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## Festive Forecast: 2024 Holiday Shopper Study

Pinpointing efficient marketing spend during top consumer engaged and shopped time





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#### Content sneak peek

- 01 LTK Community
- **02** 2024 Holiday Shopper Study
- **03** Discussion with Expert Panel

## Get personal. Scale faster.

**LTK is the community** where Creators run their business on LTK and personally share their campaigns with each other and consumers, creating virality with **40M** avid consumers who **double** Creator reach, scaling brand awareness and sales faster.

**Early adopting Creators** 

Early majority consumers

Campaign with casted Creators

Early adopting Creators

Early majority consumers

## Holiday Shopper Study

#### METHODOLOGY

Holiday survey conducted on June 24-25, 2024 from 1,125 participants

Study was conducted using online panels reflective of US population with 97% confidence.

In addition to general population summaries, both were filtered to identify by Gen Z, Millennial, and household income responses for comparative analysis.

This summarizes key findings related to: National study conducted by LTK in June 2023, LTK Holiday Shopper Study

## *'Tis the season for inflation impact:* **Consumer Spend Report**











#### Key insight

LTK shoppers prioritize availability, brand, and quality over price

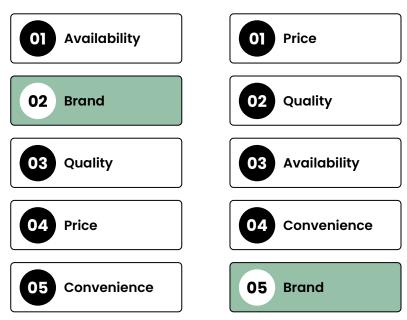


## LTK consumer priorities ideal for quality brands

Most important holiday purchase factors:

LTK SHOPPERS

**GENERAL POPULATION** 



## LTK shoppers' *buying power* is up

-8%

8% net negative general population buying power is down



**38% net positive** LTK buying power is up



LTK Insights: Holiday 2024

## LTK shoppers have the *attributes* brands seek

LTK 2024 Holiday Shopper Study

Purchase intent for LTK shoppers



Gifts & Home

+22%

**Clothing & Accessories** 

**Entertaining essentials** 

Negative across board for Gen Pop

# Recession *and* election data points

74%

RECESSION

of Gen Pop

90%

of LTK shoppers

ELECTION

27%

believe if Republicans win economy gets better 19%

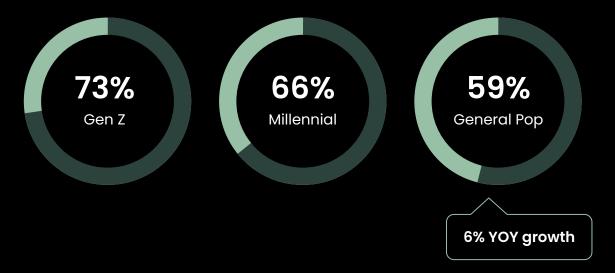
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# *Sleighing* the season with Creators

From inspiring holiday content to your products delivered on consumers' doorsteps

#### The majority of shoppers are making *online* purchases from Creators

Percentage of consumers that make purchases recommended by Creators:



of **LTK shoppers** make a purchase recommended by

64%

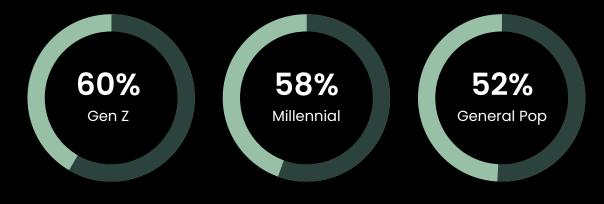
Creators.

**higher** than general population.



### The majority of shoppers are making *in-store* purchases from Creators

Percentage of consumers that make in-store purchases recommended by Creators:



Source: LTK Holiday Shopper Study 2024

## Creators *drive* intent

#### 94%

of **LTK shoppers** intend to search on LTK for holiday content

#### 31%

of **general population** intend to search on LTK for holiday content LTK 2023 Holiday sample searches

### *Gift Guide*

Men's Gift Guide Gift Guide for her

## Holiday outfits

Thanksgiving Outfit New Years Eve Outfit







Wrapping Paper

Christmas Decor

Stocking Stuffers Christmas Pajamas

Boots

Ugly Christmas Sweater White Elephant Gift



Source: LTK platform data

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## Millions of consumers searching on LTK cross-category



