CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS at the Christkindlesmarkt

1. Very personal gifts made from paper by Charlotte Grunow can be found in Booth 150, right next to the Beautiful Fountain. The label “Stormy Hearts” presents one-of-a-kind writing and wrapping paper, self-designed stamps and seals, and unique notepads, albums, and greeting cards for all occasions.

2. Diagonally opposite, glowing table lanterns display Nuremberg in a mini-format. At Stand 182 from Sieglinde Janoschke, you can pick up a unique reminder of your unforgettable time in Nuremberg: A back-lit silhouette of the city carved out of wood.

3. In the next lane, you can find a treasure trove of tricky games and puzzles at Booth 113. Jean-Claude Constantin has wooden and metal puzzles that require the utmost in concentration and patience. Traditional puzzles with elaborate pieces, challenging puzzles to turn, flat or three-dimensional models, games that are easier and more difficult and designs small enough for your pocket or large enough for display.

4. Since 2016, a “Fresh Design Pop-Up” has been part of the market. In Booth 183, students from the Nuremberg Academy of Fine Arts and designers from the region present their personal works in an ever-changing mix of jewelry, porcelain, pottery, paper designs and textile creations.

5. Just a few meters away is Stand 130. Here, Stefan Bürgers amazes visitors: Through his delicate and precise craftsmanship, he turns a simple piece of wood, fungus or root into a magical castle. In the twinkling of an eye, a rough piece of timber becomes a fairy-tale palace or an entire kingdom. When you take out the individual pieces, the work of art turns into a miraculous 3D-puzzle.

6. As you wander past works of art in glass and booths full of tea and spices, in the next lane you will find Eckard Wierich. In Booth 173, under the motto “Exquisite in Form”, he offers exclusive writing instruments – such as fountain pens made from stone – and jewelry: shaving brushes with colorful knobs and colorful stones and minerals.

7. Unusual perspectives combined with a love of the local area – that sums up the work of the Nuremberg aerial photographer Oliver Ackner in Stand 126. This master of the skies has captured all of Franconia from a bird’s-eye view. By day and by night and in every season. His images are available in books, on postcards, as puzzles or in calendars.

8. Booth 128, just on the other side of the lane, will fascinate Mamas and Papas, Grandmas and Grandpas. Here, one finds playful and colorful children’s fashions “Made in Nuremberg”. The clever idea behind it: The pants and dresses are fitted with soft cuffs, waist- and wristbands, so the clothing can “grow” with your baby or toddler and be used for many years. In 2016, the woman behind this great concept, Kerstin Brkaicic-Bauer, won the Entrepreneur of the Year Prize from the IHK Chamber of Commerce.

9. After booths with Christmas decorations, bratwurst and fruit bread, the tour leads to Marco Weihmann at Stand 177. His floral arrangements exude a wonderful scent of Christmas, because he uses not only the classic array of pines and evergreens to create them, but also fruit and spices like cinnamon and oranges.

10. The last stand leads to Hans Steffin at Booth 112. In his atelier, he creates detailed pen-and-ink drawings, which he reproduces in limited-edition art prints, calendars and wonderful greeting cards – decorated with stars and other embellishing. If you are looking for a special way to package a gift, you’re sure to find something here.