

Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs Gift Guide



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About the Gift Guide

The June 2022 **Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs Gift Guide** was developed by the Women Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub (WEKH) in collaboration with IndigiMall.Net, and features products offered by women entrepreneurs featured on the WEKH See It. Be It. Database and on IndigiMall.Net.

All of these diverse products would make amazing gifts for those in your life that you want to celebrate, and maybe a gift for yourself while you're at it...Throughout the guide you will find businesses that offer unique products made by talented Indigenous women to suit all your gift giving needs. The guide includes everything from apparel and home decor, to jewelry and cosmetics. Links and information about these businesses, their products and how to purchase from them are included. We hope you will enjoy exploring these amazing businesses as much as we have.

Please be sure to visit the [WEKH See It. Be It. Database](#) and [IndigiMall.Net](#) to discover more amazing women entrepreneurs and their businesses!

Our use of the term women is inclusive, including cis women, trans women, Two Spirit, genderqueer, gender fluid, and non-binary folks.



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The **Women Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub (WEKH)** is a national network and accessible digital platform for sharing research, resources, and leading strategies. With ten regional hubs and a network of more than 250 organizations, WEKH is designed to address the needs of diverse women entrepreneurs across regions and across sectors. In response to COVID-19, WEKH adopted an agitator role connecting women entrepreneurs and support organizations across the country and led network calls and training sessions. WEKH's advanced technology platform, powered by Magnet, will enhance the capacity of women entrepreneurs and the organizations who serve them by linking them to resources and best practices from across the country.

With the support of the Government of Canada, WEKH will spread its expertise from coast to coast to coast, enabling service providers, academics, government, and industry to enhance their support for women entrepreneurs. Toronto Metropolitan University's Diversity Institute and the Ted Rogers School of Management is leading a team of researchers, business support organizations, and key stakeholders to create a more inclusive and supportive environment to grow women's entrepreneurship in Canada.



University of Manitoba

ASPER



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

UMANITOBA.CA/ASPER

Mikwam Makwa Ikwe is working towards building an inclusive innovation ecosystem for Indigenous women entrepreneurs nationally. Mikwam Makwa Ikwe is housed at one of WEKH's Regional Hubs, the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba, which is located on Treaty 1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and on the Homeland of the Métis Nation.



IndigiMall.net

INDIGIMALL.NET

IndigiMall.net IndigiMall.net is a dedicated Indigenous marketplace featuring exclusive Indigenous-made art, fashion, beadwork, moccasins, accessories, and more worldwide! 10% of all profits go towards causes to benefit women and youth.



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Bangin' Bannock

banginbannock.ca

Bangin' Bannock is an Indigenous women-owned small business offering Frybread dry mix by the bag! Bangin' Bannock has a large focus on community, revitalization, and giving back. They are the first retail ready bannock mix in western Canada and honoured to share something so special to them with the world.



Cheekbone Beauty

cheekbonebeauty.com

Cheekbone Beauty is an Indigenous-owned and founded cosmetics company established in 2016. They are known for creating high quality, clean and conscious beauty products, including their signature line of lipstick and lip liners, and complexion pencils - all designed for low environmental impact with maximum pigment and wearability.

Giving back to the community is the centerpiece of Cheekbone's mission. To date, Cheekbone Beauty has donated more than \$150,000 to a wide variety of causes. True to their roots, Cheekbone's definition of success is not based on what you attain for yourself, but instead in what you give back to your community.



Crooked Bear

crookedbear.ca

Crooked Bear is an Indigenous-owned company based on the traditional lands of the Mississauga's of Scugog Island people. Crooked Bear products have an Indigenous focus, and include earrings, candles, clothing and bracelets.



IndigenEd

indigened.ca

IndigenEd is a 100% Indigenous owned, registered business founded by Veronica Johnny, a Cree-Métis/Dene woman and artist-entrepreneur.

IndigenEd focuses on lifting female Indigenous voices and stories through music, film, workshops and retreats. Through these mediums, they endeavor to create understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

IndigenEd infuses Indigenous teachings and self-help techniques into arts education workshops, music performances, inspirational speeches, and land-based retreats, for a diverse community. They facilitate both virtual, in-person and hybrid events.

They strive to educate and entertain through all visual storytelling mediums; and center Indigenous musicians', artists', Elders' and Knowledge Keepers' voices.





Kokom Scrunchies

kokomscrunchies.ca

The creator behind Kokom Scrunchies, Mya Beaudry, is a talented 11-year-old Algonquin from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation. All Kokom Scrunchies are handmade with love in Canada. Mya named each of the original Kokom Scrunchies after Indigenous role models in her life.

LODGE Soy Candles

lodgesoycandles.com

Inspired through ceremony and ancestral knowledge, their ᓂᓄᓂᓄᓂᓄᓂ nitōkimāskwēm (leaders, chieftesses) Cree/Métis Designer and Artist Angela DeMontigny founded LODGE Soy Candles to ᓂᓄᓂᓄᓂᓄᓂ miyikosiwin (gift) ceremony and light into peoples lives. Every scent is created with intention - infused with essential oils derived from many traditional plant medicines that have been healing our people for millennia. They cleanse, soothe, protect, uplift, and evoke an emotional connection. These are NOT just candles, they are spiritual intelligence from DeMontigny's grandmothers. They are ᓂᓄᓂᓄᓂᓄᓂ pamihisiwin (an act of self care) that is essential for our health and well being at this time.



