



HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

What you AUTO buy

Marnie Kramer has been in the automotive business for many years, working in car dealerships and even did a stint on the auto show circuit as a product specialist talking about cars. Three years ago she decided to change directions, though she still is in the car field. She started a Web site, www.everythingcarz.com, selling automotive-related gifts. She calls it selling "a want versus a need."

She has close to 100 items, ranging from handbags made from inner tubes to that gift for the bathroom that has everything — a stick-shift toilet plunger. Kramer, 38, who works out of her Wixom home, had some of the items manufactured for her, such as a piston door knocker, and ordered other items from manufacturers.

1. A handbrake-styled corkscrew and gearshift knob wine stopper in a beechwood case with rosewood finish sell for \$52. **2.** Muffler-style stainless steel salt and pepper grinders are \$45. **3.** Disc brake coasters in a caliper base sell for \$39. **4.** A wheel-shaped pen holder sells for \$41. **5.** The Dax Bag made of a recycled tractor tire, trimmed in red leather, sells for \$180. **6.** A car stick shift pen and holder sells for \$42. **7.** A six-speed gearshift-style toilet plunger sells for \$32. **8.** A polished stainless-steel tool silverware set sells for \$24. **9.** Belts made from car seatbelts with Corvette, Mustang and Viper emblems run \$22-\$23.

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OTHER OPTIONS

- 10.** "Sirens of Chrome, The Enduring Allure of Auto Show Models" by Margery Krevsky is \$24.95.
- 11.** A framed "Buy Your Wife a Ford" print is \$99.97 at the Henry Ford.
- 12.** A book on Porsche sports cars is \$75.
- 13.** A Model T hand-blown glass Christmas ornament is \$79.99 at the Henry Ford.
- 14.** A book on the Corvette covers the past, present and future of the sports car is \$75.
- 15.** "The Model T: A Centennial History" by Robert Casey is \$24.95.
- 16.** Fisher-Price's Power Wheels Monster Traction Jeep Hurricane is \$399.99.