

Gifts for Him...and Gifts for Her

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Hey ladies, stumped on what to get your man? And guys, want to spoil your sweetheart? Check out this gift ideas sure to make him (and her) swoon.

The pressure's on. For me, it's our first (and only) holiday season as an engaged couple, so I want to make this Christmas super special. However, planning our wedding is taking up a lot of TLC, so I've hit a road-block on what to get the fiancé. I'm sure I'm not the only one keeping my eyes peeled for the perfect present—shopping for guys can be fun and tedious at the same time. So before I reveal *my* pick for male presents, I'm dishing what the pros are saying is likely topping your man's wish-list.

According to Kate Birchler of Scottsdale Fashion Square, men are jumping on the weekender-bag-bandwagon. Stores are bidding farewell to the murse (man-purse); instead, showcasing refined, convenient, classy totes for every guy's needs. Birchler says you can find the hottest bags at Macy's.

Next, consider a new watch. (On a personal note, my man is watch-crazy.) Yep, Birchler suggests opting for one with a rubber strap flaunting a trend-forward oversized face. You can get them at Buckle.

And apparently the rugged; yet, fitted button-up shirt, is in. If you swing by Express, Birchler says you can find the latest in tops perfect for your partner. Adding a piece or two will definitely jazz up his closet.

Here's one all us lovely ladies will like: shaving tools. If you head to The Art of Shaving store, you'll find an array of sleek stuff that will help kiss your man's stubble goodbye.

Finally, feed the frenzy if your guy's a gamer. If he has a Wii and Play Station, add the Kinect X-Box 360 to the mix. While this may run you a bunch of dollar bills, you're sure to score points. It's available at Microsoft.

As for my 2-cents: give your guy a night of pampering...bring him to dinner at a place he's never been, or home-cook a fabulous meal and top it off with a full-body massage. And if you want something for him to unwrap, scour high-end websites for sales...links like Brooks Brothers and Nordstrom are offering great sales on stuff your stud will love.

Onto her.

Like guys, Birchler says many Valley vixens are craving that great over-nighter; a bag to hold all her stuff. She suggests going to GAP and getting your girl a shiny oversized tote. The store has totally chic options.

Of course, diamonds are a girl's best friend...but if you just don't have the dough for Tiffany's, head to Ann Taylor, Macy's, or Nordies. Female-targeted stores are selling great accessories—get her something bold and stylish. Trust me, as long as it's jewelry, she'll thank you.

Next, you know you love your lady to smell ever-so-sweet, so pick out your favorite scent at Bath & Body Works. Birchler says there are a bunch of body lotions, hand creams, and perfumes available sure to make your misses delectable.

And who can resist your honey's lips! Make them look even better as she puckers up for a smooch. Check out Sephora for the hottest glosses and lipsticks giving you more reason to utilize that mistletoe.

Finally, Birchler recommends you take notes. Notice what she's looking at as you peruse the mall hand-in-hand. Consider buying her a camel cape coat at Dillard's, especially considering the weather is feeling more and more wintry.

And once again, my 2-cents. Personally, I love anything that comes from the heart. Make a playlist (the

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re-vamped mixed tape) of your favorite songs and serenade her with slow dancing in your living room. You can also surprise her with a night away at any of the Valley's fabulous hotels—make sure to order room service for breakfast. And if you want something for her to unwrap, get creative! Make a photo-book tracking your relationship...there are super great deals on vistaprint.com, mixbook.com, and other related sites.

If you're still up-in-the-air, there's actually a Procrastination Station near Fashion Square's Nordstrom for more gift ideas.



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