

# Holiday Gift Guide



# For the Traveler

Do you know a loved one who is always on the go? Whether they travel for business or pleasure, they will appreciate a gift that they can bring along to enhance their comfort or provide convenience.

A life spent on the road or air can be extremely exhausting and cause a feeling of homesickness. Help the traveler find peace while on the move, with a present they will appreciate.

## DIGITAL TRANSLATOR

Finding yourself in a foreign location where the native tongue isn't your first language can be intimidating. Fortunately, developers have created accurate translation devices that can increase someone's comfortability when navigating an unfamiliar situation.

There are a few different types of gadgets on the market for you to consider.

- **Non-talking:** The device requires a user to type a word from their language before receiving the translation in a digital format.

- **Text-to-speech:** Travelers can enter a familiar term and are delivered an audible translation. This handy feature provides the exact pronunciation, making commu-



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nication more accessible.

- **Speech-to-speech:** The most convenient type of translator offers software that listens to a term and provides an audible rendering in a chosen language.

While a translator may not be the best option for someone aiming to become fluent in a new dialect, they are incredibly convenient for those who are passing through. However, don't be

surprised if they pick up on a few common phrases.

## FLIGHT COMFORT

Those who consistently find themselves in the air or waiting for a layover in various airports know the importance of staying comfortable. Look for a memory foam neck supports or a flexible pillow that allows numerous positions for ultimate comfort.

Help the traveler catch up on rest while onboard by investing in noise-canceling headphones or an innovative sleep mask designed to avoid applying pressure to one's face.

## THOUGHTS FROM HOME

It's common for travelers to miss their loved ones and the life they know back home. Consider loading a digital picture frame with their

favorite memories of their friends and family. The lightweight device can go everywhere with them to be displayed on a hotel nightstand.

Another generous way to remind them of their home is to fill a care package with their favorite snacks or beverages that are available locally. Try to find goods that are non-perishable so they can bring them along during their adventures.

# For the Health-Conscious

Reward the health-conscious family member or loved one for taking care of themselves with a gift that enhances their healthy lifestyle. If they already seem to have everything needed for a beneficial routine, finding the right item may seem daunting.



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Whether your recipient is already living with wellness in mind or is committed to begin a journey into better fitness, these holiday gift ideas are sure to serve as exceptional motivation.

## WORKOUT CLOTHES

An aspect of performing physical exercise is to be comfortable during the process. While people may have different preferences regarding what they wear during their workouts, look for clothes that offer breathability,

lightweight fabric and safety features like reflective patches.

If your loved one is the type who prefers to try their outfits before making a purchase, you can always buy them a gift card for their local sport's attire store. This is often the best option if you are unsure of their size or are picky about clothing.

## MOBILE EQUIPMENT

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in four Americans sits for more than

eight hours per day. If their work allows, consider buying them an exercise bike that fits inconspicuously underneath a desk. Find an option that allows for varying resistance settings so they can customize the workout.

Another easy-to-pack idea is a mobile yoga mat. For those constantly on the move, it's an efficient tool to inspire a workout that motivates breathing exercises and meditation while they are away from their familiar surroundings.

## GYM MEMBERSHIP

Someone who frequents their local gym will always appreciate a break from their regular membership fees. Find out where your health-conscious recipient works out and meet with an employee to take care of their monthly or annual expenses.

You may be eligible for discounts if you cover the costs for multiple people or sign-up yourself. One of the best gifts for a recipient who is just starting their life to better health is having a workout buddy to accompany them.

# For the Craft Beer Lover

Craft beer has found a unique niche in the American alcohol industry.

According to the Brewers Association, overall U.S. beer volume sales were down two percent in 2019. However, craft brewer sales obtained a 4% growth, accounting for 13.6% of the entire market. The smaller operations now represent over 25% of the

\$116 billion American beer industry.

If you know an enthusiast who appreciates discovering a new favorite IPA or ale, the holidays are the perfect time to quench their thirst. Check out some excellent ways to drive the craft brew lover further into their passion.

