

Holiday Gift Guide

There are gifts that fill a practical need (thanks for the socks,  Mom), and

then there are  those that dazzle.

Here, we present 68 items that do both.  These

beautiful yet useful  gifts are

the kinds of things the people on your list might

not splurge  on

for themselves but will reach for—and be

 delighted by—every day.



Puffy Fanny Pack A modern gingham print and lightweight pillowlike form add fashion to an accessory that's made a welcome comeback. \$44; baggu.com

under \$50
No matter who you're shopping for, these wallet-friendly gifts have near-universal appeal.

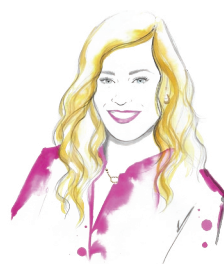
Bath Fizzy Set With heady-scented essential oils for weekday aromatherapy in the bath or shower. \$32; evenkeeldays.com



Lint Roller
A sticky, washable surface on these glam rollers picks up pet hair and lint (without the wasteful stickers). \$32; meetyourstaff.co



Vibrant Kettle Like Pop Art for the kitchen counter, these electric Bodum kettles are great for people who adore color as much as their morning tea. \$49 each; store.moma.org



"As a newish mom, I love the monthly reminders to get cherished photos off my phone and into a real album. The size options and quality are excellent."

—LAUREN BENGTSON,
senior market editor
Photo Subscription, \$48 for 3 months (10 photos per month); mootsh.com

Wool-Cashmere Crew Socks

Sublimely soft and thin enough they don't add bulk under boots. \$32; lisab.com



Bird Seed A custom blend of seeds for various regions and seasons to draw all the birds to the yard. \$49; happybirdwatcher.com



Hand & Body Soap
Give them a mental trip to Provence every time they use these delicately scented soaps. \$26 each; frenchdrygoods.com



Ceramic Crock For utensils or plants—you can't have too many crocks, especially in go-with-everything blue and white. From \$28 each; etuhome.com

olive oil

It's a cooking essential, but few people treat themselves to the really special stuff. These picks put exceptional flavor at cooks' fingertips in some very giftable packages.

A smooth, mild-flavor oil from the Greek island of Lesbos. Organic Aegaea EVOO, \$23; kolossoslife.com

An Italian family has been perfecting this oil, good for both cooking and finishing, for five generations. Fratepietro EVOO, \$26; giadzy.com

The rosemary in this oil is a shortcut to flavor when drizzled over poultry or fish. ROI Infused Italian EVOO, \$27; food52.com



To add extra oomph to pasta, vegetables, and more, turn to one of these tinned oils infused with lemon, garlic, chili, or basil. Italian Infused EVOO, \$14 each; verveculture.com



Ice Cream Toppings Adorably packaged, additively flavored, in options like vegan fudge and salted caramel. \$13 each; enjoycoops.com

Cocktail Infusion Blends For specialty cocktails, no mixology experience required. \$8 each; onepartco.com



Olive Oil Cake Mix For not-too-sweet cakes inspired by Greek cuisine—extra virgin olive oil included. \$30 each; eliaelia.co



“Each tin is full of flavor, and the lobster is the best tinned fish I’ve ever had. It’s not too oily but has just enough to dip your bread in.”
—ASHE PURSCCELL, executive assistant
Holiday Seacuterie 3-Pack, \$30; enjoyscout.com



Chocolate and Marshmallow Bar Dark, decadent, and sure to make chocolate fanatics dance with joy. \$12; compartes.com



food gifts

Sweet or savory, these treats are so delicious, they may disappear in days—or minutes.

