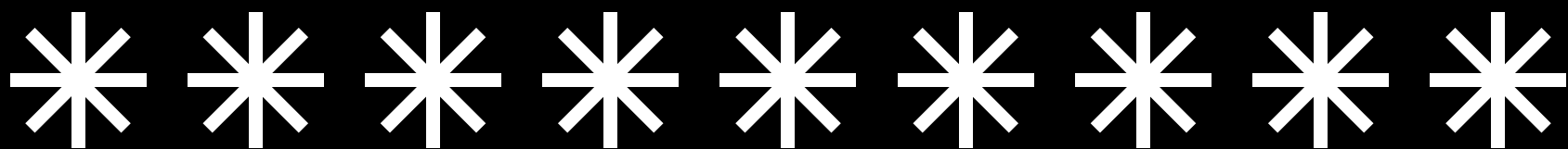
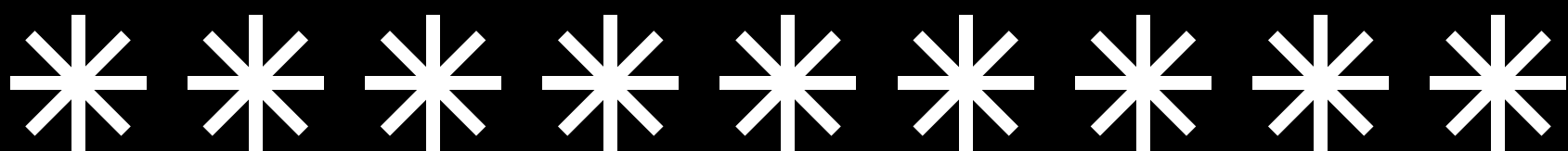


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Christmas all wrapped up



Our independent Birmingham
2020 Christmas gift guide:
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12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE FOR BIRMINGHAM



This Christmas we want to support the many incredible independent businesses in Birmingham, so that's why we've compiled this guide to the best local places you can buy your gifts from.

We're very fortunate to have so many incredible independent businesses in Birmingham.

From eateries offering delicious menus with a festive twist to the wine stores offering quality beverages and tasting sessions to take you from confused to connoisseur! Plus, with a wide variety of independent gift shops, jewellers, clothing boutiques and much, much more – there's no better place to shop this Christmas than local.

At Port Loop we have our Floating Front Room by Civic Square; embodying the community, the Floating Front Room operates from the Port Loop canal boat, with guest baristas and bakers serving takeaway coffees and cakes every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between 10am and 3pm, until Christmas. It's the perfect place to take that special someone on a festive walk.

And, in keeping with Port Loop's desire for residents to 'live well by accident' and 'be green without trying', every Saturday Civic Square will be working with EZoCycle to offer free bike checks and maintenance - so bear that in mind if you're out on two wheels this festive season.

And then venture off to the local neighbourhood and follow our guide to buying some amazing gifts from our fabulously talented neighbours – all within walking distance.

1. LOKI WINE

To help put the merry in this Christmas, the fabulous team at Loki – Birmingham's most awarded wine merchant and craft beer specialist - is full to the brim with knowledge about quality beverages. On hand to help you select a delicious pre-dinner craft, that Christmas cracker of a vino to accompany your festive lunch, or to offer advice on choosing that perfect bottle for someone special.

Gift cards are available too – perfect for the wine lover in your life to spend instore, online, at the bar or on booking one of Loki's renowned cheese and wine tasting events.

[Cheese & Wine Tastings](#)



2. IKON SHOP

Park of the Ikon Gallery, the gallery shop is the ideal place to purchase an art inspired gift for a loved one this Christmas. With an array of options; from funky prints on t-shirts and totes, unique jewellery and homeware items, to a wide range of art inspired books, quality stationery and some lovely gifts for the little artists in your life too.

[View Ikon's range of products here](#)



3. ANDERSON&HILL

You can order cured meats, cheeses and delicious Italian baked goods to A&H branded coffee – this is the perfect place to fill your Christmas shopping basket for a fabulous feast.

There's also the wonderful personalised festive hamper service; all hampers come beautifully presented in a box or a [traditional wicker hamper](#), so they're super easy to wrap up too!



4. THE WILDERNESS

There are [great gift ideas](#) from this restaurant including gift vouchers, pre-mixed cocktails in a sublime bottles worthy of their own display shelf, and packaged gift sets of alcoholic gummy bears for just £10 – perfect for that grown-up softy in your life.



5. MINIMA

This independent interior shop guarantees you can *Deck the halls* in style this Christmas. With an impressive range of decorations from beautiful brass leaves to handmade elves – your tree will certainly be dressed for dinner! [Minima](#) offers everything you need for a beautiful home from stunning glassware, unique furniture and lighting, ornate textiles and wall-hangings to quirky gifts and scented candles to ensure your home smells as good as it looks.