Lofttan

lofttan.com

Lofttan is an Indigenous-owned convertible jewelry company that is passionate about empowering the Creator that lives inside every person. Ideal for travel, Lofttan offers natural, high vibration, traditional textures like sustainably sourced wood, shell, and semi-precious stones, offered in a contemporary setting. Lofttan celebrates diversity and accessibility and invites you to come and play!



Skwálwen Botanicals

skwalwen.com

Skwálwen Botanicals is an Indigenous skincare brand that honours cultural knowledge, Indigenous plant science and self-care. Founded by ethnobotanist Leigh Joseph of Squamish First Nation, Skwálwen (skwall - win) provides gentle and effective skincare products that draw from the ceremonial aspects of plants. Incorporating sustainably harvested and sourced botanicals, Skwálwen unites ancestral traditions with modern beauty rituals, empowering people to connect to themselves and the natural world.



MINI TIPI

minitipi.ca

MINI TIPI is a women-owned manufacturing company that provides beautiful products made for everyone. They use authentic indigenous designs to celebrate and reclaim Canadian art and culture. MINI TIPI also supports artists and gives back to their community. Their exclusive designs are woven on beautiful, high-quality, ecofriendly fabric in Italy. All of their products are designed, cut and sewn in Gatineau, Quebec.

Mother Earth Essentials

motherearthessentials.ca

Canadian-made and Indigenous-owned Mother Earth Essentials creates luxurious bath & beauty products from natural ingredients and traditional recipes.





Nativelovenotes.

nativelovenotes.com

Made for Rez kids and Rez kids at heart, Nativelovenotes combines Indigenous humour with colourful designs printed on stickers, stationery and apparel.



Raven Reads

ravenreads.org

Raven Reads, based in Kamloops, BC, Canada, is a rapidly growing subscription box service focused on authentic and thoughtfully curated content and educational materials created by Indigenous Peoples. Every three months, subscribers receive curated Indigenous books, giftware, and cultural items, and educational content equipping them for learning from the comfort of their own home.





Sapling & Flint

saplingandflint.ca

Sapling & Flint is a Haudenosaunee, women-owned jewellery manufacturer specializing in gold and sterling silver that operates a studio and gallery from their home village of Ohswé:ken in Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Ontario.



Satya Organics Inc

satya.ca

Satya is a steroid-free anti-inflammatory made with just five simple ingredients. Satya is fragrance-free and USDA certified organic and approved by Health Canada and the USFDA. Satya is dermatologist tested, hypoallergenic, and EWG approved.



Sequoia

sequoiasoaps.com

Sequoia is a proud Indigenous brand whose products are inspired by native legends and ingredients. They formulate, make and package their products which range from soaps to candles to lotions. Highlights include the Sweetgrass products, Ceramic Canoe Candles and Turquoise Soap.



Massy Books Inc.

storestock.massybooks.com

Indigenous, woman-owned and operated, Massy Books Inc. prioritizes underrepresented and local voices, and specializes in buying and selling books in a wide range of genres.





The Johnnys

thejohnnys.com

The Johnnys are a rock'n'roll band founded by Veronica Johnny (vocals, guitar) and Dave Johnny (drums). Their early recordings are punk influenced; later releases have a 1970s hard rock feel. Veronica's Cree heritage is increasingly reflected in their lyrics, with an Indigenous lens exploring political resistance and change, the environment, and social justice.

Appearing live as a full band, The Johnnys have built a reputation as exciting, high-energy performers. Their first three albums were nominated for national music awards. Their latest releases include *Leathers and Feathers* (2020) and three remixed singles (2022) with producers Stevie Salas and Kevin Gutierrez.

Veronica Johnny Music

[instagram.com/veronicajohnnymusic](https://www.instagram.com/veronicajohnnymusic)

Veronica Johnny is a Cree-Métis/Dene multi-disciplinary, 2-Spirit artist and arts educator. Ms. Johnny is a member of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation and presently lives in Northern Ontario.

She's a singer/songwriter, Indigenous hand-drummer and the frontwoman, co-producer and manager of The Johnnys. She is an emerging writer and visual artist. Her visual art includes prints of her eco-art featured here.





The Yukon Soaps Company

yukonsoaps.com

Indigenous-owned and operated, The Yukon Soaps Company creates beautiful, hand-crafted soaps, shampoo bars, essential oil blends, and so much more. Featuring wild rose petals, juniper berries, a Yukon-shaped press, and the beadwork of Indigenous artisans, these soaps are literally infused and imprinted with the spirit of the Yukon.

Along with hand-crafting soaps, owner Joella Hogan has worked to make The Yukon Soaps Company a community-building, language-learning, earth-connecting hub in the heart of the Yukon—the small town of Mayo.

Wabanaki Maple

wabanakimaple.com

Wabanaki Maple is a maple syrup company from Neqotkuk, New Brunswick. They are creating a sweeter day in a Traditional way with their value-added maple syrups. They age their maple syrup in barrels including bourbon, whisky, oak and rum to create unique flavours in all of their products.



White Otter Design Co

whiteotterdesignco.com

The artwork and designs of White Otter Design Co incorporate traditional Indigenous artistry with contemporary fashion. White Otter strives to use authentic materials in all of their work, with much of it being sourced from local communities. The work is inspired by designer Jaymie Campbell's Anishnaabe roots, the land and their family.



Thank-You & Chi-Miigwetch to the wonderful Indigenous women entrepreneurs and businesses who agreed to participate in this edition of the Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs Gift Guide.

If you are an Indigenous women entrepreneur and are interested in participating in a future WEKH Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs Gift Guide, please reach out to kara.thorvaldson@umanitoba.ca for more information.



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