



Last-Minute Gift Ideas With Holiday Instant Tickets

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CHICAGO – Illinois Lottery Holiday Instant Tickets make great last-minute gifts and can be used as stocking stuffers or to replace gift cards and gift tags. Here are other creative ways holiday shoppers can surprise and delight friends, co-workers and loved ones:

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- **Baker's Delight** - Create a basket with a mason jar layered with cookie ingredients, measuring spoons and dish towels. Then tuck in a Holiday Countdown instant ticket.
- **Perfect Hostess** - Plant a Jingle Bucks instant ticket in a Poinsetta or a holiday flower arrangement.
- **King of the Grill** - Conceal a Merry Money instant ticket in a barbeque sauce bundle.
- **Favorite Coworker** - Bring your favorite officemate a cookie tray with a Snow Me the Money instant ticket.
- **Homebody** - Make a hot chocolate basket with mugs, marshmallows and toppings. Then hide a Merry Money instant ticket in it.

2019 HOLIDAY INSTANT TICKETS

The holiday tickets cost between \$1 and \$20, with prizes ranging from \$500 to \$1 million. Each ticket offers a unique look and playing experience at five different price points:

- [Snow Me the Money](#) – \$1
- [Jingle Bucks](#) – \$2
- [Merry Money](#) – \$5
- [Trim the Tree](#) – \$10

- [Holiday Countdown](#) – \$20

HOLIDAY 2nd CHANCE PROMOTIONS

This year, the Illinois Lottery is spreading even more good cheer by offering a second-chance drawing on eligible tickets, with \$1.5 million available in prizes. Eligible non-winning tickets can be entered into the Holiday 2nd Chance promotion at illinoislottery.com. The cost of the ticket determines the number of entries that can be submitted. For example, at \$5 per Merry Money ticket, there are five second-chance entries allowed. The entry deadline is Friday, January 3, and winners will be drawn Thursday, January 9.

BE SMART, PLAY SMART™ THIS HOLIDAY

The Illinois Lottery reminds players that instant tickets are not an appropriate gift for minors, as players must be 18 years or older to play. The Lottery supports the National Council on Problem Gambling's Holiday Lottery Responsible Gambling Campaign because early gambling experiences are a risk factor for gambling problems later in life. Be Smart, Play Smart and gift smart this holiday season.

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ABOUT ILLINOIS LOTTERY

Founded in 1974, the Illinois Lottery has contributed over \$21 billion (since 1985) to the state's Common School Fund to assist K-12 public schools, as well as hundreds of millions of dollars to the Capital Projects Fund and to special causes like homelessness prevention, Illinois Veterans services, the fight against breast cancer, MS research, Special Olympics, police memorial funds and assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS. In addition to playing in-store, the Illinois Lottery offers online and mobile play for all draw-based Illinois Lottery games at illinoislottery.com. Players must be at least 18 years old.