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The Art Newspaper's 12 best Christmas gifts

We trawled through museum shops, galleries and bookstores to bring you the finest arty delights

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Salvador Dalí wearing a Santa Claus beard and a hat of his own creation called "Dalí's Complex" © Christie's/Gettyimages

To the season to open your wallets, so we've put together the ultimate guide to artistic gifts. Whether you're a fan of Monet or Matisse, Bosch or Basquiat, these pieces are sure to impress even the most cultured of crowds. Here is what you'll find on our wish list this year.

Ai Weiwei, Rebar in Gold (2013), Elisabetta Cipriani, from \$34,000



Ai Weiwei's "wearable sculptures" at Elisabetta Cipriani

Big spenders may take a shine to Ai Weiwei's "wearable sculptures", a jewellery line at the London gallery Elisabetta Cipriani (until 16 January). The ridged lengths of gold, priced between \$34,000 and \$69,000, have been designed as bracelets but can be twisted by the wearer to fit around a finger, wrist or neck. Dubbed Rebar in Gold, the collection is reminiscent of Ai's monumental installation Straight (2008-12). The artist's studio straightened 90 tonnes of mangled steel reinforcing bars from Chinese scrapyards to draw attention to the 2008 earthquake in the Sichuan province, where shoddy construction contributed to the deaths of more than 5,000 school children.