### Cooking & baking is a top behavior influenced by Creators

Holiday behaviors that have been influenced by Creators:

- 01 Cooking, Baking
- **02** Gift Shopping
- **03** Beauty Routines & Holiday Sales/Promotions (Tie)
- **04** Family Traditions & Home Decorating (Tie)
- 05 Gift Wrapping
- 06 Outfits / Holiday Dressing
- 07 Travel









## Your *brand* where consumers choose to engage

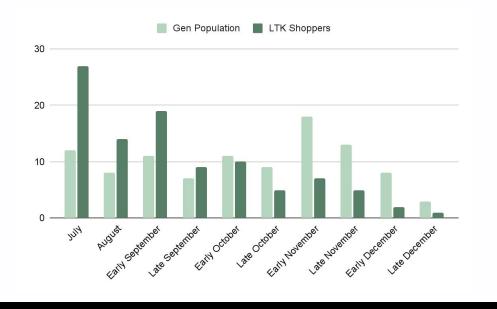


## Jingle bells & marketing spells: Timing is key

## Early shopping continues

Marketing efforts start now

#### When shoppers are planning to <u>start</u> holiday shopping



+38%

of the general population plans to start holiday shopping by September

😧 LTK Shopper Insight

+70%

of **LTK shoppers** plan to start holiday shopping by September

growth YoY in LTK shoppers starting in September

## Holiday spikes in November

Shorter days this year between Thanksgiving & Christmas

How to reach the right audience at the right time with LTK:

October

-Plan audience segments & develop strategies

-Target priority audiences to start priming for holiday shopping

November

-Focus on both gifting and key consumer moments -Heavy up on broad campaign strategy during BFCM

December

-Target multiple audiences with an always-on strategy capturing last minute shopping for everything from gifting to preparing for the holidays Gen Z shops later

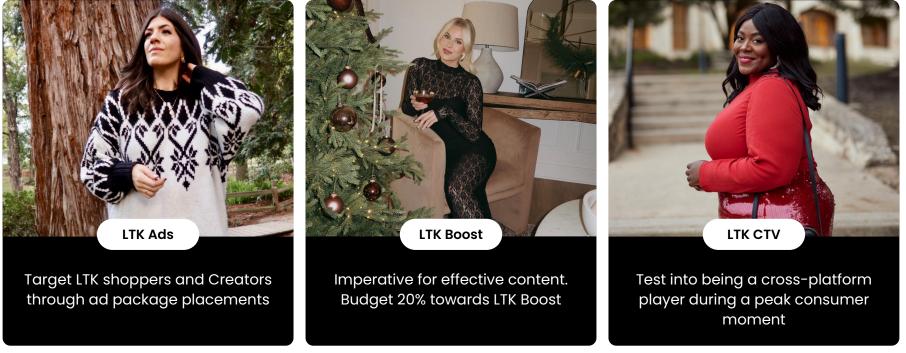
50%

of Gen Z plans to start shopping early November or later

40%

of general population plans to start shopping early November

## A winning 360 Strategy



#### **ALWAYS ON CAMPAIGNS**

## Candy cane *commerce*: Category specifics

## Top 10 gifting categories for holiday 2024

#### **General population**

01	Fashion	4% UP
02	Entertainment	FLAT
03	Beauty/Personal care	12% UP
04	Food/Candy/Gift baskets	1% UP
05	Home items	FLAT
06	Beer, wine, & spirits	2% UP
07	Toys	12% DOWN
08	Cards or stationery	4% DOWN
09	Experiences	12% UP
10	Pet gifts	9% DOWN

#### Millennials 01 Entertainment 15% UP **02** Fashion 12% UP **Beauty/Personal care** 03 8% UP **04** Food/Candy/Gift baskets 16% UP **05** Home items 4% UP 06 Tovs 9% DOWN 07 Video games 10% UP Beer, wine, & spirits 08 **8% DOWN** 09 Experiences 12% UP 10 Cards or stationery 18% DOWN

#### Gen Z Beauty/Personal care 24% UP 01 **02** Entertainment 5% UP **03** Fashion 16% UP **04** Food/candy/gift baskets 6% UP 05 Video games 6% UP 06 Cards or stationery 10% DOWN 07 Home items 19% DOWN Beer, wine, & spirits 08 **7% DOWN**

