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**SFMOMA'S MUSEUMSTORE OFFERS WELL-CURATED SELECTION OF ARTFUL GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA)'s popular MuseumStore at 51 Yerba Buena Lane is ready for the holidays with an array of carefully curated items, including artisan jewelry and accessories, housewares, children's gifts, and a choice selection of art and design books. While the museum's 235,000-square-foot Snøhetta-designed building [expansion](#) steadily rises toward completion in 2016, SFMOMA's MuseumStore has remained an active presence in the neighborhood in its temporary location during construction and continues to offer local and out-of-town shoppers alike one of the city's best resources for artful gifts. From exclusive, limited-edition items made by hand to affordable stocking stuffers, the MuseumStore has something to delight everyone this season. Shoppers can also find gifts online at [museumstore.sfmoma.org](http://museumstore.sfmoma.org) and at the MuseumStore at San Francisco International Airport. Below are just a few highlights from the store's 2014 holiday offerings.

**CHARCUTERIE, CHEESE, AND CHEER**

Adding flair to even the most fashionable of holiday affairs, the **Hex Champagne Bucket (\$235)** is made from solid copper that is hammered into a hexagonal pattern and buffed to a high polish. Each individual champagne bucket develops a unique patina as the cooper oxidizes, making it a truly one-of-a-kind gift. Every party needs a little spice, especially those that take place in the kitchen. The **Tower Salt and Pepper Grinders (\$75 and \$85)** by Tom Dixon provide just that. SFMOMA's long-standing commitment to local designers and artisans continues with the **Tina Frey Charcuterie Boards (\$140)**, available in white or gray. Designed and hand-sculpted by Tina Frey in San Francisco, these serving platters will be the belle of any ball.



*Hex Champagne Bucket, \$235; Tom Dixon; solid copper; photo: courtesy SFMOMA*



### HOLIDAY SPARKLE

Hand-formed from a single sheet of brass, the **Form Bowls (\$130)** designed by Tom Dixon shine with a quiet elegance. Travel the world from the comfort of home with the **Silver Latitude World Globe** by Torre & Tagus (**\$130**), a swivel globe swathed in a beautiful monochromatic silver that elevates the traditional desk accessory to new heights of beauty and elegance. Handmade in Poland by workshop Deco Echo, the **Gold Links Necklace (\$795)** is a MuseumStore exclusive. Made from sterling silver and finished with gold plating, this necklace is a showstopper.

*Form Bowls (set of five), \$130; Tom Dixon; brass with warm gold finish; photo: courtesy SFMOMA*

### GAMES AND FAMILY FUN

Art meets science in the **Blockitecture Ten-Piece Set (\$25)** of nesting hand-painted blocks. Families can build as high as gravity and the laws of physics allow while enjoying the beauty of the blocks' simple design. The MuseumStore's new range of classic games by **Wild & Wolf (\$19–\$22)**, including backgammon, Chinese checkers, and dominoes, provide fun for the whole family and come in beautiful geometric-patterned boxes from England. The **Sailing Ship Kite (\$42)** is made by Haptic Lab in collaboration with Balinese artisans from locally sourced bamboo and nylon. Families can fly the vivid red-orange kite on any strong wind, whether from a beach, hilltop, or city park.



*Blockitecture Ten-Piece Set, \$25; James Paulius; hand-painted wooden blocks; photo: courtesy SFMOMA*

### MADE BY HAND IN THE UNITED STATES

The **Walnut Boxcar 3-Piece Planter (\$66)** will look beautiful gracing any window sill, porch, or table. Designed by Joe Gibson and made by Revolution Design House in Portland, Oregon, this stunning three-piece planter has stainless-steel inserts and comes with blue, orange, or white accents. In the midst of fast and cheap synthetic-fiber fashion, the **Josi Faye Cowl Scarf (\$120)** is crafted using traditional textile methods and handspun yarn. Created from locally-sourced, high-quality natural fibers, each piece is produced in limited runs and takes hours to complete. Designed by the



*Boxcar 3-Piece Planter, \$66; Joe Gibson; walnut; photo: courtesy SFMOMA*

husband-and-wife duo Oropopo, the **Chevron Leather Earrings (\$34)** take design inspiration from Native American, classic Western, and Southwestern cultures.

### **\$50 AND UNDER**

Whimsy is king during the holiday season, and for those who fill their stockings with walnuts, the **Robot Nut Cracker (\$40)** is just the thing. This stoic little man will break into any nut, and pull a smile out of every relative. The laser-cut birch **Cuckoo Pendulum Clock (\$45)** offers a contemporary twist on the traditional cuckoo. This gift hits the right price point and gets style points as well. Both practical and high-design, the **Touchscreen Color-Blocked Gloves (\$34)** are sure to charm with Rothko-esque color blocking and nano-metallic conductive yarn in the thumb, index, and middle fingertips that allows pinpoint accuracy on all touchscreen devices.



*Robot Nut Cracker, \$40; Matthias Zschaler; solid beech; photo: courtesy SFMOMA*



*Balloon Bunny Bank: Blue, \$40; ceramic with glossy finish; photo: courtesy SFMOMA*

### **KIDS**

Simple yet unique, the **Balloon Bunny Bank (\$40)** à la Jeff Koons makes saving money fun and fashionable. WARNING: Parents may try to steal this away from their kiddos. The **Spherovelo Balance Bike (\$110)** is the first push-along bike to accelerate the development of young children by helping them make the connection between their senses and their motor system. Made in the UK, this spiffy little bike won the prestigious Red Dot Product Design Award in 2013. The MuseumStore also offers a large array of art books for children, such as **Alexander Calder: Meet the Artist (\$24.95)**, which introduces little ones to the vast world of modern art.

### **ABOUT THE SFMOMA MUSEUMSTORE**

The SFMOMA MuseumStore at 51 Yerba Buena Lane is open Monday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m.; closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The store also has a location on the departure level at the SFO International Terminal, open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Shoppers

can also shop online at museumstore.[sfmoma.org](http://sfmoma.org). When SFMOMA's expanded home opens in 2016, the store will resume operations inside the museum building at 151 Third Street. Proceeds from SFMOMA's MuseumStore support the museum's exhibitions and educational programs.

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**San Francisco Museum of Modern Art**

Founded in 1935 as the first West Coast museum devoted to modern and contemporary art, SFMOMA is currently undergoing a major [expansion](#) project that will significantly enhance gallery, education, and public spaces, enabling the museum to better showcase more of its [expanded permanent collection](#). While the museum is temporarily closed for construction, through 2016, SFMOMA is “on the go” with an extensive array of [off-site programming](#) across the Bay Area, including collaborative and traveling museum exhibitions, major outdoor projects and commissioned installations, and new education initiatives.

**Visit [sfmoma.org](http://sfmoma.org) or call 415.357.4000 for more information.**

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