## DIY KIT

There is no better way to gain an understanding of the hard work performed by brewers than doing it yourself. An excellent way to become familiar with the process is to share a DIY kit that includes ingredients to make someone's favorite type of brew. Make sure the gift offers thorough instructions so your recipient can gain a stronghold on the task.

As your recipient gets better at developing their own drinks, they can choose to experiment with various types of recipes to craft different beers. With time and practice, your gift could lead an enthusiast's at-home ventures into



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a full-time career.

## SUBSCRIPTION BOX

Sign someone up for a beer-of-the-month subscription box to invite a variety of craft beer right to their doorstep. It's a gift they will look forward to throughout the

year as samples from different brewers arrive for their tasting pleasure.

Before investing in a subscription, do your research to find reviews from actual customers. Look for the positive feedback regarding the satisfaction with the provided

products and timeliness of delivery.

## MERCHANDISE

Most craft beer makers sell merchandise within the walls of their breweries. However, if your loved one's favorite brewer is out of town, you

should find out if they offer goods online. Discover a creative gift in their shops like custom glasses, bottle openers or attire.

Help your enthusiast represent their favorite brand by picking up a few gifts that support a preferred brand.

# For the Farmer

The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that there are about 2 million farms currently in operation. Farmers of both large and small outfits will appreciate a gift that helps them conduct business more efficiently.

When searching for the perfect token of gratitude, look for items that provide knowledge, save money or help them enjoy free time.

## FARMING ATTIRE

Weather conditions are not always favorable for farmers as they tend to their duties outdoors. Whether the brunt of their operation is conducted during warm weather or brutal cold conditions, the right attire can significantly impact their performance.

- **Heavy-duty coat:** Help your farmer stay warm by gifting them with a durable chore coat. Find a stiff canvas material that provides warmth while offering flexibility.

- **Mud boots:** Working in the rain is a common occurrence on the farm. Invest in a heavy-duty pair of rubber boots to help keep your farmer's feet dry. Don't forget to include insulated socks to go along.

- **Rough-service gloves:**

Impact-resistant gloves are an efficient tool to protect hands from becoming smashed or injured during farm work.

## WEATHER RADIO

When out in the field, farmers can rely on a weather radio to find out about pop-up storms that are in the area. With enough warning, they may retreat to safety or plan for more significant events by

bringing their valuable livestock to safety.

An official National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio will also provide helpful information regarding disasters like earthquakes, AMBER alerts and chemical spills in the area.

## PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

An emergency around the farm can likely halt the opera-

tion without proper equipment. Factors like a flat tire or malfunctioning machinery can happen due to numerous reasons while farming. Ensure your farmer is prepared to tend to these instances with a portable air compressor.

The tool doesn't just assist with inflating tires. It can also power air tools to help with maintenance or repairs in the field.

Another useful piece of machinery to have on hand is a mobile generator. If a power outage occurs, a farmer can connect their crucial equipment to electricity until the utility is restored. These units typically operate on either gasoline or diesel, ask your loved one which type of fuel that their machinery uses as they will likely have a surplus on-site.



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# For the Host or Hostess

For many, planning a party is more fun than the actual event. If you know someone who finds every excuse to hold a get together, consider finding a gift that will take the next party to the next level.

While it's typical that they already own the basic items that are efficient in entertaining, here are some ideas that may enhance their gatherings or make planning easier.

## SERVING DISHES

Is the person on your list a snack-food aficionado? If so, they will likely benefit from new serving platters. Look for plates that have several sections to separate the variety of offerings. Try to imagine their home's decor and find a style that blends well with the current scheme.

Of course, you should choose items that are dishwasher safe to make cleanup easier for the host or hostess.

A full set featuring plates, bowls and glasses can also be a welcome present this holiday. The upgrade in dishware will provide a reminder of your wholesome idea for both get-togethers and their family meals throughout the year.

