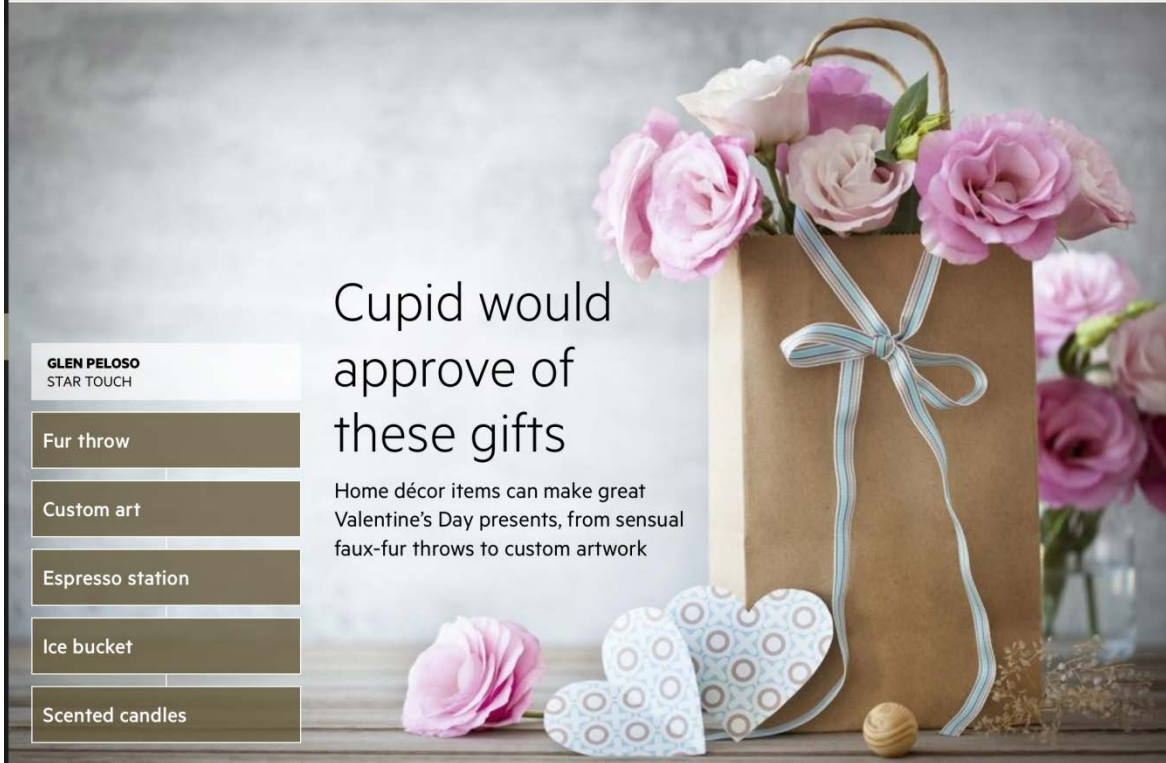


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Home décor items can make great Valentine's Day presents, from sensual faux-fur throws to custom artwork


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- Custom art
- Espresso station
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THROW BLANKET

These are wonderfully representative of the warmth you feel for one another. Select a cosy faux-fur throw blanket in person so you can feel it for yourself. I found one from Canfloyd at the recent CanGift market in Toronto. It's soft like real fur and not irritating to your skin (some can be, depending on the acrylic). Throw blankets made of kanecaron or tissavel acrylic fibres tend to feel the best and last the longest. Toss one on the sofa, at the end of the bed or over the back of a chair. Keep it handy for those cool spring and fall evenings outdoors, too.

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ICE BUCKET

The bar and bar cart have been growing in popularity over the past few years. Adding an ice bucket to the cart is a lovely way to accessorize; add a bottle of Champagne to the bucket and you've got the start to a romantic evening. From crystal to plastic and everywhere in between, ice buckets are available in a variety of materials. I love this one (pictured) from Cusivin, with its muted copper metal finish. Combine it with gold-rimmed Champagne flutes and the night is set. Considering the popularity of gold in design, the ice bucket is a wonderful way to incorporate gold in your décor.

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SCENTED CANDLES

Smell has the power to evoke feelings of affection, romance and sensuality, so tapping into those feelings is a perfect way to express your love. I love the idea of scented candles for people who lack space or prefer to select the design elements of their home on their own. Candles only have to be kept until they are consumed. Look for good quality candles, such as these from the Vancouver Candle Co., which I also discovered at CanGift, each named after local neighbourhoods. You may find something named for your love but, at minimum, you will have provided a quality candle with a sensual scent.