

# A Uniquely Russian Gift Guide: 6 Suggestions for Christmas Presents (Photo Essay)

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Forget the matryoshka dolls and wooden spoons, you'll probably overpay for them at the souvenir stands anyway.

Here's a list of uniquely Russian items you might want to consider adding to your Christmas shopping list, most of which are commercially available at shops across Moscow.

## 1. Ready-to-drink Vodka in Shot Glasses



*A selection popular Russian vodka varieties, including ones that come packaged in shot glasses. (Th1234 / Wikicommons)*

## **2. A Vladimir Putin Rug**



*The perfect addition to your home, available at the Izmailovsky Market. (Filip Mayer / For MT)*

### 3. Fake Perfume



*A variety of knock-off and fake perfumes are available in Moscow for the special woman in your life, many of which from 70-ruble shops. This one is branded after the popular Russian social network. (Nelli Ermolaeva / VKontakte)*

### 4. Gold Toothpaste



*The Gold toothpaste produced by Russian oral care brand Splat is described as: "The first precious GOLD toothpaste with colloidal gold, diamond extract, and royal jelly...Pink champagne taste...For very important persons" (Splat)*

## 5. Black Bread Shampoo





*This shampoo is made with "100 percent healthy components"...Now if I could only find some jam-flavored conditioner to go with it. (@yeslev / Twitter)*

## **6. Avoska**



*Known by its Czech name "avoska," the open-netted string bag popular in Soviet times can still be found in shops today. Sure to be popular once Berlin discovers it. (via avoska-style.com)*

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