

MADE IN NORTH CAROLINA



Holiday

GIFT GUIDE





WHAT'S MADE IN NORTH CAROLINA MAKES NORTH CAROLINA

As you look for gift ideas for friends, co-workers, and family this year, we hope you'll find some inspiration from our first-ever NC Holiday Gift Guide, featuring made-in-NC products.

Our NC Chamber team was inspired to create this list from this year's 'Coolest Thing Made in NC' nominees. While only one company was able to take home first place, we could not let the opportunity pass us by to tout some of the one-of-a-kind and innovative products being produced right here at home in North Carolina. The items in this guide reflect products that we think would make great stocking stuffers or presents for anyone on your list—even for those hard-to-buy-for relatives or friends!

And speaking of not letting opportunities pass us by, as president and CEO of the NC Chamber, I can say firsthand that our annual 'Coolest Thing Made in NC' competition gives me and my staff a great sense of pride—it is an honor to applaud the accomplishments of an extremely innovative industry and the 200+ manufacturing members we represent. What began in the 1880s as a few textile mills across North Carolina's landscape has evolved into an impressive, technologically driven industry that generates nearly one-fifth of the gross state product and employs more than 1 in 10 of the state's workforce. What's made in North Carolina really does make North Carolina.

On behalf of myself and the NC Chamber staff, we wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season!

All the best,

GARY SALAMIDO

President & CEO, NC Chamber

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WE WANT YOUR PRODUCTS TO BE SHARED ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND.

Do you want your product featured in next year's gift guide?

Contact Marketing Director Emmy Boyette at eboyette@ncchamber.com.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available.





A-B Emblem Customized Patches

A-B Emblem is the USA's #1 supplier of custom patches, but they also can transform images and logos into products ranging from Christmas ornaments and luggage tags to lapel pins and jewelry. Connect with A-B Emblem to arrange a custom patch or product order for that special someone on your gift list. Made in Weaverville, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Appalachian Gear Company All-Paca Hoodie

The All-Paca Fleece Hoodie is the ultimate layering piece for every season, offering lightweight insulation without bulkiness. The knit structure is made from 100% alpaca fiber and designed for durability and breathability, making it perfect for outdoor adventure or just hanging out. The All-Paca Fleece dries fast and doesn't absorb much moisture, so perspiration isn't a problem, and it even insulates when wet. The All-Paca Fleece Hoodie offers a comfortable fit that maximizes air flow for peak performance. Available in a range of colors in men's and women's sizes. Made in Kings Mountain, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



R. Riveter Otto Handbag

The Otto is arguably R. Riveter's most popular and iconic handbag. With an adjustable crossbody strap and functional handles, the Otto is an incredible bag for any occasion. Wear it on your shoulder with a shortened strap, carry it by the handles, or sling it across your body as a hands-free crossbody bag. Canvas and premium leather, available in 13 colors or patterns. Made by military spouses across N.C. and beyond.

PRODUCT DETAILS

DID YOU KNOW?

NC manufacturing employs 450,000 North Carolinians, which is 10% of the state's workforce.

Source: National Association of Manufacturers



Benevolence Farm Chamomile & Lavender Healing Salve

The Chamomile & Lavender Healing Salve is the flagship product of Benevolence Farm's Body Care line. Its creation is rooted in all the work that happens on the farm, where second chances grow naturally for formerly incarcerated women. Unlike many salve products on the market, this salve not only offers protection against dryness in cold weather but also soothes sunburned skin. The chamomile flower is packed with anti-inflammatory properties, and the lavender acts as a natural antibacterial guard. The combination of the two plants fosters deep moisturization, heals surface-level injuries, and prevents infection. Made in Graham, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Bynum Family Farm All Natural Lard Soap with Goat's Milk

This all-natural soap is made with the highest quality pasture-raised lard from Bynum Family Farm, along with rich goat's milk from Logan Farms NC. It is blended with other natural ingredients and the end result is a soap that is soothing, moisturizing and therapeutic. Made with products from Beulaville and Maysville, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Nufabrx Compression Sleeves

