



## Go To Places To Make The Holidays Stress Free

### Description



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Last month I was frantically searching for nice black pants for my daughter for choir. If a child is in choir at our middle school, itâ€™s required they wear nice black pants. Jeggings, black jeans, and yoga pants with the word pink prominently displayed on the back are a no go. You would think that black pants would be easy to find, but that isnâ€™t the case. It isnâ€™t currently a fashion trend among the tween sector. Of course I waited until the last minute to go searching for pants and I asked my daughter to text her friends to see where they bought pants. You would have thought Iâ€™d asked to her move a mountain. The only problem is she is a lot smaller than other girls in her grade . After searching a few stores, we found some at Kohls. A few years ago thatâ€™s where we had bought them and I should have gone directly there in the first place. This experience gave me the idea to come up with a go to list of places for items. Since we are in the midst of the holiday season, I thought I would focus on shopping for the holidays. I polled a group of my friends recently to get their input as well. The answers in bold are based on my experience..

**Best selection of gift cards**â€“ Walgreens, Price Chopper, Walmart, Hy-Vee, Lowes

**Best place to buy fresh garland**â€“ Costco, Rosehill Gardens, Sams, Johnson Farms, Lowes, Home Depot and Red Cedar Nursery

**Best place to buy a real Christmas tree**â€“ Lowes, Suburban, Family Tree Nursery, Morse Church

**Best place to find black pants**â€“ Kohls, Old Navy, Von Maur, Gap

**Best place to find boys suits**â€“ **JC Penney**, Macys, Dillards, Von Maur, Menâ€™s Warehouse, Kohls, Joseph A Banks

**Store bought appetizer**â€“ Dean & Deluca, chips and salsa, veggie tray, Costcoâ€™s spinach and artichoke dip, **hummus and pita chips**, Price Chopper Sushi, Costcoâ€™s shrimp tray, Hen House

**A Good Inexpensive Cake**â€“ **Chocolate Bundt Cake at Sams**, Double Chocolate cake at Costco, Hen Houseâ€™s Red Velvet Cake, Whole Foods Berry Chantilly, 3 Women and an Oven Bakery

**A Quick Pie**â€“ **Tippins Pies at Hen House**, Sams, Costco, Perkins

**Hostess gift ideas**â€“ wine, **candle**, CD, note cards, OPI nail polish, scentsy

**Catering for a party**â€“ Jack Stack BBQ, Bravo, [Exquisite Eats](#), [Lon Lane](#), On the Border, Dean & Deluca, Mr. Gyros, Will Jennys, Sunset Grill,

**Take Out For Dinner**â€“ Sunset Grill, **Fortune Wok**, Chilis, BoLings, Salty Iguana, Zioâ€™s, Pei Wei, Pizza from Papa Murphys or Riccos Sonoma Torte & Mushroom Pizza

**Paper Goods**â€“ **Party City**, Dollar Store, Hallmark, Target, Sams, **Hobby Lobby**, Paper Warehouse

**Shopping Websites**â€“ **Amazon**, Overstock, Haute Shop, Victoriaâ€™s Secret, Nordstrom, Zulilly, Topshop, West Elm, Macys

**Website for Recipes**â€“ pinterest, **all recipes**, iowa girl eats, kraft, gluten free goddess, tasty kitchen, food network

I hope you find something helpful on this list to make your holidays run smoother, and give you more time to enjoy the season instead of frantically running around. **Every day the week of December 3-9, I will be giving away gift cards to some national and local businesses that I hope will make your season brighter.**

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