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## savebig

Looking to save big this holiday shopping season? We've got a look at **cheaper alternatives** for the year's best gifts that are sure to please everyone on your holiday shopping list.



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## pumapopstar

Rihanna, the seven-time Grammy winner, has a brand-new gig. According to Women's Wear Daily, the singer and CFDA Fashion Icon honoree is the **new creative director** of Puma, where she'll oversee the sporting goods maker's women's line. We've got all the details.



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At this point, the cosmetics counter may be your best bet

# Last-minute LOOT

Saks Fifth Avenue has teamed with the Rockettes for holiday beauty gift sets. From left: red nail polish and lipstick with two sequined cases, \$50; lash set with false lashes, liner, mascara and curler, \$40; and compact and lipstick, \$50.

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**G**ood things come to those who wait, so the old saying goes. Granted, that was extolling the virtue of patience, but the good news is that the saying also holds true for all you procrastinators out there with holiday shopping to do.

Head over to your local beauty counter, where you'll find a wealth of last-minute gifts, whether you need inexpensive stocking stuffers (Lush's fizzy bath bombs, for instance, in the shape of Father Christmas or a melting snowman), or a gift as glittery and festive as it is original (Saks has several gift sets inspired by Radio City Music Hall's high-kicking Rockettes).

We've found must-have grooming supplies for guys, too (Lab Series skin-care essentials at Bloomingdale's), and maybe a little treat for you (Wit & Whim in Port Washington has scented soaps packaged in hand-painted, reusable boxes that are so sweet you might not want to part with them). We've gathered some top picks out there . . . so get shopping.



A lavish gift set from La Prairie from the Skin Caviar line, includes a sleep mask, eye-lift cream and a lavender-scented pillow packaged in a pretty silver clutch, \$300; at select Saks Fifth Avenue and Bloomingdale's stores.



MACY'S

Jack Black Jet Set gift set for him contains aloe- and sage-enriched cleanser, soothing shave cream and razor and blue-algae moisturizer, \$25; at select Macy's stores.  
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LUSH

Lush Cosmetics Melting Snowman bath bomb, \$5.95; at Lush shops.



MAC

MAC does up its holiday gifts in sparkly keepsake boxes filled with products for eyes and lips. Here, the face palette, with three eye shadows, pressed powder, cream base and two lipsticks, \$49.50; at makeup counters.



SEPHORA

This Ornament lip gloss can help decorate the tree, \$5; at select Sephora stores.

**plus stylefile**

**PLAID-ITUDE!**

The plaid trend is huge for women, and now that the holidays are upon us, it seems even more right. Granted, plaid's a fall staple, but now chic options are everywhere — like at Artisan De Luxe, which combines vibrant shades with a comfy, vintage appeal. We love the Amelia dress with fun patch pockets (pictured, \$175), the Regina maxi (\$175) and the Janis button-down work shirt (\$95); at [artisan deluxe.com](http://artisan deluxe.com)



ARTISAN DE LUXE

**PERU'S SHOES**

When it comes to fab footwear, certain countries come to mind. Italy and France, of course. And Spain — ohhh, that Spanish leather. And . . . Peru? The land of quinoa and ceviche also has its share of artisan shoemakers with a style all their own. Fortress of Inca offers chic oxfords, buckled booties and heels (some medium-height, others as high as Machu Picchu) decorated with local textiles — all handmade in Peru, \$130 to \$280; at [fortressofinca.com](http://fortressofinca.com)



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WHIT & WHIM

Organic soaps answer your holiday needs (rosemary-mint or lavender to relax, oatmeal, milk and honey to soften skin), with hand-painted, reusable boxes, \$25; at [Whit & Whim, Port Washington](http://Whit & Whim, Port Washington).



CLINIQUE

She'll get the party started with this Clinique gift set, including lip chubbies, nail enamel for sensitive skin and a bag, \$15; at Clinique counters.



BOBBI BROWN

Bobbi Brown's travel brush set has brow, sheer powder and five other brushes in a slim, croc-embossed case, \$135; at select Lord & Taylor and Sephora stores.



BLOOMINGDALE'S

Lab Series for Men Max LS deluxe set contains cleanser, moisturizer and age-zapping night serum, \$120; at select Bloomingdale's.  
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