Contact-activated medicine is infused into the fabric of the Nufabrx knee compression sleeve, releasing safely into your skin for targeted, long-lasting pain relief. The combination of embedded medicine plus compression works together to alleviate knee soreness, muscle pain, and arthritis. The sleeve is designed for repeated use, with the embedded medicine lasting for 15+ washes. When worn actively, the knee compression sleeve combats muscle fatigue and enhances muscle and joint performance. Made in Conover and Asheboro, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Seven Seed Facial Serum

Feed your skin with Seven Seed Facial Serum. Made with the cold-pressed oil from seven different seeds, the medium-bodied serum is rich with antioxidants and soothing vitamins. Your skin will feel amazingly supple and smooth. A little goes a long way to glowing, healthy skin. Made in Newton, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Dusky Electronics D₂O Amplifier

The Dusky Electronics D₂O Amplifier is a uniquely versatile and reliable vacuum tube guitar and musical instrument amplifier. With the D₂O, Dusky Electronics manages to both honor the past and offer something new, presenting an amplifier unlike any other in sound or appearance. Made in Mebane and Durham, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Moog Theremini

Create music with the wave of a hand! Moog Music's Theremini is a modern take on one of the very first electronic musical instruments: the theremin. Known for its ability to conjure otherworldly sci-fi sounds, the theremin is played by moving one's hands in the air in the proximity of two antennas (pitch and volume). With features like assistive pitch correction, a built-in tuner, and included presets, Moog's Theremini is a fun, unique, and educational entry-level instrument for players of any age or skill level. Made in Asheville, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS

DID YOU KNOW?

Our state's manufacturing industry generates 17% of the gross state product.

Source: National Association of Manufacturers



321 Coffee Gift Boxes

Highlight your company's commitment to diversity + inclusion while providing people a delicious cup of coffee. 321's gift boxes contain either 321's coffee collection or a range of 321 products. Each box also includes a hand-written note from one of the 321 Coffee baristas. Made in Raleigh, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Ashe County Cheese Authentic Hoop Cheese

Authentic Hoop Cheese is a "Southern Classic." Ashe County Cheese uses their traditional recipe and old world techniques to make this rich and creamy cheese that is sure to please old and young alike. Made in West Jefferson, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Benny T's Vesta Dry Hot Sauce

Benny T's Vesta was launched in 2007 based on the owner's experience of eating fresh chiles (the hottest and most exotic being his favorites). The concept and recipe arose out of the desire to share his passion & love for the flavor/heat of chiles with others. As most people could not eat such chiles, he deliberately tamed the heat by incorporating caramelized onions & breadcrumbs, and Benny T's Vesta was born. The result is a very versatile product that has great flavor, delivers the heat (but never in an overpowering way even when the hottest chiles on earth are used) & it is dry – so no vinegar, no water, no dilution of the chiles. Made in Raleigh, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS

DID YOU KNOW?

The average NC manufacturing salary is \$75,000 annually.

Source: National Association of Manufacturers



Big Delicious Brand's Original Hot 'Cue Dip

There's a magical hot new dip in town! Big Delicious Brand's Original Hot 'Cue Dip highlights a true pit-cooked pulled pork paired with zesty Eastern NC vinegar-based sauce and succulent shoe-peg corn to form the perfect tasty triple play of smoky, spicy, and sweet. Featured as a QVC "Big Find" winner, this hot and savory treat is ideal for every social occasion with the added versatility to inspire main dish options! Made in Raleigh, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Carolina Pickle Company Sweet Thai Pickles

Carolina Pickle Company's Sweet Thai Pickles are influenced by Southern and Asian flavors and cooking traditions. A sweet pickle blended with hints of citrus, ginger, garlic, red pepper, scallions, and flash fried peanuts creates the perfect balance of sweet, sour and zest. This pickle packs a huge punch in the flavor department! Made in Chinquapin, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Cheerwine

Created in 1917, Cheerwine is a one-of-a-kind soft drink with a unique cherry flavor. Born and raised in Salisbury, N.C., Cheerwine is still privately owned and managed by the same founding family, five generations of whom have worked there. Available in supermarkets, restaurants, convenience stores, and more. Find Cheerwine and Cheerwine Zero Sugar near you by visiting cheerwine.com.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Durham Distillery's Conniption Gin

Founded in 2013 and opened in 2015 by Melissa and Lee Katrincic in Durham, N.C., Durham Distillery is a craft gin, vodka, and liqueur distillery that has earned more than 50 national and international awards. The company produces premium gins leveraging a differentiated two-step process combining time-honored gin making traditions with techniques borrowed from modern chemistry to create spirits that are both classic and contemporary.

