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valentine's day gift guide: gifts for women

Forward to your fella – and you're guaranteed a great gift!

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Girlawhirl's always the one who gets the "what should I buy – insert Super Pal's name here – for the upcoming holiday?" calls. And while she'd rather not field such a call in the midst of her Monday morning meeting, she loves that almost everyone in her circle of friends, including their significant others, asks for her assistance in the matter of gift giving. She can't think of anything she'd rather be 'known for'...

So, in order to prevent some frantic calls come Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and even – yes – Thursday morning, she sweetly presents to all the guys out there suggestions that are sure to put a smile on their Valentine's face.

* **But first things first: dinner reservations.** Girlawhirl must insist here. Do it now. Before proceeding any further into your day, because no matter how great the gift is, if she's opening it at Wendy's, Valentine's Day will definitely not include a Valentine's Night.

* **Jewelry:** contrary to popular belief, and the constant pressure you might be feeling, diamonds are not a necessity on Valentine's Day. Girlawhirl's got plenty of Super Pals who've received rubies, garnets and pink sapphires on V-Days past and love them just the same. On a more serious note, and especially if

money is an issue or your girl isn't the buy-me-some-rocks-so-I-can-flaunt-'em type, there are plenty of understated jewelry options that are easier on the wallet. Girlawhirl suggests [The Sundance Catalog](#) for a great selection of necklaces, rings and other jewels that can be worn daily. Of course there are plenty of more special options – so much of what Sundance offers is handmade by artisans – but never underestimate the beauty of a simple pair of earrings that she'll reach for again and again. Alternatively, take the hearts and flowers theme into consideration and show up with these beautiful [dripping heart earrings](#) in rose gold. Softer than



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yellow gold, and very chic, they're truly unique.

- Chocolates are perhaps the easiest way to “show up” on Valentines Day. But if you're going to take the easy way out, make sure that you've brought the best chocolates you can get your hands on. Does your girl go nuts for peanut butter cups? Then splurge on a box of Vosges Haut Chocolat [Organic Peanut Butter Bonbons](#). Is she a cheese connoisseur? Then something from the [Collezione Italiano](#) is in order. Do you love her fiery spirit? Then their [Red Fire Flaming Heart](#) with chilies and cinnamon might just do the trick. Does she appreciate a work of art, no matter how small? Click on over to [MarieBelle's](#) box of 25 handmade truffles that are finished with exquisite paintings, making each one a piece of edible art.



- Unless you've done it before with great success, Girlawhirl does not suggest lingerie as a Valentine's Day gift. If it doesn't fit perfectly – and believe me she'll know as soon as she picks it up out of the box – she'll be in the midst of a body image crisis all night (a la: how could he have thought that was my size?). If it's not her style she'll be thinking “he wants me to wear that!?” and be completely distracted through dinner, so distracted that she might not even enjoy the chocolate soufflé that you so thoughtfully pre-ordered.

- Try something from Isabela Capeto Perfume instead. The fragrance is like nothing she's ever smelled before. It just hit the states from Brazil and is only available at Henri Bendel. It starts out spicy and fired up – with pink and black pepper, cinnamon and rose – and then – just like her – cools down to a musky, woody fragrance with just a touch of soft floral notes. For perfume lovers it's a must, and even for those who say they're not into perfume, it's a find because the fragrance is so exotic, irreverent and special. The red and white theme of the packaging along with the cute girl-shaped bottles adds to the Valentine's Day appeal. There are even candles which fill a room with this fantastic fragrance. To order call 1 800 423 6335, or click through here to work with the online concierge at [henribendel.com](#).



- Got a group of girls you work with in the office? Bring them in a little treat on Valentine's Day! Check out our other Valentine's Day Gift Guides. There's one for guys too.

Girlawhirl's Special Valentine's Day Giveaway! Girlawhirl had special treat for one lucky reader this week. A fabulous Valentine's Day giveaway full of gifts and goodies from Isabela Capeto Perfume, Ethel's Chocolate, Knock Knock, Child Perfume and other indulgences are part of this week's Valentine's Day Giveaway. You're already registered if you've signed up once and have a girlawhirl login. Not registered? [sign up](#).

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