



# the Maria Antoinette

## 2017 HOLIDAY GUIDE

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A COMPLETE LIST  
OF OUR FAVORITES FROM 2017





# About the guide

For the first time ever, TMA blog has compiled a list of some of our favorite things from this year. We wanted give you a little inspiration as you shop for the important people in your life – including yourself!

Our list consists of products for hair and skin, our favorite fashion pieces and items for your home. Some items listed are from companies you recognize others you may not as we selected items from big and small businesses.

We hope you enjoy our guide as much as we enjoyed putting it together just for you!



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Happy  
Holidays!



# Protective Styling



## ROYAL PREROGATIVE

Recommended by Maria Antoinette

Protective styling is important to maintaining hair growth, especially during the winter months. What is better than a Royal Prerogative Gift Card for Christmas?! If you want to gift that perfect look for someone special but just don't know the right color. Let them pick it out themselves!

Visit [www.RoyalPrerogative.com](http://www.RoyalPrerogative.com) for more information and to purchase your gift card.

**\$29.99\*** | [Purchase it here.](#)

**\*Save more coins when you shop our exclusive Cyber Monday sale.**



# Hair Styling

## CONAIR CERAMIC HAIR DRYER & DIFFUSER

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

Using a diffuser attachment will spread the heat evenly over your head lowering your chances of heat damage and cutting your hair drying time in half. It will also give your hair loads of volume. #Bighairdontcare!

\$29.99 | [Purchase it here.](#)



## CURLFORMERS STYLING KITS

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

If you're looking for a heat free styling then I suggest Curlformers. They come in various sizes based on the size curl you want. They are easy to use and take seconds to install. Singular packs and gift packs are available. [www.curlformers.com](http://www.curlformers.com)

\$69.95+ | [Purchase it here.](#)



## LAILA ALI LADR5604 SOFT BONNET DRYER

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

Sometimes you don't have time to sleep on your Curlformers or you just don't like the feeling, then you need a dryer bonnet. This is a favorite of mine because it's portable. So long to the days of being trapped at the kitchen table. Now you can curl up on the couch and watch Netflix while your hair dries. [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)



\$37.99 | [Purchase it here.](#)

## THE Q REDEW HAIR STEAMING STYLING TOOL

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

I love a good body steam, but what about a steam for your hair? I received this as a gift and it's awesome. I use it about twice a month and it makes my hair super soft. I also like that the steam opens my hair follicle allowing for moisture absorption. [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)



\$69.95 | [Purchase it here.](#)





## CANTU'S APPLE CIDER VINEGAR ROOT RELIEF

Recommended by April Kendall

I love wearing protective styles. But with my protective styles, I need a refresher on my scalp every now and then. Cantu's Apple Cider Vinegar Root Relief lives up to its name. It refreshes my scalp and aids in any itching I have. I use it with my wigs, crochet and box braids. It's a great product to have if you intend on, or are already wearing a protective style. [cantubeauty.com](http://cantubeauty.com)

**\$4.99+ | Purchase it here.**



## THE MANE CHOICE 24KT GOLD TWISTING GEL

Recommended by April Kendall

I was never a fan of gels. I felt like they were heavy on my hair and left a flaky residue upon drying. But not this gel. My tresses feel bouncy and my style is laid! The biotin in this product aids in natural growth and who wouldn't love some 24 karat glistening gold on their mane! [themanchoice.com](http://themanchoice.com)

**\$14.99 | Purchase it here.**



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## **EDEN BODYWORKS JOJOBA OIL**

Recommended by April Kendall

Jojoba Monoi – Who doesn't love jojoba oil? Who wouldn't love an entire line with its main ingredient being jojoba oil? My tresses love this line. Their deep conditioner brings moisture back into my hair. The shampoo gives my hair great slip, and their hair oil leaves my hair shining!

**\$5+ | [Purchase it here.](#)**





## Beauty Products



### **FROM.EVER.SINCE**

Recommended by Karese Adediran

Since I've hit my 30's, my skin has been a top priority of mine. I like to use products that are all natural for my sensitive, eczema prone skin. I have come across From.Ever.Since, a skin care line that is revolutionizing the industry with their products that contain the powerful ingredient CBD. Yup that's right, Cannabis! The HYDRO cream is so hydrating, I slather it on at night before bed and I wake up with supple, soft skin in the am. A great pick for the skin care junkie in your life. [www.fromeversince.com](http://www.fromeversince.com)

\$80+ | [Purchase it here.](#)