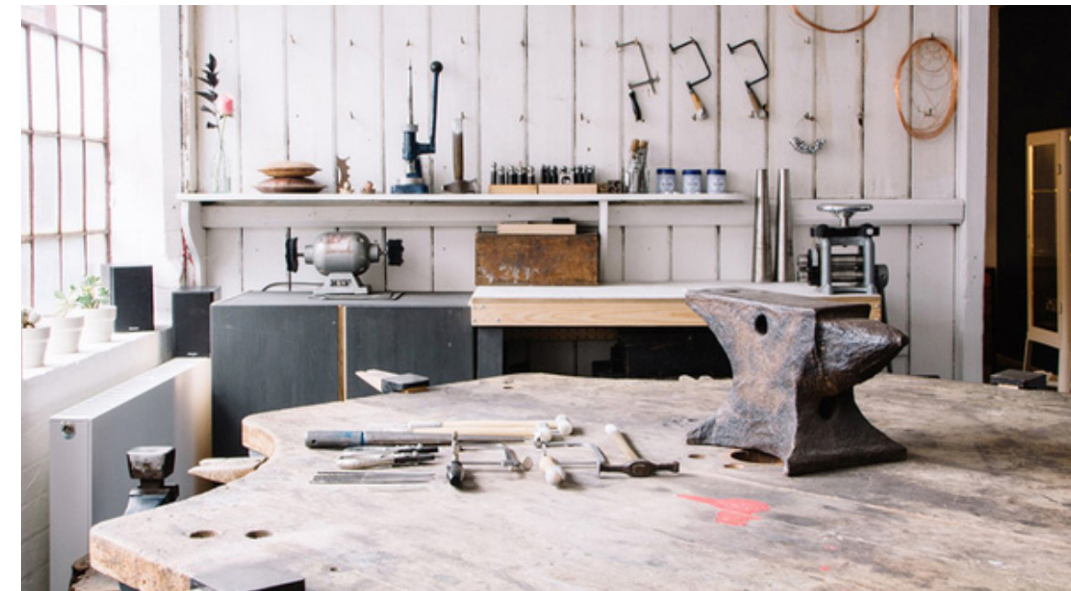
6. LIQUOR STORE

This really is the place to go for the man in your life. With the ethos of 'buy well once' at the heart of this store, every item oozes quality and are guaranteed wardrobe keepers. [Here](#) you can purchase staples such as t-shirts and jeans or treat him to a quality belt or bag that will stand the test of time. For those men *present* during the festive shopping experience - his face will soon light up, as downstairs you can enjoy a secret drink, 1920's prohibition style. Yule can thank us later!



7. THE QUARTER WORKSHOP

This year has certainly heightened the importance of those special people in our lives, so for anyone who has ... or is about to (!) pop the question – there really is nothing more romantic than making your own wedding rings together. Whether it's a sparkler to compete with the star on the top of the tree or matching engravings that mean something special to you both – this is the place to go. [The Quarter Workshop](#) also offers gift vouchers for a variety of other jewellery workshops from silver rings to bangles – a thoughtful way to show a friend or loved one how much they mean to you.



8. THE MOCKINGBIRD CINEMA

Christmas brings a variety of birds to mind ... but this year, treating a loved one to a 'Birdmember' membership at the [The Mockingbird Cinema](#) is the perfect gift as we all hopefully get back to the big screens in 2021. This fabulous independent cinema offers an alternative movie experience and a menu of showstopping food and drinks to enjoy before, during or after a film. The venue also offers gift cards available for purchase via the website.



9. SAIL BIRMINGHAM

Swap your sledge for a paddle board this Christmas by taking to the water with [Sail Birmingham](#). This Royal Yachting Association recognised training centre based on Edgbaston Reservoir has a variety of courses which you can book online for the duckling or mature swan in your life. There are classes available for kids from 8 years old, right up to the mature professional who fancies dipping their toe back into a pastime they love. Choose from windsurfing, dinghy or stand-up paddle board sessions – an alternative gift to leave your loved one in oar!



10. THE PINEAPPLE CLUB

[The Pineapple Club](#) offers gorgeous cocktail and LUSH cosmetics gift boxes for those who like to smell as good as their cocktails taste!



11. THE SHOWS MUST GO ON

Pantomimes are a Christmas tradition loved by many, but this year is a little different - he's 2 metres behind you! Local theatres are working extremely hard to bring socially distanced pantomimes and performances to their audiences and it's a great idea to purchase a gift card or theatre ticket for a show loving friend or family member. Not only are you supporting a much-loved and challenged industry, but you're destined to be the star of the show with a gift they'll luvvie!

[Birmingham Hippodrome](#)
[Alexadra Theatre](#)
[Birmingham Rep](#)



12. ADAMS RESTAURANT

And finally ... the icing on the Christmas cake. For the foodie in your life who deserves a very merry Christmas, why not book a table for two at Michelin star restaurant [Adams](#) for 2021? With lunch, tasting and three-course evening menus on offer – it's the perfect way to celebrate in style. Adams also offers a variety of vouchers and experiences to purchase via the website including the tasting menu experience, the chef's table tasting experience, the full tasting experience with matching wines and monetary vouchers priced from £25.



And you can treat yourself to the ultimate Christmas gift, a new home here at Port Loop. We've got houses and apartments ready for 2021. Call us or email to make an appointment or take a virtual tour

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