

GIFT IDEAS

An Armoire To Showcase All That Glitters

(NAPSA)—If you're looking for the perfect gift, consider a jewelry armoire. It is the gift designed to store her most cherished belongings.

In 1985, the Powell Company began designing jewelry armoires. Since then, the company's practical and beautifully crafted pieces of furniture have become a much-appreciated gift for Mother's Day or any gift-giving occasion.

Powell makes many different styles of jewelry armoires in various materials and finishes. The designs are compatible with a variety of room decor—from simple Mission Oak to styles that are elaborately hand-painted, carved and embellished, and crafted with parquet and inlay.

Many of the armoires have flip tops with mirrors, multiple drawers and side-panel swing doors that open to necklace hangers. All are lined with plush.

Some favorites include Mayfair Cherry, which features a scalloped top-step edge with book-matched parquet veneer bordered with a cherry, short-grain veneer top panel. It is finished with antique brass handles.

Another, in a very different style, is from the Powell Masterpiece collection. This piece, reminiscent of old-world craftsmanship, has a hand-painted, antique gold finish and is decorated with hand-carved floral and acanthus details.

Armoires were once used to store a knight's armor and take their name from the French word "armeure."



An elegantly crafted jewelry armoire is the right thing for your beautiful jewelry.

Armoires have a tradition of storing what's precious. They became a significant piece of household furniture and were used to store the most valuable possessions, such as textiles, rugs, linens and clothing.

During the reigns of Louis XIII and XIV of France, armoires became true masterpieces of art. Armoires created by artist André Charles Boulle can be seen in museums such as the Louvre and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

It's a great gift to give if you want to be remembered with love.

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