## LIPBAR LIPSTICK

Recommended by Karese Adediran

If you read my previous post on lip colors I love, (see it here), then you wouldn't be surprised at the fact that the first thing on my list is a lip brand! I have been wearing The Lip Bar for years now. They are a vegan and cruelty-free company that has been challenging the beauty standard since 2012, from their Detroit headquarters. If you see a color you like order it quickly, selling out is common for this company! [www.thelipbar.com](http://www.thelipbar.com)



**\$12+ | Purchase it here.**



## EDEN BODYWORKS COCONUT SHEA

Recommended by April Kendall

I already loved their coconut shea hair line, but the skin care line took it up a notch! This skin care line keeps my body greatly moisturized and smelling great. With the winter months vastly approaching, this line can surely be added to your skin care regimen. [edenbodyworks.com](http://edenbodyworks.com)

**\$5+ | Purchase it here.**



## **FOREO LUNA MINI 2**

Recommended by Amber Razmus

This is a waterproof silicone cleaning device that is perfect for all skin types. you get the deep cleaning you need and the brush is easy to clean as well. Simply run under water. The vibrations help to clean your skin of impurities. This has been one of my favorite face cleaning tools to date. Gift sets are also available. [www.foreo.com](http://www.foreo.com)

**\$89+ | Purchase it here.**

## **JUVIA'S PLACE EYESHADOW**

Recommended by April Kendall

This black-owned makeup company has been killing the game when it comes to pigmentation. Their eyeshadow palettes and blush palettes have sold out continuously. The eyeshadows build and blend like butter. The blushes are perfection for melinated skin. Makes a great gift for the makeup lover in your life. [www.juviasplace.com](http://www.juviasplace.com)

**\$17+ | Purchase it here.**







## SHEA MOISTURE BODY SCRUB & OIL

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

I bought these items on a whim for 50% in Target. It was the best purchase I ever made. The scrub felt and smelled amazing. But the best part was the rinse. It leaves your skin smooth and oiled. You don't need to add anything else to your skin afterward. Unless you have extra dry skin like me. To make sure my skin didn't ash up later on I applied the oil. It lasted all day long. It felt like it was apart of my skin and not like an added layer of oil. Totally worth their full price. [sheamoisture.com](http://sheamoisture.com)

**\$9.99+ | [Purchase it here.](#)**

## BOLDEN SKINCARE

Recommended by Maria Antoinette



Built by black women, Bolden exists to embolden women of color to confidently embrace their natural beauty. Through expertly-crafted, responsibly-sourced, and tailor-made beauty experiences, they deliver on this commitment - making beauty products that really work well for women of color. [boldenusa.com](http://boldenusa.com)

**\$16.50+ | [Purchase it here.](#)**

## CLINIQUE STAY-MATTE OIL-FREE FOUNDATION

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

I have super oily skin and I have a hard time finding a foundation that will keep me from looking like I have a face full of Crisco after a few hours. Stay-matte is light, airy and stays put all day. It goes on like a thin layer of second skin and dries quickly. It only requires a single blot to my nose toward the end of the day. But most importantly my skin doesn't feel oily to the touch and I have also noticed a decrease in breakouts which is always a good thing. [www.clinique.com](http://www.clinique.com)

\$26.00 | [Purchase it here.](#)



## IMAN COSMETICS SHEER FINISH BRONZING POWDER AFTERGLOW

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

Keep that summer sun-kissed glow year round with Iman's Sheer Bronzing Powder. You can use this with and without foundation. In the summer I use it on its own, and in the cooler months I'll use it after I apply my foundation. The tricolor palette is the perfect combination for any skin tone. Don't be fooled by the pic the colors are deeper than shown. It's hard to find in stores but its available online. It's worth it. [www.imancosmetics.com](http://www.imancosmetics.com)

\$16 | [Purchase it here.](#)









## Fashion



### **OFFICIAL CURL GANG**

Recommended by Karese Adediran

The Natural hair community is more like a virtual sisterhood, uplifting and motivating each other through our various journeys. For the dope naturalista in your life, I have come across a line of slogan tees sure to compliment any natural Queen. Inspired by the designer's son and his head of curls, Tiffany is trying to change the vocabulary society uses when referring to natural hair! Welcome to the Official Curl Gang! [www.officialcurlgang.com](http://www.officialcurlgang.com)

\$20+ | [Purchase it here.](#)