PRODUCT DETAILS



E.M. Walton's Premium Salted Caramel

E.M. Walton's Premium Salted Caramel is distilled and bottled by the Walton family using a generations old family moonshine recipe, and a perfected whiskey formula. It's made in small batches with limestone-purified water, cane and local grains, and corn whiskey. Refined and rich, creamy and smooth, E.M. Walton's Premium Salted Caramel is simply buttery caramel goodness. Made in Jacksonville, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



George's BBQ Sauce Three-Pack Gift Set

"It's good on everything except banana pudding," was George Stallings' famous claim, and to this day, we proudly claim it too. George's BBQ Sauce is made by hand, in small batches in Nashville, North Carolina by a team of 11 employees. We still personally pour, package, and ship every bottle of George's by hand - 4,500 bottles per day to be exact! From our family to yours, George's was made for everybody. Use it as the foundation for your own creation or pour it straight from the bottle to add bold flavor to any plate.

PRODUCT DETAILS



LipLidz Cocktail Glasses

LipLidz are uniquely designed dual-stemmed cocktail glasses with colorful, snap-on drink thru lids that hang on the side of each glass when refilling or storing. They are unbreakable and top-rack dishwasher safe. No bugs, no spills, no broken glass. Born in Fuquay-Varina, N.C. Manufactured in Asheboro, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS

DID YOU KNOW?

NC manufacturers help drive our state's economy with \$26.94B in exported goods manufactured yearly.

Source: National Association of Manufacturers



Mangalitsa Lard

Mangalitsa is an old-world lard pig breed prized for its silky white fat due to its higher content of monounsaturated fat. More like an oil, seasoned Mangalitsa lard makes sublime spreads, mayonnaises, basting and finishing sauces and when flavored with peppermint or chocolate, a lovely keto coffee! Chock full of A, C, D & K, lard from pigs raised in sunshine is one of nature's nutrient dense foods. Made in Waynesville, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Morinaga HI-CHEW

From the minute you unwrap a HI-CHEW to the very last bite, the aromas of true-to-life fruit flavors are yours to enjoy. With our unique double layer, mouthwatering flavor is released as you chew for a long-lasting Immensely Fruity Intensely Chewy experience. HI-CHEW is made in North Carolina and was produced to create everyday happiness for you and the people around you. With HI-CHEW, every chew brings flavor to life! Made in Mebane, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Old Nick Williams Distillery Hempahol Vodka Infused with Hemp Seeds

After filtration, Old Nick Williams Vodka is re-distilled through hemp seeds grown right here in North Carolina resulting in a light, crisp, floral note. Bottled at 90 proof, this unique, all-natural spirit is a great addition to your cocktail. Made in Lewisville, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Red Clay Pimiento Cheese

Red Clay Gourmet makes the most delicious, award-winning pimiento cheese you'll ever put in your mouth! Their bold, innovative flavor profiles and premium-quality ingredients are the foundation for the company motto: A Modern Twist on a Southern Tradition. This family-owned and operated enterprise offers retail containers and grab-and-go snack packs in four flavors - Classic Sharp Cheddar, Hickory Smoked Cheddar, Flame Roasted Jalapeno and South Meets East Sriracha. Made in Winston-Salem, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Shiners Stash Bloody Mary Beef Jerky

Shiners Stash Bloody Mary Beef Jerky is marinated to perfection, incorporating local spices and the expertise of our Executive Chef. Marinated with a traditional vodka, our Bloody Mary Beef Jerky has a slightly spicy and horseradish tang with a touch of savory Worcestershire sauce. True to its name! Made in Conover, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



SIPPIN SNAX Gourmet Bar Snacks Vineyard Red Craft Peanuts

SIPPIN SNAX Vineyard Red Craft Peanuts are the synergy of all that is amazing about North Carolina. Good wine, good people and good times. A snack to be paired with any red wine, Vineyard Red is a complex and adventure ride for the senses. Dark fruit, citrus mid notes and a peppery finish, Vineyard Red pairs well with any Cab Sav, Merlot, Pinot Noir or even a rose'. Also a great sidekick to a North Carolina cider or NC Spirit cocktail! Made in Greensboro, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Texas Pete Hot Sauce

Texas Pete® is the hottest thing to come out of North Carolina since 1929. Its secret blend of specially-selected peppers and bold, balanced flavor has captured the hearts of folks for many years, withstanding the taste test of time. Texas Pete® is so much more than a delicious, tangy hot sauce, though—it's been essential to many taco runs, family gatherings, and now, it's a staple at the holiday table. Spice up the season with Texas Pete® and don't forget to Sauce Like You Mean It!®

PRODUCT DETAILS

DID YOU KNOW?