## SOUND SYSTEMS

Music is a common staple at



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nearly every party. Allow the host or hostess to express themselves with a wireless sound system that can be spread throughout the home. Many units have the frequency to distribute music to speakers arranged in different rooms.

When an entire sound sys-

tem isn't in your budget, a quality Bluetooth speaker can suffice. Check ratings for a model that connects different smart devices easily, so guests can quickly sync up and play their favorite tunes.

Another specification to consider is buying a waterproof

unit, especially if the parties feature a swimming pool.

## LIVESTREAM CAMERA

Give your party planner a livestream camera to document epic events and capture memories with their closest friends. These unique gadgets

are efficient in obtaining footage and sounds and portraying them to a live audience or recording the party for later viewing.

Look for a quality model that boasts a high-definition view and records crystal-clear sound.

# For the History Buff

America's history is packed with trials, tribulations and success stories that citizens persevered through to make the country what it is today. Fortunately, through first- and second-hand accounts, the journey is well documented.

While books are always a fantastic gift to give a history buff, it's likely that they are already familiar with the subject or already own the literature. This holiday season find a unique gift that is sure to bring out their passion for absorbing more information.

## MAPS FROM THE PAST

Numerous companies offer high-quality prints of world maps from medieval to more recent eras. Once you find a vendor, choose the perfect size and image to give the history buff. Try to plan the purchase in case the printer needs extra time to customize the gift. You can usually find maps specific to their state or county for an extra flair of personalization.

Once you have an idea regarding the size of the finished product, consider investing in a durable frame so the imagery can be displayed without damage for many years.



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## TRIVIA GAMES

Test your recipient's history knowledge or encourage them to learn new things with a trivia game. Different versions ask players to answer little-known questions or arrange events in chronological order. Most feature a level of gameplay that makes the objective competi-

tive for multiple players. Enjoying the game together with their younger family members may inspire their curiosity for history and form a long-lasting bond focused on learning.

