

Don't Just Give the Gift You Want

Sometimes giving folks exactly what they want is all they want. Sometimes it **is** the thought that counts. However, when the gift (that they probably did not want) has no relevance or appears to be a gift that the gift-giver wants, be unoffended by the underwhelming reception.

The saying “it’s the thought that counts” was probably from more humble times, when people took pride in making others feel good though they lacked the resources to get their loved ones the things they really wanted. It is the story of the father who painstakingly builds a wooden dollhouse for his child versus spending a fortune at F.A.O. Schwarz. No they will not look the same; but he thought enough to make something similarly beautiful. He did not buy his child a Snuggie, a golf encyclopedia or a wrench and expect his child to appreciate “the thought”.

*It's not how much we
Give
But how much
Love we put
into
giving*
—MOTHER TERESA—



Do Gift With Heart

A gift from the heart should be easily explained and is from a familiar place. You should not have to dig deep into the past for random experiences to find something unique. That “one time in band camp” scenario is probably irrelevant. How about looking at what happened just the other day when a piece caught his/her eye while you were shopping. Maybe you cannot afford that wine bottle refrigerator, but maybe you can afford a [wine rack](#) or create a book of [cool wine bottle craft ideas](#). Maybe you cannot afford those high-end boots, but maybe you can afford [boot shapers](#). Maybe you cannot find that vintage comic book, but you can probably find a great [comic book protector](#).

How To Give Better Gifts

1. Strive to gift useful/relevant items—no trinkets or novelties.
2. Find smaller and/or less expensive items that will complement the main gift—even something handmade.
3. Add a personal touch like a note or a photo that a) explains why you gave the gift or b) how to use the item.
4. Package the gift in visually appealing wrapping, boxes, bags or containers with nice accents.
5. Present the gift in a special way—hide it, send it via mail, popup at a local/familiar location, sing or dance 😊

Don't Just Give The Gift... Give It LIFE

Turn an idea or project into an amazing gift by “enhancing” it. Remember, don't just make the gift, make it meaningful and/or more useful. Add items that enhance either the appearance, the purpose or the presentation of the gift.

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For The Ones That Say: “I am not that creative” 😊

You might not be very creative, but can you follow directions?



Try these links for DIY projects to try!

[Spice Jars](#)

[Homemade Gel Air Fresheners](#)

[Homemade Reed Diffusers](#)

[Fabric Magnetic Memo Board](#)

[Infused Olive Oil](#)

How To Make An Awesome Care Package



Tip:

Try to focus on one room at a time or find a central theme. Also, try not to get décor items that clash with the recipient's current theme.

Step 1

Get a nice sized box that will have a “wow factor” when presented.

Step 2

Decorate the inside of box including the flaps with scrap wrapping paper, jokes, stickers, confetti, tissue paper, photos etc.

Step 3

Fill with cleaning supplies, small decorative items, essential home supplies or food etc. and leave a personal touch like a card or note.

Step 4

Decorate the outside of the box with creative wrapping paper and hints at what might be inside.

Step 5

Deliver the unexpected package in person or mail it with pride 😊

How To Make This Wine Pineapple Gift



Step 1

Buy a house bottle of wine, [Ferrero Rocher](#) candies, [mod podge](#), silk palms, ribbon and newspaper

Step 2

Tear strips of the newspaper and glue onto the wine bottle body. Let dry completely.

Step 3

Glue the Ferrero Rocher candies onto the bottle body and shoulder one at a time making sure they are adhered. Let dry completely.

Step 4

Assemble silk palms into a bunch. Glue onto the neck of the wine bottle then tie with ribbon.

Step 5

Pop the cork and enjoy!!!

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When all else fails... I present: the default gift basket.





BONUS: For the recipient

If you want to receive thoughtful, quality gifts do not be afraid to tell others exactly what you want and how you want it.

Try making a vision board instead of a traditional wish list so that others can see your style and what you like. Be sure to share it online with friends and family.



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