## **IRO CARRIER & HEAD WRAPS**

Recommended by Karese Adediran

Speaking of Queens and natural hair, how about those bad hair days? I have become a sucker for a head-wrap on days when I just can't deal. There's something very regal about tying the crown atop my head and moving through my day. If I'm being honest, it's also great when your hair isn't dry, or if you have to deep condition on the go! Introducing Iro Gele, a head-wrap company with Nigerian roots, also featuring unique baby carriers with beautiful Ankara prints!  
**\$25+ | [Purchase it here.](#)**



## **JUSTE ÊTRE (JUST EARRINGS)**

Recommended by Karese Adediran

A good accessory can amplify your outfit and take it to the next level. One great way to accessorize, earrings! The fashion diva on your list will love the handmade creativity from Juste Être! The designs are inspired by the designer Kat's Nigerian heritage, art, and music. Her designs are unique and the love in each piece can be felt! She even takes custom orders, which would be great to individualize for the recipient!  
[www.justeearrings.com](http://www.justeearrings.com)

**\$15 | [Purchase it here.](#)**



## NUBIAN SKIN LINGERIE

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

A nude bra and skin tone hosiery are the basics of every woman's wardrobe, at least in theory. For many women of colour, finding suitable skin-tone hosiery and lingerie has not been an option. Frustrated by the lack of skin-tone choices to go with her ever-expanding wardrobe, Nubian Skin launched with a carefully edited collection of lingerie and hosiery to provide the essential underwear needs of women of colour. So for all you beautiful women, next time you need a nude pair of hold-ups or maybe a nude strapless bra to go under that stunning white halter dress, Nubian Skin is only a few clicks away. [www.nubianskin.com](http://www.nubianskin.com)

\$16+ | [Purchase it here.](#)





## **FASHIONS FROM THE TINY CLOSET SHOP**

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

Want to look fabulous and comfortable, all the time with minimal effort? The Tiny Closet Collection offers just that. It's a collection of clothing carefully built over time each season of thoughtful, simple, quality pieces for the modern, every day life. Just a few pieces to be completely adored. And worn truly everyday. There are pieces that you can wear in the summer that will carry you into the fall season with a little layering. The key is to have several great pieces that can all be worn together giving you an endless, effortless options to getting dressed.  
[www.thetinyclosetshop.com](http://www.thetinyclosetshop.com)

**\$89+ | Purchase it here.**

## BEYONCE HOLIDAY COLLECTION

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

This holiday season Mrs. Carter has blessed us all with a holiday collection. It features sweatshirts, adults onsies, phone covers, tree ornaments and wrapping paper that says, "BEST REVENGE IS YOUR PAPER". Cute. This is a perfect for that one person we know who loves them some Beyonce, [www.beyonce.com](http://www.beyonce.com)



\$12+ | [Purchase it here.](#)



## MAXINE WATERS RECLAIMING MY TIME PIN

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

Make a political statement year round with pin by Radical Dreams Pins. Let people know with your auntie Maxine Waters pin that you are reclaiming your time. This Etsy shop has a number of political and cultural patches and pins for every style and flavor. [www.etsy.com/shop/RadicalDreamsPins](http://www.etsy.com/shop/RadicalDreamsPins)  
\$10 | [Purchase it here.](#)



## **TOMS HOLIDAY REINDEER WOMEN'S CLASSICS**

Recommended by Valerie Pierre



For those die hard Christmas lovers these holiday TOMS are a cute comfy choice. They are limited edition and feature Rudolph outline design. Remember with every pair of shoes you purchase, TOMS will give a new pair of shoes to a child in need. One for One® [www.toms.com](http://www.toms.com)

**\$59.99 | [Purchase it here.](#)**

## **ALDO STEINAR OVER THE KNEE BOOT**

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

Boot season is in full effect and what better way to celebrate than with these ALDO Over The Knee Boots. They come in black and brown suede. I like these boots especially because the heel is not too skinny and there's no platform. You can also wear these with pretty much anything from jeans to a dress. Flawlessly transforming your daytime causal look into sexy evening. [www.dsw.com](http://www.dsw.com)

**\$79.99+ | [Purchase it here.](#)**









# Lifestyle



## LIT BROOKLYN

Recommended by April Kendall

LIT Brooklyn candles are simply heavenly! The fragrances that come out of these candles are amazing and will surely fill up any room. As someone that is continuously transitioning with their holistic lifestyle, LIT Brooklyn are 100% natural soy wax. They also come in travel sizes – which would be great stocking stuffers! [www.litbklyn.co](http://www.litbklyn.co)

\$14+ | [Purchase it here.](#)



