

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT PICKS

MOMMY DEAREST

She may have dropped you on your head a few times, forgot to pick you up from fat camp and also made you wear a Christmas elf outfit to school complete with booties and pointed ears.

But it's Mom. The woman who woke up five times a night to feed, burp and change you. And here we are 30 years later and she still cleans your room and makes you lunch ... and you don't even live at home. So get her, Grandma, your wife or whichever significant woman in your life babies you something good. —BG

OH SO CLASSIC

Chanel Coco Mademoiselle [\$65]

You can never go wrong with Chanel. This four-piece set includes 1.2oz parfum spray, 1.7oz body lotion, 1.7oz bath gel and bag. [macys.com](http://macys.com)



THAI TWIST

MichelAngelo Handbag & Wallet

[\$399, \$79]

Mom will be the first out of her "ladies who lunch" friends to have an exquisite piece from MichelAngelo, Thailand's latest handbag designer. They're currently the "it" bag in Japan and other Eastern countries. Festive, colorful and youthful, it's perfect for the mom who lives for fashion. [FashionSense](http://FashionSense.com), 2522 Rice, 713.526.0927



BUFF LOVE

Kai Body Buffer [\$35]

Kai Body Lotion [\$35]

Help keep her skin soft using Kai's Body Buffer with Gardenia fragrance infused in a hypo-allergenic sponge to cleanse and exfoliate. Moisturize with a perfume oil blend of white exotic flowers like gardenia using Kai Body Lotion, 8oz. [kaifragrance.com](http://kaifragrance.com)



OCEAN POTION

Antica Farmacista Diffuser

[\$79/250ml, \$110/500ml]

These Old Europe fragrance diffusers fill the room through decorative reeds (6" for the small and 12" for the large, not pictured). Fragrances: Pomegranate Currant, Spicy Casablanca, Magnolia, Tuberose, Santorini, Grapefruit and Aria. [anticafarmacista.com](http://anticafarmacista.com)



PINK PASSION

The Pink Room Parfum #1 Box [\$100]



This tiny bottle is all she needs to look, smell and feel all things feminine. Just a little dab on the wrist gives a sweet jasmine and rich violet scent.

[abejasboutique.com](http://abejasboutique.com)

Kai Body Buffer, Kai Body Lotion and Antica Farmacista Diffuser can also be found at Abejas Boutique, 5600 Kirby, 713.522.3025, [abejasboutique.com](http://abejasboutique.com).



WOMEN'S RETAIL

Abby Road

3091 College Park, Suite 193  
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-4pm

936.321.7623

Tucked away in College Park Plaza in The Woodlands, Abby Road offers the latest in hip lines like Juicy Couture, True Religion, Hale-Bob and delightful Trina Turk.

Abejas

5500 Kirby, Suite 4  
Mon-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 12pm-5pm

713.522.3025

[abejasboutique.com](http://abejasboutique.com)

Designers carried include Kristensen da Nord, Nui, James Perse and more. They also offer a unique jewelry collection and handcrafted rose cut diamond bangles as seen on the likes of Angelina Jolie and Halle Berry. Buzz by if you're looking for anything from a casual tee, jeans or a fabulous dress. Don't miss their Chrome Hearts sunglasses trunk show May 18-19.

A Bientot

2136 Welch, Suite A  
Mon-Sat 10am-2pm

713.523.3997

If you're looking for trendy items that look as good as the high priced versions at the mall, this is the place. Girly flip flops, handbags, scarves and clothes cost a fraction of what you think they would.

Artisan Designs

2450 Times  
Mon-Sat 10-30am-6pm

713.533.9923

Unusual clothing from around the world for the discriminating woman. Artisan carries sizes up to XL in Australia's Walking Art, Lee Anderson, Look, Polli Says and more.

Basiques

10211 Uptown Park  
Mon-Sat 10:30am-6pm, Sun by Appointment

713.961.7662

Basiques is a French-inspired boutique owned by designer Sheri Falk. It stocks its shelves with classic wardrobe elements. A perfect place for those who appreciate classic styles. Clean lines lend subtle cues to the European influence sewn into each piece.

be-jewel

2402 A Rice  
Mon-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 11am-5pm

713.526.3561

Come for jewelry, clothing and accessories. Eighty-five percent of these designs are imported and most are exclusive to this boutique. Walk away knowing you bought something one-of-a-kind.

Bella Boutique

3909 Richmond  
Mon-Fri 11am-7pm; Sat 11am-6pm

713.621.7799

Stevie Bingham owns this posh boutique that meets the needs and desires of trendsetters and girls who like frills with their thrills.

Carl & Barni

650 West Bough, Suite 140  
Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

713.522.1500

Outfits by designers like David Kahn, Ivy Jane and Infusion are grouped together by color. They've got affordable jewelry and outfits ranging from sizes small through large and two through eight.

[FAVE] Cazz

2450 Mid Lane  
Tue-Sat 10am-5pm

713.420.1067

Features brand names such as Velvet, Mod-O-Doc and Red Engine. In addition to trendy, casual sportswear (think L.A.M.B.), Cazz carries an array of sandals and flip-flops, jewelry and accessories.

Cotton Club

3941 San Felipe  
Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

713.522.9101

This boutique carries only the best casual pieces for women, including designer clothing, jeans, lingerie, accessories and even some delicious bath products. They also have phenomenal sales.

DePaul Too

6117 Kirby  
Mon-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 12pm-5pm

713.850.8212

Everything looks very expensive but is extremely affordable with designer-inspired purses for \$60-\$80 and jewelry \$10-\$40. They'll even re-string your necklaces, anklets and bracelets.

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