09

10

Health & wellness

clothing

Sports equipment &

21% UP

95% UP

## Top 10 self-purchase categories for holiday 2024

#### **General population**

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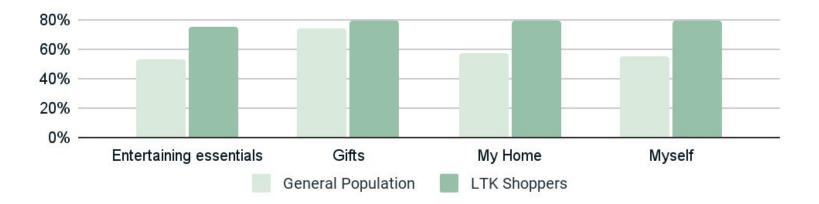
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	Health & wellness Cards or stationery	8% UP

#### LTK shoppers intend to spend more or the same YoY in key categories

% planning to spend more or the same by category



# *Merry* and *bright* social channel playbook

#### LTK INSIGHTS | HOLIDAY 2024

## Social evolution: change is *constant*

#### 2024

Top-shopped social for holiday Millennials & Gen Z

- 01 Instagram
- 02 Facebook
- 03 YouTube

04 TikTok

05 Pinterest

#### Pinterest + Millennials

Pinterest #1 growth for Millennials following Creators

YouTube + Gen Z

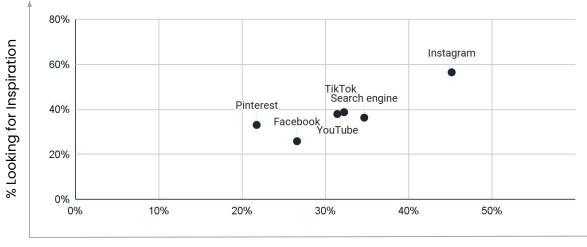
YouTube growing quickest in usage for Gen Z



GEN Z

#### Where they're inspired and shopping

Gen Z holiday behaviors by channel



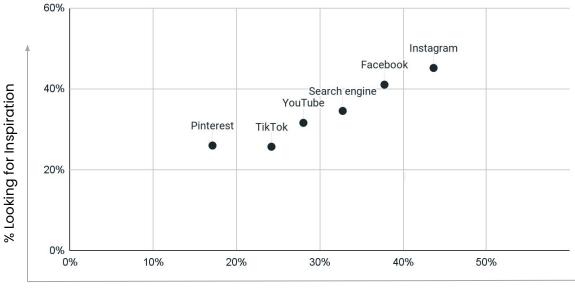
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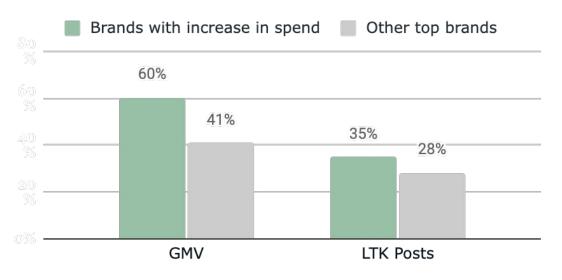


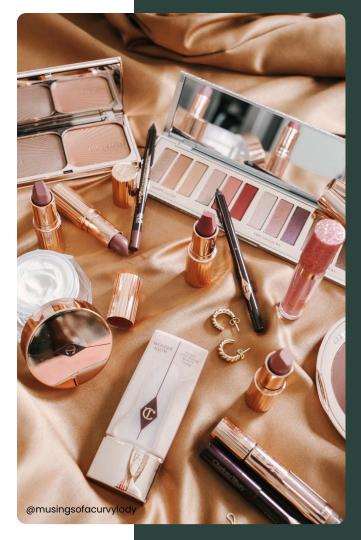
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#### **CASE STUDY**

# Brands who grew holiday strategy & spend in 2023 experienced higher growth

#### YoY growth of key LTK brands during holiday season







#### Summary

#### LTK Holiday Shopper Study shows:

- **01** The majority of shoppers are making online and in-store purchases from Creators.
- Creators drive intent. 31% of general population intend to search on LTK for holiday content.
- LTK Shoppers prioritize availability and brand, which indicates the need for retailers to keep items well stocked.
- LTK shopper buying power up 38% for holiday 2024, Gen Pop down 8%.
- Early shopping continues with LTK Shoppers shopping even earlier than last year. While Gen Z shoppers tend to start later.
- Purchase intent up for LTK Shoppers across key holiday categories and purchase intent down for the General Population.
- Brands who grew holiday strategy & spend in 2023 experienced higher growth.



## Thank you

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For additional research and insights:

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