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EACH YEAR THE HOLIDAYS ARRIVE before we know it, with families eagerly anticipating a magical time for celebrating long-standing traditions—and creating new ones—as we share home-cooked meals and cherish the family and friends we love.

Holiday gift giving is always a treat, with cozy blankets and twinkling candles a welcome gesture. Gifting decorative items is another tasteful option, especially those with iconic designs and beautiful patterns that friends will be eager to display.

Here, for this year's holiday guide, we are happy to include striking reproductions of designer Alexander Girard's fanciful Wooden Dolls from 1953; and an

exclusive snow globe housing a miniature of architect Philip Johnson's famous 'Glass House.'

A train set is always a welcome display at Christmas. We've updated that centerpiece slightly with a different throwback to the mid-century—the sleek, unique model of the Disneyland Monorail. Like the classic choo-choo, it will also delight kids as it circles the tree.

So whether you and your family gather around a lovely, new holiday tree decked with shimmering lights, join in a Christmas gift exchange, or just relax around the fireplace, we hope this assortment of fun-filled, mid-century-inspired holiday gift ideas will help make your festivities that much more enjoyable.



**1 DISNEYLAND MONORAIL**

Start a new tradition with a truly mid-century modern look by circling your holiday tree with this Disneyland Mono-

rail! Inspired by the world famous 'Walt Disney World Resort Monorail System,' this layout builds 14 feet of track and includes five Monorail cars and eight

miniature Disney characters. Working headlights and Monorail sound. \$99. [shopdisney.com](http://shopdisney.com)

**2 CERAMIC HOLIDAY TREES**

These classic ceramic Christmas trees give just the right touch to tabletops, mantles, and nightstands. One internal 15-watt light bulb illuminates 52 removable, multi-color plastic bulbs. Birds, holly, and pointsettia bulbs available. Pine green, or with snowy-white frosted branches. Comes with a 6-foot electrical cord. 13 inches high. Imported. \$39. [vermontcountrystore.com](http://vermontcountrystore.com)

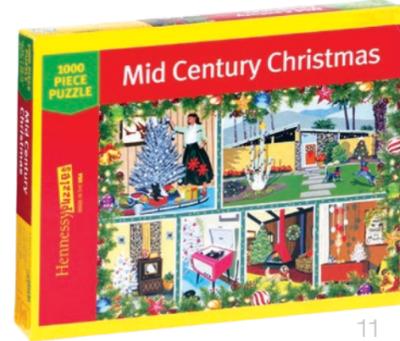
**3 RETRO ORNAMENT WREATH**

Nostalgic custom door wreath made with a variety of vintage glass ornaments from the U.S., Bavaria, and

Poland. Colors include teal, aqua, fuchsia, and gold. One-of-a-kind, handmade wreaths are created to order and made year-round. Wire wrapped with vintage German bullion wire. Measures 14 inches high. \$225. [atticwear.etsy.com](http://atticwear.etsy.com)

**4 'GLASS HOUSE' SNOW GLOBE**

Snow drifts across this dreamy miniature of architect Philip Johnson's iconic



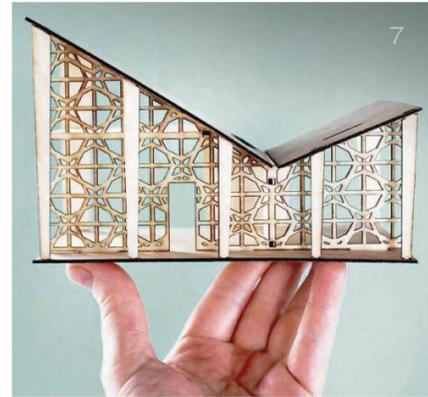
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'Glass House.' The 4.5-inch-high glass globe sits on a 2.75-inch square black base, and makes the perfect holiday gift or paperweight souvenir for architects and designers. Every purchase supports the Philip Johnson Glass House. \$75. [theglasshouse.org](http://theglasshouse.org)

**5 TIM BURTON CUCKOO CLOCK**

This is a wildly popular collectible holiday decoration that you may be tempted to leave up year-round! Inspired by Tim Burton's 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' movie, this handcrafted sculptural cuckoo clock features Jack Skellington, Sally, and Zero popping out on the hour. Includes LED lighting, movie music, and more. Measures 21 inches high, including pinecone weights. \$199. [bradfordexchange.com](http://bradfordexchange.com)

**6 'CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS'**

What Christmas holiday would be complete without 'A Charlie Brown Christmas,' one of the most beloved



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wood, hand painted. Delivered with a brochure in a high-quality printed wooden box. \$170 each. [danishdesignstore.com](http://danishdesignstore.com)

**9 MID-CENTURY CAFÉ LANTERNS**

Inspired by mid-century Brazilian design, these mango wood lanterns with nesting glass hurricanes add lots of atmosphere, indoors or out. Offered in a cafe finish. Use with battery-operated flameless candles only. Available in small, medium, large, and extra large. Sold individually or in sets of four. Made in India. \$90+. [westelm.com](http://westelm.com)

**10 HAY KALEIDO TRAYS**

Interlocking geometric trays are a unique gift idea. Mix and match and create your own attractive designs. Plastic trays available in assorted colors and shapes, and can be easily configured for use as serving trays, or as catch-alls for dresser or desktop. \$18-\$55. [aggregatesupplysf.com](http://aggregatesupplysf.com)

**11 MCM CHRISTMAS PUZZLE**

Take a break from electronics to enjoy assembling this 1000-piece Hennessy jigsaw puzzle. Features mid-century holiday scenes from original hand-painted artwork by Linda Tillman. This is a companion to the non-Christmas 'Mid-century Modern Jigsaw Puzzle' (\$18) from the same artist and manufacturer. Made of colorful, recycled materials. Finished puzzle measures 19.25 inches x 26.75 inches. \$19. [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)



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**7 MINI BUTTERFLY HOUSE**

The Mini Modern Butterfly House—with its own tiny furniture! 1:48 scale, original miniature model laser cut from 1/16-inch Baltic birch plywood. Designed around the iconic MCM butterfly-roof house, this stylish design is a delightful gift that is fun to customize. Comes with matching bed, credenza, chair, and coffee table. \$60. [3starstudioarts.etsy.com](http://3starstudioarts.etsy.com)

**8 GIRARD WOODEN DOLLS**

Designer Alexander Girard originally created these Wooden Dolls in 1953 for his own home. They're classics! Choose from 22 different whimsical figures that will add charm and character to any interior. Solid