Small businesses comprise 88% of manufacturing exporters in North Carolina.

Source: National Association of Manufacturers



Memory Lane Boutique Memory Bears

Memory Lane Boutique Memory Bears are eighteen inch huggable keepsake memory bears made from your loved ones clothing, with button eyes and a felt nose. Every stitch is sewn with love and respect. We hope each Memory Bear we make for you brings comfort and happy memories for your family. Made in Mocksville, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Charlie's Soap Natural Powder Laundry Detergent

Made with a highly concentrated formula free of dyes, parabens, harmful phosphates, or synthetic fragrances, Charlie's Soap Natural Powder Laundry Detergent will leave your clothes feeling and smelling fresher than ever. Unlike other powder laundry detergents that leave a powdery residue on your fabrics and washer, this natural laundry detergent is formulated to leave your clothes and washer residue-free. It's compatible with both high-efficiency and standard washing machines and even cleans your washer with every cycle. Made in Mayodan, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Eco-Twist Detergent

The EcoTwist EcoBox is a revelation for the detergent industry. Our eco-friendly and effective detergent is made with Odor Release Technology, which actually removes odor-causing bacteria deep inside your clothes—without the fillers, additives, and preservatives you'll find in other detergents. And it now comes in a revolutionary new package primarily made from compostable and recyclable cardboard—using a whopping 72% less plastic than a standard detergent bottle! Made in Indian Trail, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Artisan Leaf Tobacco Leaf North Carolina State Map

Tobacco is about as native to North Carolina as pine trees and sweet tea. Once known as “The World’s Largest Tobacco Market,” our small town’s economy continues to be very reliant upon the crop. At Artisan Leaf, we’ve reinvented the way tobacco is used highlighting its aesthetic beauty and decorative style. We make a variety of products (custom bars, tables, wall panels, coasters, decorative accessories, art work, etc.) using natural tobacco leaves sealed in a protective epoxy resin coating.

The Tobacco Leaf North Carolina state maps come in two different sizes. Made in Wilson, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Bright Black Diaspora Collection

Get all of the candles that make up our Diaspora Collection with this set of five full-sized candles. With this collection, you’ll travel the globe and take a scent journey across space and place. The set includes five full-sized candles that honor cities of Black greatness. Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Durham (USA), Kingston (Jamaica), Paris (France) and Salvador (Brasil). Each 10oz Black, matte vessel contains 7.5 ounces of wax and custom-blended fragrance, along with sleek wooden wicks. 70-80 hours of burn time each. Made in Durham, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Crab Pot Christmas Trees by Fisherman Creations

A Christmas tree made from crab pot wire, which can be folded flat for easy storage. Quick and easy to set up and likewise to disassemble for the next season. Available in sizes from 1.5 ft. to 8 ft. tall with customers, including national chain stores, in every state in the U.S.A. Over a million trees have been sold since 2003. Made in Smyrna, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS

DID YOU KNOW?

Manufacturing has been the backbone of NC’s economy since the 1880s.

Source: [North Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership](#)



Nugget Comfort Kids Couch

Nugget, the original play couch, builds furniture for growing imaginations! The Nugget is part-furniture, part-toy, and all-around the best thing to happen to playtime since, well, ever. We're proud to continue our state's history of furniture manufacturing, bringing an innovative, fresh product to a whole new generation of North Carolinians (and beyond)! Made in Butner, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Old Glory 1350 American Flags

Old Glory 1350 handcrafted all-wood American flags are carefully constructed in softwood and hardwoods to present Old Glory proudly in any setting. All sculpted edges and hand-carved waves make our standard appear to pop off the wall and ripple in the breeze. Made in Sanford, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



McKenzie Penworks Premium Pen Kits

A family run business based in Fuquay-Varina, N.C., McKenzie Penworks is known for its product quality and customer service. McKenzie Penworks premium pen kits are manufactured in the U.S. from solid stainless steel. Each kit includes Schmidt ink refills or converters. Browse pen kits or submit a custom pen order online.