## ECOJARZ

Recommended by April Kendall

I love to make smoothies. More importantly, smoothies on the go. Because I love mason jars, I needed something that would aid in both my smoothies and mason jar craze. Eco Jarz are the most efficient tops ever. They have drink tops for small and wide mouth jars. Not only do they have drink tops, but also other mason jar accessories and supplies if you are into canning as well. [www.ecojarz.com](http://www.ecojarz.com)

\$2.95+ | [Purchase it here.](#)





## JUSTIN COPELAN ART

Recommended by Amber Razmus

The colorful and soulful art is one of a kind. Done by a gifted black artist by the name of Justin Copeland. This art encompasses the beauty of the black community. Prints that show the beauty of black women, motherhood, fatherhood, and black love. You are sure to enjoy whatever piece you purchase. You might even want to get one for yourself.

[www.justincopelandart.com](http://www.justincopelandart.com)

**\$12.75+ | Purchase it here.**



## CALL NUMBER LITERARY SUBSCRIPTION BOX

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

Call Number is a library-inspired monthly book subscription box that celebrates Black literature and authors. Each month subscribers will receive a curated box that is filled with things that go with the theme of the book they will receive. You have the choice of receiving fiction or non, just the book or a complete box.

[www.call-number.cratejoy.com](http://www.call-number.cratejoy.com)

\$20+ | [Purchase it here.](#)



## THE HAPPY PLANNER BIG, DAYDREAM

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

Get your life planned and in order for 2018 with the Happy Planner. There are many themes but the 'Be Your Own Beautiful' planner is filled with just the right inspirational and motivational quotes that will keep you going and on track for the whole year.

[www.meandmybigideas.com](http://www.meandmybigideas.com)

\$28.66 (on sale \$12.61) | [Purchase it here.](#)





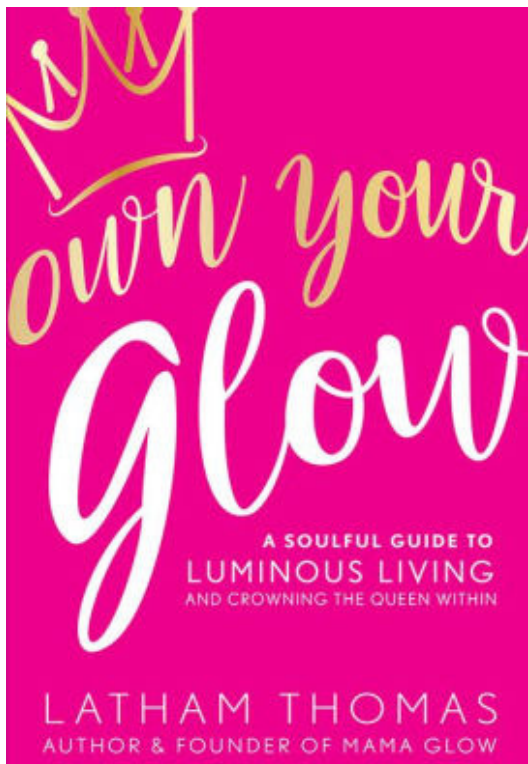


## THE DYNA SMILES

Recommended by Amber Razmus

With cold weather here you need a cute mug to drink your tea or coffee from. The Dyna Smiles makes some of the cutest mugs featuring natural hair ladies. you can also check out their phone covers, laptop covers, t-shirts, and notebooks. [www.thedynasmiles.com](http://www.thedynasmiles.com)

\$18+ | [Purchase it here.](#)



## **OWN YOUR GLOW BY LATHAM THOMAS**

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

Own Your Glow will help curate your path to greatness, while embracing your uniquely feminine attributes. Own Your Glow is an awakening roar for women to mobilize, become the masters of their lives, and hold their crowned heads up high, letting their relentless light from within shine bright for the world. [www.ownyourglowthebook.com](http://www.ownyourglowthebook.com)

\$14 | [Purchase it here.](#)



## **BLACK CARD REVOKED ORIGINAL FLAVOR**

Recommended by Valerie Pierre

The holidays about gathering with friends and family, and what better way to enjoy each others company than a card game. Move over spades there's a new deck of cards in town. Test your wits with cultural questions that black people should know the answers to. The rule is simple, don't get your black card is revoked. [www.cardsforallpeople.com](http://www.cardsforallpeople.com)

\$19.99 | [Purchase it here.](#)





HAVE A VERY  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

Silent  
Night

Merry  
and  
Bright