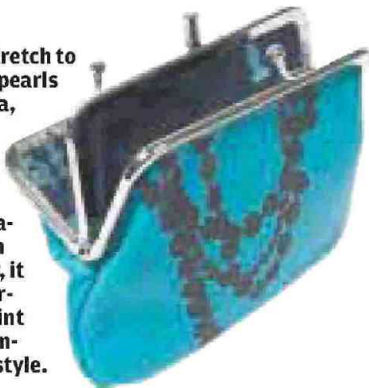


The Ten Best **Mother's Day gifts**
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V&A

❖ If you can't stretch to a string of real pearls to treat your ma, this turquoise 'pearl necklace' purse is a more wallet-friendly alternative. Made from printed leather, it is lined with gorgeous, pearl print fabric and is winningly retro in style.

Price: £30
 www.vandashop.com; 020-7942 2696



Bettys

❖ As long as she's not watching her waistline too closely, mum will be delighted by this indulgent treat, the Mother's Day gift box. Wash down a dainty simnel cake, spicy ginger biscuits, chocolate desires and two gold chocolate hearts with finest Darjeeling tea.

Price: £30
 www.bettysbypost.com; 0845 345 3636



Precious Monkey

❖ Made from solid silver, these handmade earrings would make an elegant present, but if you're feeling creative, check out the 'design it yourself' option on this easy-to-use website. You can alter these earrings or create unique necklaces, bracelets and more.

Price: £55
 www.preciousmonkeyjewellery.co.uk; 0845 245 2500



Chanel

❖ A posh red lipstick will be a Mother's Day crowd pleaser. New on the shelves this week, Chanel's Rouge Allure Laque 75 is a thick, glossy lipstick-cum-gloss and a touch vampish.

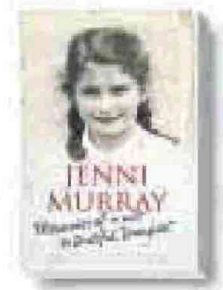
Price: £23
 www.chanel.co.uk; 020-7493 3836



Borders

❖ Many mothers will have spent years listening to Jenni Murray's voice on Radio 4's 'Woman's Hour' and will love this warts 'n' all biography 'Memoirs of a Not So Dutiful Daughter'. The subject matter - Murray's breast cancer and the death of her parents - is tragic, but her tone is warm and thoroughly readable.

Price: £5.59
 www.borders.co.uk



Jo Malone

◉ A lovely way to spoil your mum this Sunday. The six miniature skin-care products in this starter set are designed to nourish all skin types and include avocado cleansing milk, rosemary & lavender skin tonic, ginseng moisturising cream, an eye cream, vitamin E gel and serum.

Price: £30
www.jomalone.co.uk; 0870 034 2411



BHS

◉ Sit her down, make her a nice cup of tea and present her with a comfy and cute embroidered cushion with a tasteful pattern of birds. BHS is having a retro moment and this is part of its Vintage range.

Price: £20
www.bhs.co.uk



Not On The High Street

◉ A chic and clutter-free way to keep herbs fresh and conveniently to hand in the kitchen. Your mother can up-end supermarket bought herbs from their plastic containers into this ceramic stand, which has water trays in the base, or keep cut herbs lively for a day or two longer.

Price: £36
www.notonthehighstreet.com; 0845 259 1359



Cancer Research

◉ Don't be tempted to palm off a bunch of daffodils pinched from the park as a thoughtful gift to your mother. Instead, go for this gloriously golden sunflower bouquet and you'll be helping Cancer Research UK while getting free delivery into the bargain.

Price: £37.98
shoptobeatcancer.org; 0845 873 1535



Pedlars

◉ Every mum needs a decent holdall in which she can stash all her own stuff and those bulky essentials for any child-related eventuality.

Buy your mum one of these in a nod to her hectic life.

Price: £29.95
www.pedlars.co.uk; 01330 850400

