public Market 5505 W. 20th Ave.**  
Refillable glass bottles, \$6-\$8



**Honeycomb & Co. 2440 W. 44th Ave.**  
Beeswax and decorative candles, \$10-20



**Fern & Bloom 4014 Tennyson St.**  
Handwoven plant baskets, \$85-\$100

