



The gifting season is just ahead, and despite all of our protests about "keeping things simple," nearly everyone flies into a shopping frenzy at this time of year. The question of "what to buy for whom" is enough to keep some people awake at night. Before you lose much sleep over the matter, here are some gift

suggestions to help you through your shopping rounds. All are chosen on the same time-proven premise: The best gifts are thoughtful, not extravagant.

If diamonds and mink are out of your price range, remember that ladies never

seem to tire of pretty scarves, luxurious colognes and bath salts, warm robes and lacy lingerie. Shop her favorite store and you're likely to get even more ideas. Tycoon types like personal calendar/planners to organize their busy lives and attache cases to carry work to and from the office. Sporting ladies will appreciate the latest gear or clothing to suit their game. Hostesses can always use a new serving accessory and cooks love the latest kitchen gadget. Still not sure? How about a stop at the florist for a bouquet of silk flowers or a living plant to enjoy all year.

The men on your list may hope for sports cars and sailboats, but will surely settle for a rugged sweater or lumberjack-plaid wool shirt to see them through the winter. Other good bets are collapsible umbrellas, travel kits to hold grooming aids or a sleek new pen and pencil set. Sports fans love tickets to the big game, or the latest golf or tennis gadget. Or present him with an addition to his workshop, exercise equipment or a trouble kit for the car. Sporting goods and specialty shops can really help here. And if you're still stumped, buy him a bottle of vintage wine or 12-year-old scotch.

Teenagers love the latest! Look for neat belt buckles and hair ornaments. Give them the newest personal groomers — anything from styler-dryers to manicure kits. They're

intrepid shoppers, so don't be shy about gift certificates for jeans, records and such.

Small children may seem overwhelmed with another toy, but games and puzzles never go out of style. They also love records and books. Or give them a treat — the movie of their choice and ice cream afterward.

Some gifts are meant for "them." Give one of these twosome gifts to a special couple: a picnic basket with their favorite snacks and wine, tickets to a concert or play, or a gift certificate for the newest restaurant or a gourmet food shop. Add to their collection of pewter, crystal, classical records or even plants.

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