



One Bling to Rule Them All

Merch Mart's "One of a Kind" Show and Sale peddles unique creations

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This fairy tale starts "one" upon a time.

This weekend, [Chicago's](#) Merchandise Mart is hosting the "One of a Kind" Show and Sale, a four-day event in which 575 artists sell their unique and homemade creations to the public.

"We call it one of a kind because every item at the show is made one at a time or by hand and you are guaranteed to make a purchase from the person who created it with their own two hands," says [Jennifer Woolford](#), Consumer Vice President of Consumer Shows, MMPI.

From old film reels turned into lamps, to fire extinguishers turned into bells at Kidera Designs, these gifts can't be found in large retail stores.

Looking for a One of a Kind Gift?

"It's not about mass-produced...people want items that have a little bit of a person's heart and soul in them," Woolford says.

And if you need a break from aisles and aisles of handmade products, there are several lounges staged throughout that sell food and alcohol.

The show will be open Thursday 12 p.m.-9 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m..

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for seniors and students with a valid ID. Children 12 and under are free. [Tickets are available online](#) or at the door.