

Holiday Gift Ideas

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ONE THING ABOUT the holidays is that while the food may be great, the gifts are better. Okay, maybe not all the time, like when Granny decides the greatest gift is her love or when Uncle Frank decides to set up the Christmas tree and put nothing under it (yes, this actually happened). However, when a good gift is given, it makes an impact. That is the gift that makes someone's holiday season. I am going to take you through some solid tips and suggestions for what may be some great gifts for loved ones this holiday season.

Let's start with an obvious one. If you have the funds and somehow are able to get your hands on a next-gen console, I'd say go all out. It's the perfect gift for gamers! Recently the gaming market has been experiencing a boom with things like Modern Warfare or even Nintendo games like Splatoon. Gamers always love getting something gaming related, whether it's a headset, new controller, or any other accessories for their console, they would love that you put some thought into it.

We all have elderly family members, grandparents, older aunts, uncles, etc. However, a lot of folks struggle with giving back to those who helped take care of them. Say for your grandmother you wish to give her something; a nice blanket works just fine! Maybe your uncle would love a new shaving set

or even something as simple as a robe! Even a simple, thoughtful, handmade card would be a suitable gift. A little goes a long way when selecting gifts for your elders this holiday season.



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While a little goes a long way in most gifts, this is also easily applied to most gifts in other categories. A prime example is newlyweds. Most of the time when folks get married, it takes some time for them to get settled into a house unless they were previously living with each other. For situations like these, it is always great to grab things like pots and pans and cooking utensils. The latest craze recently on TikTok are air fryers. Be sure to invest in this!

Say you are on a budget and financially cannot invest in any very expensive gifts, try supplementing with simple heartwarming knacks. Good examples are gift cards and homemade gifts. Sometimes even a Spotify gift card or a Starbucks gift card is great considering Spotify's wrap is right around the corner. If you wanna spark up your artistic skills, simple gifts like small art projects, origami, or homemade collectibles are perfect.

All in all, it's important to focus on giving what you can. Gifts are not measured by money but by the thought that was put into it. That being said, be sure to give something, even just your presence can be a gift to someone. I hope this list of gift ideas benefits your holiday shopping list.

December Zodiac

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Aries

This is going to be a wild ending to the year for Aries. Life is going to be full of ups and downs for all of you. There is going to be a significant impact on your life, meaning there could be a huge change in your friendships, love life, and schooling.

Taurus

Uh oh! This is going to be a crazy end of the year for a Taurus! Life is already crazy for you guys right now – how could it get any worse? Well, sadly, it is. There are going to be significant changes in your schooling career, but luckily for you, this could result in a positive change. However, it could also result in a negative change.

Gemini

Gemini's end of this year is going to be a very satisfying experience. You have already gone through enough these past couple of months, so the end of the year is going to make those hard months worth it. Although avoiding making any crucial decision could lead to bad karma for you.

Cancer

The ending of this year will be very giving for Cancers. You will receive many gifts from others, although it is important that you are also giving out kind gestures to your loved ones as well. It is also a particularly important month to be responsible.

Leo

The end of the year is going to be very pleasant for Leos. It is going to be an extremely easygoing month for you guys. There will be no relationship issues, love life issues, or schooling issues. Although, it is important to focus on yourself this month.

Virgo

Virgos, please make sure at the end of this year to focus on your career. You will find remarkable success if you devote your time to your job, a promotion might come to you! However, if you do not put your time and energy into your career, unfortunate results will occur.

Libra

Libra's the end of this year is going to be very rocky, make sure you focus on spending time with your friendships. An argument with a good friend is going to appear. It is important to work out this issue by having a peaceful talk with your friend.

Scorpio

Scorpios! This is going to be an amazing month for all of you! You will find immense success in your relationships, friendships, and schooling. However, stick to your true self this month, it is easy to find yourself getting carried away with the success.

Sagittarius

As the end of this year is coming nearer, you are going to find this to be a favorable month, with school, love, and friendships. Although, it is going to work. If you are working towards any of those three, put in the work and effort. If you do so, you will find remarkable success in all those aspects of your life.

Capricorn

The ending of this year will be very demanding for all Capricorns, meaning friendships, love and academics are going to put you to the test. It is important that this month you think very deeply about important decisions in your life.

Aquarius

Aquarius, please take care of yourself this month! This is a month for self-care and finding yourself. Doing this will lead to how you present yourself to others. You will also find yourself having a peaceful family life and friendship life! However, your love life may be rocky.

Pisces

Pisces, the end of this year will be very favorable for you all! There will be no obstacles in your way. Act on the things you want in your life, and who you admire. Although there might be some mental stress, make sure you talk to someone about your feelings, they will help you and you will come out even happier than before!