

SHOP TALK

FAB 5 | MOTHER'S DAY

OUTSIDE
THE
BOX

Moms come in all different shapes and sizes, so why shouldn't their Mother's Day gifts be just as diverse? Sure, the power of a pretty jewelry box (to say nothing of the surprise hidden inside) is indisputable — but there are a plethora of other presents available that are sure to give her an extra twinkle in her eye, too. Think outside the box. From philanthropic gestures to delicious treats, there is a sweet gift option for every type of mom. Just remember, no matter what she says, it's never just the thought that counts.

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GIFTING BACK

Looking to give Mom a gift that keeps giving? How about a donation to a local charity of your choice — such as Cause We Care, which benefits single Vancouver mothers and their children living in poverty. A donation of \$45 will help deliver a Cause We Care Mother's Day Hamper including basic household and personal hygiene essentials to a single mother-led family in need.

causewecare.org | \$45



FINE FLOWERS

The tried-and-true gift of roses gets a chic update thanks to a bouquet of 25 imported blooms set in a stylish signature box. A bouquet from Vancouver-based company Landeau, which partnered with local blogger Monika Hibbs for a special Mother's Day bouquet of soft pink and purple blooms, is a treat for any fine flower fan.

givelandeau.com | \$99-\$149



TIMELESS TREASURE

Gift mom with a piece of jewelry that is sure to be as timeless and long-lasting as your love for her. In 18-karat gold, these blue topaz earrings from the Paloma Picasso Olive Leaf collection are the perfect way for her to wear your love — on her ears.

Tiffany & Co. | \$960



SENSATIONAL SPA

Whether you opt for a traditional facial, an all-out, all-day spa experience, or even a trip to a nearby yoga studio, consider gifting Mom with a day that's both a physical and mental treat. Really want to make it on her nice list? Tag along with her for some added bonding time. Now, isn't that sweet?

Various locations | \$50-\$300



SWEET TREAT

Lighter than chocolate, but just as sweet, a serving of flavoured cotton candy from the Vancouver-based company Petite Puf is a deliciously divine gift for any mom with a sweet tooth. And the keepsake jam jars? An added bonus.

petitepuf.com | \$6-\$8



THIS JUST IN

LIVE CLEAN

Coconut Milk
Moisturizing Shampoo
and Conditioner

They say: A shampoo and conditioner duo infused with coconut oils and milk, as well as vitamin E, C and Provitamin B5, to make hair smooth and shiny. The hydrating hair care products, which work on all hair types, are eco-friendly, plant-based and free of chemicals.

We say: If you're looking for an coconut-infused island escape in a bottle that's not sickly sweet, then this new line is for you. We tested this shampoo and conditioner on several hair types — coarse and curly, fine and straight and wavy — and found it left all types of locks look shiny, feeling soft and smelling fresh and fruity.

\$6.99 each | Shoppers Drug Mart

RAHUA BODY

Amazon Oil

They say: A vegan, 100 per cent organic body oil that is gluten, sulfate and paraben-free. The Amazon Oil nourishes and hydrates skin using a blend of Ungurahua omega 9, Buriti oil, vitamin A and Sacha Inchi omega 3 to penetrate skin and help reduce signs of fatigue.

We say: If you love the idea of an organic oil but hate the thought of a slick on your skin, then this fast-absorbing oil is for you. Our tester was impressed by the almost instant penetration into the skin, leaving behind a soft, smooth surface scented with spa-worthy smells including lavender and vanilla.

