

Start your Christmas shopping at craft fair

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Abstract: The craft fair is put on by a group of Salem-area Etsy.com shop owners; expect lots of quirky, handmade gifts as up to 20 vendors will fill Clockworks Cafe and Cultural Center.

Full text: Every year, you imagine yourself as the kind of person who begins Christmas shopping early, the one who finds everyone the thoughtful gift that is just perfect and isn't from Target. If past years are any indication, this goal may not necessarily be met -- but Craftophilia can take you one step closer.

The craft fair is put on by a group of Salem-area Etsy.com shop owners; expect lots of quirky, handmade gifts as up to 20 vendors will fill Clockworks Cafe and Cultural Center. Think trendy, twee things -- the chance of doilies is slim-to-none.

"We're going to get a lot of unique crafters, and all of them are from Salem or within 20 miles of Salem," said Jessica Ramey, the owner of DIY Studio.

"We're going to do a photobooth ... I'll create it using vintage sheets and a hula hoop, but it will turn out really awesome."

While there will be some art-supply sort of things, such as hand-dyed yarn, most of the goods will be gifts.

"We should have some fabric items, like purses and aprons ... then books, jewelry, mugs and some screen-printed items," Ramey said, adding that she herself would be making some 3D cards.

--K. Williams Brown

Craftophilia Craft Fair

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

Where: Clockworks Cafe and Cultural Center, 241 Commercial St. NE

Cost: Free; bring cash to shop

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