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# Holiday GIFT GUIDE!

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5 foodie-friendly  
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## Gifts from the art



These personalized gifts for everyone on your child's list have "thoughtful" (along with a few other scribbles) written all over them. By **Kevin Aeh** Photographs by **Nicole Radja**

### FOR GRANDMA AND GRANDPA

**The gift** Fantastically Fun Doodle Frame, \$15.50 at [delight.com](http://delight.com)  
**The personal touch** Add a family photo under the glass portion and then have your child decorate the paper frame surrounding the photo. The frame doubles as a doodle book (containing 80 sheets of paper), so he can add new drawings for G-ma to ooh and ahh over during subsequent visits.

### FOR AN AUNT OR UNCLE

**The gift** Cardboard birdhouse, \$10 at Twosided (2958 N Clark St, 773-244-6431, [twosided.net](http://twosided.net))  
**The personal touch** While the plain, brown birdhouse works with pared-down home-decor schemes often favored by high-style childless types, it'll be a more meaningful (read: way messier and far more fun!) gift after your budding artist covers it with paint.

### FOR A SIBLING

**The gift** Mini Munny, \$10 at MCA Store (220 E Chicago Ave, 312-397-4000, [mcachicagostore.org](http://mcachicagostore.org))  
**The personal touch** These blank vinyl dolls (available in white, pink and blue) come with a sticker and marker for decorating. Your gift giver can add extra designs—just not too many!—with additional markers, pens, paint, pencils, crayons or our favorite: Floam (See "Commercial break?," page 60).

### FOR A TEACHER

**The gift** Chalkboard candle, \$20 at [delight.com](http://delight.com)  
**The personal touch** Between SMART Boards and PowerPoint, it's hard to find a chalkboard in some modern-day classrooms. Your little student can remind her favorite teacher how things used to be back in the day by drawing a picture or writing a classic line from a schoolbook on this candle.

### FOR A BABY-SITTER

**The gift** Bird notes, \$18 for a set of three at [harrietandleo.com](http://harrietandleo.com)  
**The personal touch** These tiny ceramic birds (you can choose a painted or plain one to decorate) come with a tiny scroll of paper to insert in through the middle—perfect for your kids to write a short note to their favorite sitter—perhaps thanking her for allowing them to stay up way past their bed time.