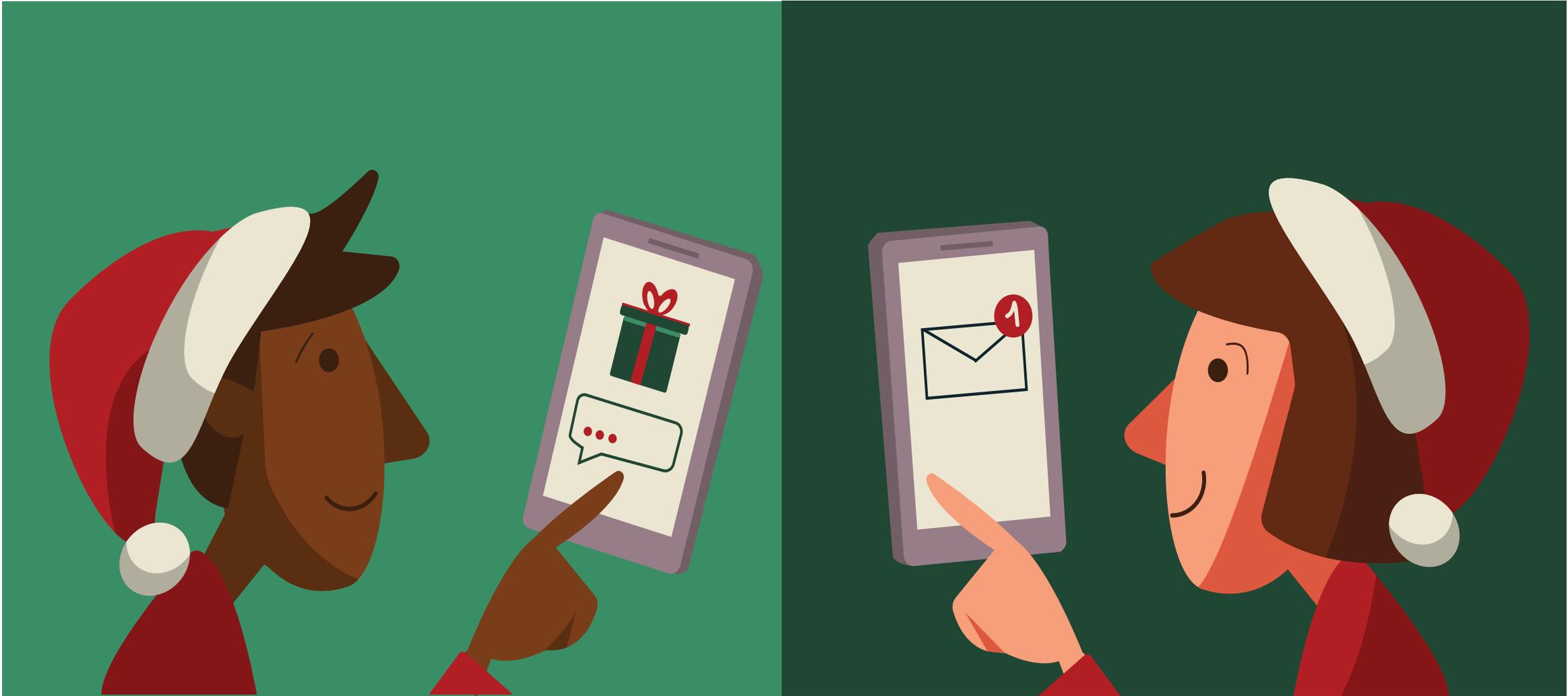
## MEMORABILIA

You can find interesting rel-

ics from the past by visiting local antique shops, flea markets and even yard sales. Ask the owner of the memorabilia if they are familiar with its history or take a chance by purchasing an item and doing research later. If possible, try to find goods that are thought to be from your recipient's favor-

ite time and share its story once the gift is given.

If you wish to discover the relic's actual value, Consumer Reports recommends finding a certified appraiser's valuation. An expert can identify the exact age of an antique and determine what it is worth based on its rarity and condition.



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# For the Long-Distance Relationship

Whether your significant other, friend or family member lives in another location, spending the holidays without them can be challenging.

Fortunately, cutting-edge technology makes living apart more manageable because of software like video calls or texting apps. However, there are numerous gifts available to help your long-distance companion think of you when you're unable to communicate.

## **TOUCH REMINDERS**

If your friend or loved one lives in a different time zone, staying in contact is sometimes impossible. Rather than compromising your sleep schedule for a late-night phone call or video chat,

consider sending them a loving reminder through touch technology.

Developers have created items like lamps and watches that connect each other to glow with an attractive hue upon touch. Once you activate your model, its in-sync counterpart will light up at its location. Before purchasing this wholesome gift, ensure the recipient has reliable Wi-Fi capabilities as it is critical to the operation.

## **BOOK SUBSCRIPTION BOX**

When a couple shares a passion of

reading, consider signing each other up for a monthly book subscription. Each month, you will both be presented with a new story based on your preferences.

When you're in a long-distance relationship, consider participating in remote discussions regarding your feelings of the content.

Try to keep the same pace with your reading companion, so the conversation is fresh and relevant.

## **PERSONALIZED SCRAPBOOK**

The perfect gift for someone far away doesn't have to cost a fortune. Invest in a high-quality picture album and load it with your favorite photographs and images of activities you both are fond of.

Consider including newspaper head-

lines from important dates in your relationship. For instance, add positive clippings from days like birthdays, anniversaries and other significant events. The beautiful book can serve as a reminder about the strength of your relationship.

## **NEW LUGGAGE SET**

If your companion frequently travels for regular visits, find a practical luggage set that makes packing and carrying more comfortable.

Look for a suitcase that provides plenty of space for multiple outfits so they can dress for any occasion. Storage on wheels can also offer immense convenience for those who use the airport for means of transportation.