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Big Red Sun, House of Beaufort soaps, Factory People, RedEnvelope.com, jewelry designer Kevin Heady



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Give the hip chick the unusual: precious earrings or a bracelet

She'll turn heads this Valentine's with a sparkling new bauble from local jewelry designer Kevin Heady. His special V-Day collection consists of six pieces — delicate confections of silver and semi-precious stones that will look stylish all year round. It's an artsy way to say "I love you" and support a local designer, too. From \$50 at Avenue Gallery, B Chic, Eliza Page and the University Co-op, or at www.kevinheady.com.

Express your love with a lasting succulent

Fresh-cut flowers are fabulous, but alas, they're not long for this world. Next week, go green and send your love a Valentine that keeps on living. Big Red Sun is offering live arrangements of succulents and other easy-care plants, many created with recycled vintage materials, for Valentine's gifts. Prices range from \$45 to \$150. Call ahead for special orders and delivery (Austin area only). Big Red Sun, 1102 E. Cesar Chavez St. 480-0688, www.bigredsun.com.

Clever accessories to get your honey hot under the collar

Once a doting companion might have tucked mushy missives into her loved one's sack lunch. But who has time to make homemade lunches these days? Here's a way for an adoring gal (or guy) to say "I love you," or "You make me laugh" or the like: with hidden message collar stays from Red Envelope. Those sentiments will stay close to the heart all day, while keeping ironed shirts looking sharp. \$35. www.redenvelope.com.

Keep him or her feeling fresh with soaps

If your Valentine is dieting or — gasp — doesn't like chocolate, it's time to get creative. These darling little individually wrapped soaps, \$44, from House of Beaufort, are packaged to look like a box of chocolates, but without all the pesky calories (not that calories ever stop us from indulging in chocolate). Each box contains 10 soaps, decorated with tiny hand-sewn satin roses. The scents include floral, spicy, citrus and mint. House

of Beaufort. (914) 241-0303, www.hbfhome.com.

Help your darling find the right outfit for day or date night

Designer garb is another gift that keeps on giving, at least for a season or two. Follow suit and indulge your sweetie in a personalized shopping spree at Factory People, 1325 S. Congress Ave. Owners Le and Thomas Popov will offer appointments during the shop's off-hours to provide sartorial assistance for men or women to a soundtrack of champagne bubbles and custom music. Just don't get jealous when a particularly perfect pair of jeans results in love at first sight. Call 440-8002 for an appointment.

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