Holiday Challah

A BHG food editor favorite, these braided breads keep on giving (a portion of sales goes to charities). From \$13; shop.challahbackgirls.com



Flavored Popcorn These small-batch treats are made with high-quality ingredients and come in cylinders that need no wrapping. \$23 each; poppyhandcraftedpopcorn.com



Wild Cherries in Syrup Made in Italy for more than a century and stored in a lovely ceramic crock; use to fancy up cocktails or sundaes. \$27; amazon.com

Hot Chocolate Mix

The ultimate comfort drink from one of San Francisco’s best chocolatiers. \$18; dandelionchocolate.com





Casserole Dish
Looks like fine china but stands up to high temps. Arcadia 5-qt. enameled cast-iron casserole, \$100; caskata.com

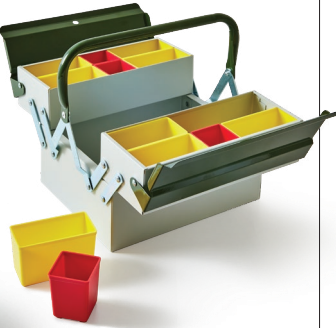
under \$125

For the extra-special people in your life, these gifts combine luxury with purpose.

Knit Bootie Slippers
As toasty as thick socks but with nonslip soles; made with upcycled yarn and lined with fleece. \$55; shop.verloopknits.com



“The heavy-duty box is designed for tools, but it’s more versatile than that. I use it to store art supplies like watercolors and brushes. The removable compartments can store bigger items if I need to.”
—JARRET EINCK, deputy art director
Top Hat Compact Toolbox, \$100; afternoonlight.com



Tennis Court Linen Cocktail Napkins Pair with Pimm’s for a themed gift. \$56/4; chefanie.com



Flannel PJ Set Fashionably festive and so soft, these beg to be worn all winter. Flannel pajama set in Tiger Martini and 12 Days Toile, \$80; 8oaklane.com

Packing Cube Quad
Game-changing for a frequent flyer. \$65/4 (monogram extra); tourparavel.com



Citrine Oil
Give the gift of self-care with this hand and hair oil, a special treat in the drying days of winter. \$38; barehands.us



MeatStick 4X Set The latest version of a favorite BBQ tool features four temperature sensors and a wireless range of up to 650 feet, so the grill can party with guests while keeping an eye on what’s cooking. \$125 (with charger); themeatstick.com

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A museum-worthy piece minus the “do not touch” sign. In fact, this teapot with a handy built-in strainer is destined for daily use. Two-Tone Teapot, \$175; fazeek.co

These glasses flip to serve as flutes, coupes, or highballs. Harry Highball, \$34, and Coco Coupe, \$36; comingsoonnewyork.com

High-design utensils made of durable, dishwasher-safe glass. Crave Salad Servers, \$35/2; store.moma.org

color-blocked glass
Household objects rendered in vibrant hues are on trend but have all the makings of forever pieces.

These special-edition paddles come in a swanky embroidered canvas-and-leather case. Vista Pickleball Paddle, \$86; recesspickleball.com

Sturdy fiberglass paddles will put extra pep (and style) in their game. Checker in Party, \$50; luxepickleball.com

Lightweight with a longer face for power hits. Kona, \$85; tangerinepaddle.com

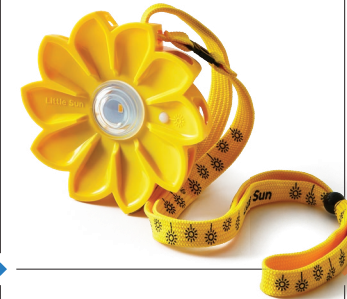
pickleball paddles

The pastime of the moment is still going strong. Time to up their paddle game.



Wood Skateboard A nostalgic, easy-ride starter board for ages 3 and up. \$99; banwood.com

Night Light Solar powered and outfitted with a strap for campouts or reading in bed. \$30; goodeeworld.com



Bath Toys Made for squeezing, in contrasting patterns babies love. \$38/3; us.ettaloves.com



Go Bag For smooth car rides, a tidy assemblage of engaging activities tailored to various ages. Keep fresh fun coming every three months with a subscription. \$65; kekekid.com

kids & teens
Joyful, colorful, and even (shhh) educational gifts to light up young hearts and minds.



