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Unique gifts in the City of Tempe

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Here at Local First Arizona, we were inspired by the [list that the City of Tempe put together](#) highlighting unique holiday gifts that you can only find within the city's borders. We know that there are so many great local businesses within Tempe, that we wanted to especially recognize many of our Tempe members that have some fantastic items! So if you live in or are traveling through Tempe this holiday season, make sure to follow this guide for some truly unique and spectacular gift giving:



For the fitness freak... Buy a weekly, monthly, or annual membership for yourself and a friend, and enjoy the thrills of indoor rock climbing at [Phoenix Rock Gym!](#)

For the craft lover... check out [Tempe Yarn and Fiber](#), which features a wide selection of locally made items including hand spun yarn, buttons, bags, hand spindles, hand dyed fibers, metal art and more.

For the fashion guru... there are many great independent clothing and accessory stores where you can find local designers and jewelry! Check out [Artizen Organics](#), [Brand X](#), [Buffalo Exchange](#), [here on the corner](#), and [Ivy Boutique](#).

For the pet owner... visit [Sunflower Pet Supply](#) for healthy, organic, and flavorful pet foods and treats.



Hand printed bags at Artizen Organics

For the avid reader... roam around [Changing Hands Bookstore](#), and be sure to look for the "rare books" section for books you won't find anywhere else!

For the environmentally conscious... look at [Herb 'N Organics'](#) online store for all-natural, chemical-free cleaning products that are made right in Tempe! You can also buy the latest green transportation and accessories at [The Urban Commuter](#).

For the sweet tooth... if you don't have time to make holiday cookies (or have already eaten them all), make sure to visit [Candy Addict](#), [Essence Bakery Cafe](#), [Honey Moon Sweets Bakery](#), or [Poppa Maize Gourmet Popcorn](#) for a wide selection of delicious treats!

For the skater... find a great selection of skateboards, long boards, and accessories at [Cowntown Skateboards](#).



Candy display at Candy Addict

For the fun lovers... stop by [Hobby Action](#) to see their enormous selection of quality R/C products, including cars, trucks, planes, helicopters, boats, and replacement parts.

For the art lover... purchase a membership to the [Arizona State University Art Museum](#) for a friend, and give the joy of art while supporting the ASU Art Museum! Or get a season pass to the [Stray Cat Theatre](#) for your friend to enjoy shows all year round!

For the romantic... check out the real gold-dipped roses or the selection of Primal Elements Soaps (handmade, vegetable glycerin soaps made in Sedona) at [Bobbie's Flowers & Gift Shop](#).

For the music lover... go to [Hoodlums Music and Movies](#) to choose from their collectible rock and roll advertising posters, records and CDs, and handmade recycled album notecards! Or you could buy tickets to an upcoming show with [Lakeshore Music](#) at Tempe Center for the Arts.

For the foodie... give a gift certificate to one of Tempe's great restaurants! There are so many... [America's Taco Shop](#), [Back East Bagels](#), [Bison Witches Bar & Deli](#), [Canteen Modern Tequila Bar](#), [La Bocca](#), [Dhaba India Plaza](#), [Four Peaks Brewing Company](#), [Green Restaurant](#), [House of Tricks Restaurant](#), [Monti's La Casa Vieja Restaurant](#), [Spinato's Pizza](#), and [The Center Bistro](#).

For those who want to give back... donate food, clothes, or money to the [Tempe Community Action Agency](#) to aid an organization devoted to helping your community members! Also, check out the list of holiday giving opportunities with the [Tempe Community Council](#).



Selection of soaps at Bobbie's Flowers & Gift Shop

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