



10 affordable Christmas gifts

In some places it is traditional to buy a Christmas gift for the ones close to you. With the soaring cost of living, most people cannot afford to splash a lot of money on elaborate gifts. So...If you are looking for some low-cost, yet thoughtful gifts... here are 10 fantastic gifts you can purchase for your loved ones as we approach Christmas. Why not consider them?

1. Fountain Pen

If the gift is for someone who writes a lot, or spends most of their time in the office, a fountain pen may be the ideal thing! Fountain pens are usually available in various colours and are a winner with most people.

2. Men's Socks

Yep, they are boring. But they are also one of those everyday essentials that most people can't go without and many people, especially men, don't think of buying for themselves. Present the opportunity for the recipient to

throw away 4 pairs of his old holey socks!

3. Self-Improvement Books

It's that time of year again when we all seem to reflect on the year gone and think about how we are going to make next year better. I, for one, seem to be at my most productive in January and February. Help out your friends in their drive for self-improvement by buying one of those books that can help them to achieve their goals.

4. Chocolate Gift Basket

A specially produced Christmas gift basket will always be seen as a valuable gift, and will provide endless mouth-watering pleasures. This gift will only be ideal for those who like chocolates. Apparently, there are actually people on this planet who don't like chocolate!?!

5. Buy Them Lunch!

How about buying your friend/ loved one lunch? Everyone eats! Whether you of-

fer to actually visit a restaurant with them for lunch, or buy them a gift card for lunch themselves, is a judgement that you need to make yourself.

6. Buy a Magazine Subscription

Impress them by selecting and purchasing an appropriate magazine subscription, ideally for a magazine or newspaper which you have seen them reading.

7. Buy a Silk Tie

Does your boyfriend work in an office environment? A white collar man can never have enough ties of all designs and colours. These don't have to cost the earth or be from a top designer – even those with the most expensive taste will appreciate any good quality silk tie.

8. Tell them that you love them!

The most important thing with any gift is the thought that you put into it and, at times, the message that it carries. A gift can be taste-

fully finished with a heart charm and a toggle clasp and presented in a beautiful gift box with a ribbon, and that card that tells them, "I love you, and I always will."

9. Buy them slippers

Grandfathers go through slippers at an alarming rate; the solution is to buy them an excellent high quality pair which will last for a couple of years. My bet is that any grandpa will love this gift!

10. Buy a Desk Calendar

Help them manage their hectic life with a multipurpose planner. A 12-month calendar lets them map out their personal and professional life, keep track of important contacts and even leave room for some of the extra things that they want to do during their spare time.

Beste Kersfees Wense!

Rustenburg – Marie & Stan Dodgen (Kerkstraat 20), 'n gevestigde Rustenburg paartjie, het alreeds hul Kersfees liggies opgetooi en is hard besig om hierdie Kersfees onvergeetlik te maak! "Elke jaar voeg ek meer-en-meer liggies by, en as die mense verbyry, voeg ons dalk 'n glimlag of 'n Kersfees wens toe tot hierdie spesiale dag van samesyn en liefde. Mag julle almal 'n Geseënde en wonderlike Kerstyd beleef saam met julle mense wat dierbaar en lieflik is," sê Marie.



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