

CHRISTMAS 2025 GIFT IDEAS FROM IKON GALLERY



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FOR THE BODY

[Mother of Pearl Earrings](#) - £15.50

By George Hook

George Hook is the last of the Birmingham Pearlies, continuing a proud family tradition that spans five generations. The business originally specialised in crafting Mother of Pearl handles and bespoke buttons for the jewellery trade and beyond. Today, George honours that legacy by producing exquisite buttons alongside a range of finely crafted jewellery.

[Frost & Spice Lip Balm Trio Set](#) - £9.99

By FRUU Cosmetics

In line with Ikon's commitment to sustainability, FRUU creates fresh, sustainable cosmetics using wonky fruits that would otherwise go to waste. Made in small batches with natural ingredients, their products are crafted from fruit by-products, supporting small-scale farmers and reducing food waste - all while delivering high-quality skincare.

CARDS & DECORATIONS



[Johnny Penguin Christmas Card Pack](#) - £9.99

By Royal Academy of Arts

These cute penguin Christmas cards are inspired by the illustrations from the 1931 children's book *Johnny Penguin*, co-authored by sisters Dorothy and Marguerite Bryan.

[Midcentury Trees Sewn Garland](#) - £15.00

By East End Press

Decorate your house in style this Christmas with these beautiful hand screen-printed garlands, made from recycled paper by East End Press.

FOR NOTES AND PLANNING



[David Shrigley 2026 Calendar](#) - £11.99

By Brainbox Candy

A quirky and clever calendar featuring a new, offbeat illustration each month by the wildly popular artist David Shrigley.

[Daily Planner](#) - £12.00 / £15.00

By OHH DEER

Stay organised with this versatile daily planner. Designed for both list-makers and note-takers. Each page is undated, so there's no pressure to write daily, simply pick up where you left off.

READING INSPIRATION



[Clay: A Human History](#) - £12.99

By Orion Publishing Co

A love letter to clay, Allan's book explores humanity's deep history and connection to the earth through the act of making, using clay and how that relates to contemporary art practice.

[Softness: A Meditation on Knitting](#) - £8.00

By Common Thread Press

Softness is a poetic meditation on hand-knitting and the intimate, often overlooked objects that sustain us. Interwoven with key texts from textile studies and feminist theory, this book is both an ode to the handmade and a plea against the tide of unloved, mass-produced clothing.

TO MAKE AND DO



[Ikon Gallery Cross Stitch Kit](#) - £25.00

By **Needlework on Thursday**

Designed by local artist **Needlework on Thursday**, these charming kits feature Birmingham's iconic landmarks. Each kit includes a hoop, threads, a printed pattern and a stitch guide - everything you need to create your own cross-stitched Ikon memento.

[Merry and Bright: 12 Days of Puzzles](#) - £19.99

By **Galison**

Bring holiday cheer with this **Merry and Bright Puzzle Calendar** by Louise Cunningham Starling. Each of the twelve 80-piece puzzles features a festive illustration – one to complete each day of Christmas.

FOR CHILDREN



[Leave the Trees, Please](#) - £12.99

By Magic Cat

Written by Brummie legend and poet Benjamin Zephaniah, this story follows a young boy's friendship with a tree. With tenderness and clarity, Zephaniah highlights the importance of connecting with nature, and the deep devastation caused by deforestation in the urban landscape.

[Yes Bab Bib](#) - £11.50

By Punks and Chancers

Let even the smallest humans join the Yes Bab revolution. Made from super-soft 100% organic cotton and screen-printed using vegan, eco-friendly inks, this walnut colourway bib is gentle on both baby and planet.



Christmas at Ikon Gallery (2023). Image courtesy Mengxia Liu.

WINTER CRAFT MARKET

Thursday 4 December, 5-8pm

Ikon Gallery, Brindleyplace

Join us for Ikon's Winter Craft Market and browse stalls by local makers, designers and artists selling jewellery, homeware, prints, cards and unique gifts. Free entry.

CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Monday 22 December: Ikon Shop is open, Ikon Galleries are closed

Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 December: Ikon Galleries and Shop are open

Thursday 25 & Friday 26 December: Ikon Galleries and Shop are closed

Saturday 27 December – Sunday 4 January: Ikon Galleries and Shop are open as usual*

USUAL OPENING TIMES

*Ikon Gallery is open Tuesday – Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 11am-5pm. Free entry.

Ikon Shop is open Tuesday – Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 10am-5pm.

FINAL POSTAGE DATE FOR ONLINE ORDERS

Last orders for guaranteed UK delivery before Christmas: Thursday 18 December, midnight (First Class).

For more information, press appointments, high-res images and to request interviews please contact Emily Luxford and Czarena Brown by email press@ikon-gallery.org or call Ikon on 0121 248 0708.

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Notes to Editors:

1. **Ikon** is an internationally acclaimed contemporary art gallery, situated in Birmingham's city centre. Established in 1964 by a group of artists, Ikon celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2024. It is an educational charity with free entry for all, and works to encourage public engagement with contemporary art through exhibiting new work in a context of debate and participation. The gallery programme features international and local artists working in a variety of media, including sound, film, mixed media, photography, painting, sculpture and installation. Ikon's off-site programme develops dynamic relationships between art, artists and audiences outside the gallery. Projects vary enormously in scale, duration and location, challenging expectations of where art can be seen and by whom. Education is at the heart of Ikon's activities, stimulating public interest in and understanding of contemporary visual art. Ikon aims to build dynamic relationships with audiences, enabling visitors to engage with, discuss and reflect on contemporary art. ikon-gallery.org
2. **Ikon** is open Tuesday – Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 11am-5pm. Free entry, donations welcome. Ikon is supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England, and Birmingham City Council.
3. **Ikon Shop** is Birmingham's only specialist art bookshop, stocking a range of books, cards, artists' limited editions, magazines and gifts. All profits from Ikon Shop support Ikon Gallery's charitable artistic and educational programme. shop.ikon-gallery.org
4. **Arts Council England** is the national development agency for creativity and culture. ACE have set out their strategic vision in *Let's Create* that by 2030 they want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where everyone of us has access to a remarkable range of high-quality cultural experiences. From 2023 to 2026 ACE will invest over £467 million of public money from Government and an estimated £250 million from The National Lottery each year to help support the sector and to deliver this vision. artscouncil.org.uk