PRODUCT DETAILS



beachBUB® All-in-One Umbrella System

The beachBUB® All-In-One Umbrella System has eliminated the confusion, struggle and complexity of setting up a beach umbrella. It has been wind tested to 44mph and is endorsed by the American Lifeguard Association. Finally, young and old can enjoy a stress free and relaxing day at their favorite beach. Made in Greensboro, N.C.

**2022 NC Chamber Coolest Thing Made in NC Contest Winner*

PRODUCT DETAILS



Cargo Caddie

The Cargo Caddie is a light utility box designed to fit any golf cart fold down backseat and rooftop. It measures 40"x30"x10". The Cargo Caddie can be put on and taken off in seconds. Made of a strong and very durable polyethylene plastic, it comes with four custom designed polypropylene fiber straps with heavy duty steel adjustable buckles. The Cargo Caddie is the world's best and most versatile golf car accessory. Manufactured in Asheboro, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Harris Saddles

Handcrafted from start to finish, Harris saddles feature the finest in intricately tooled leather, genuine exotic leather accents, and hand-engraved sterling silver. Cherished by horsemen worldwide, Harris Saddles capture the individuality of both horse and rider and offer a fit and feel like none other. This showpiece, and others, are all designed, crafted, and sold from our shop in State Road, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Shibumi Shade

The Shibumi Shade changed how people experience the beach by working with the wind, not against it. The patented free-flowing design works with the slightest ocean breeze to cast ample shade. Founded by two brothers and their best friend in North Carolina, the Shibumi Shade is now the most popular beach shade on the East and Gulf Coasts. Shibumi Shade has gained national popularity for being the most portable, easy to set-up beach shade on the market, and for providing enough shade for 6 people to sit comfortably. Headquartered in Raleigh, hand-sewn in Asheboro and Asheville, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



SOLOCART

The SOLOCART is an electric single-rider golf cart that solves two of the biggest challenges facing the sport: pace-of-play and course maintenance. SOLOCART is improving round times by an average of 40 minutes per 18 holes, and thanks to low PSI turf tires and a weight of just 320 pounds, turf impact is improved significantly. The cart has broad appeal with golfers of all ages, sizes, and skill levels thanks to its incredible stability and ease of operation. Outside of its golf application, the SOLOCART offers a multitude of opportunities to improve personal transportation for work and recreational activities. Assembled in Holly Springs, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



Tarpestry Outdoor Blankets & Tarps

The unique and one-of-a-kind Tarpestry combines the functions of a tarp with the beauty, design, and softness of a tapestry. This versatile and durable weather-resistant outdoor blanket puts a buffer between you and nature, with style. Built in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, every Tarpestry is created with your next adventure in mind. Water-repellent and UV-resistant, Tarpestrys are the perfect companion for picnics, beach trips, hikes, camping trips, outdoor concerts, sporting events, and much more. Made in Boone, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS



WaterDog Adventure Gear® (WAG) Boarding Steps

WAG Products, LLC, manufactures and sells a line of dog ladders for boats, docks and pools under the brand name WaterDog Adventure Gear® (WAG). WAG Boarding Steps™ allow your dog to safely enter and exit the water on their own, eliminating the need for human intervention to lift, which could cause injury to the human and/or the dog. Our proprietary, patented products are dog-friendly, lightweight, non-corrosive and made in the U.S.A. We sell our products globally with customers on six of the seven continents and in over 50 countries. Made in Denver, N.C.

PRODUCT DETAILS

DID YOU KNOW?

North Carolina has been named the #1 State for Business, making it a great state for manufacturing.

Source: CNBC and NC Chamber

WHAT IS THE COOLEST THING MADE IN NORTH CAROLINA?

The made-in-NC gift ideas featured in this holiday guide prove that what's made in North Carolina *makes* North Carolina. These products were nominated by the public and voted for in the NC Chamber's 2022 Coolest Thing Made in NC contest. Join in the fun of nominating the best goods, voting for your favorite products, and championing our innovative manufacturing community in next year's contest. Follow the QR code to stay informed.





Happy Holidays

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