Soup Can Crayons Budding Warhols will appreciate the 18 bold, extra-thick crayons and vibrant canister. \$20; mudpuppy.com



Critter Slippers Cushy, slip-resistant, and available in a host of cute animal designs. \$32; dearfoams.com



Composition Notebooks An upbeat upgrade on a school essential. \$14 each; nextchapterstudio.com



Jonathan Adler Wood Domino Set Take gaming old-school and off-screen. \$40; galison.com

5-in-1 Elephant Music Toy A whole sweet-sounding band in a compact toy. \$50; petitcollage.com



Beaded Pouches These wonderfully silly hot dogs, pickles, and bananas can hold school supplies or tiny treasures. \$38 each; jennylemons.com

Color-Blocked Socks Can be mixed and matched when one inevitably goes missing. \$21/3 pairs; soapen.com



Metal Bookmarks Brass page tabs as enchanting as a fairy tale. \$22 each; designworksink.com

Lip Balms Hydrating and heaven-scented (in recyclable cardboard tubes to boot). \$27/3; poppyandpout.com



Clearly Fun Goldfish As this lightly scented bar of soap gets used, a bath toy emerges. \$9; sedafrance.com



Power Pins Designed by a celebrity stylist, these oversize pins help you perform hair magic. \$23 for 5½" and \$26 for 7"; dayratebeauty.com



Striped Golf Tees Hard-to-break bamboo tees are a major upgrade from plastic and stand out on the golf course. \$8/50; westernbirch.com

stocking stuffers

These thoughtful gifts prove little things can make a big difference.

Boot Laces Give shoes a new kick of personality. \$20; stolenriches.com



Tea Towels Of all the towels tested by the BHG Testing Lab, these microfiber ones came out on top for absorbancy and good looks. From \$17; geometry.house

●
Emits a golden light and cardamom, evergreen, and citrus fragrance. Winter White Crackle Glass Candle, \$34; illumecandles.com

●
Hand-poured candles with a balanced blend of vanilla, rose, cedarwood, and more. Five Year Anniversary Candle, \$32; charlestoncandleco.com

candles

Everyone has a room that could use a glow-up. These are the candles our editors love to give and receive.

●
The ombré jar with a wood lid looks good even when the earthy-spicy candle is unlit. Soft Cashmere and Amber Candle, \$11; walmart.com/BHG

●
The three wicks and vanilla-tinged fragrance of this holiday-edition candle set a cozy mood. Smoked Vanilla & Santal Hearth Candle, \$26; aromatique.com

●
An herbal scent that's like a walk through the woods. Amber & Moss Soy Candle, \$24; pfcandleco.com

●
Its fruit-and-citrus fragrance cancels out other scents in the kitchen, and the clean design blends right into the room. Scented Kitchen Candle, \$32; hudsongracesf.com

Felt Toys Hold up to chewing or fierce tug-of-war sessions. \$16 each; awoopets.com



pet gifts

Five-star presents to thrill four-legged friends (and their owners).



Poop Bag Holder

Double-clips to a leash for hands-free preparedness. \$8; wilderdog.com



Stoneware Bowls Pet dishes are usually out at all times, which you won't mind at all with this glossy set. The silicone no-slip mat for messy eaters is a bonus. \$95; areaware.com



"Cat toy or fashion accessory?

These faux-fur poms add a little luxe to my cat Skitter's toy collection and are really fun for him to bat around."

—JESSICATHOMAS, style & design director

Pom-Pom Balls, in nine colors, \$9/2; maupets.com



Brass Leashes Look like leather but are sturdier—easy to clean and antimicrobial too. From \$28; hightailhikes.com



Cat Treats From chef Bobby Flay's pet food line, these all-chicken morsels are fine dining for felines. \$7; madebynacho.com

Snazzy Collar Waterproof, easy to adjust, and in colors that pop. From \$29; approvedbyfritz.com ■



Retro Bandannas A silk-cotton accessory for you, your pup, or both (for adorable dog-park dates). \$20 each; goodthomas.com

