

message with a gift by Alicia Harris

get personal this gift-giving season by engraving gifts with a message, or simply have something monogrammed to show you care



- 1 Personalized Wash Up:** Make someone feel special with his or her **personal monogram on a simple set of soaps**. Custom initials can be matched with a set of towels. *Soaps, \$39 at www.potterybarn.com*
- 2 What a Day:** Sentimental days will never be forgotten: Share birthdays, holidays and anniversaries with a gift that will remind them that you care. Choose a way to **display the date on an array of gift items like a necklace or a money clip**. All pieces are custom made. *Key Calendar, \$44 at www.notjustanyoldday.com*
- 3 Score the Jams:** A new iPod is always fun to get, and a special message on the back makes it an even better gift. Inscribe a favorite lyric, a name, a band or message to make a cool gift unique. *Laser-engraved message on all new iPods free at www.apple.com*
- 4 Design it, Wear it:** Chuck Taylor who? Put your own stamp on **Converse or Nike sneakers by designing it yourself**, and make someone else feel special by giving them a personalized pair. Pick out colors and patterns for the original Converse, Jack Purcell or Chuck Taylors, or make a statement with initials or words on a pair of Nikes. *\$65-\$150 at www.converse.com; www.nike.com*