

Subject: Gift Idea List

With Christmas just around the corner this should be extremely helpful. Buying gifts for men is not nearly as complicated as it is for women. Follow these rules and you should have no problems. Gentlemen - forward this on to the gift-giving ladies in your life.

- * Rule #1: When in doubt - buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 17 and he has yet to complain. As a man, you can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.
- * Rule #2: If you cannot afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word ratchet or socket in it. Men love saying those two words. "Hey George, can I borrow your ratchet?" "OK. By-the-way, are you through with my 3/8 inch socket yet?" Again, no one knows why.
- * Rule #3: If you are really, really broke, buy him anything for his car. Go to Dollar Tree and buy him a \$1 can of tire spray, or a windshield squeegee, or anything to hang from his rear view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.
- * Rule #4: Do not buy men socks. Do not buy men ties. And never buy men bathrobes. I was told that if God had wanted men to wear bathrobes, he wouldn't have invented Jockey shorts. You don't have to know why.
- * Rule #5: You can buy men new remote controls to replace the ones they have worn out. If you have a lot of money buy your man a big screen TV with the little picture in the corner. Watch him go wild as he flips, and flips, and flips.
- * Rule #6: Do not buy a man any of those fancy liqueurs. If you do, it will sit in a cupboard for 23 years. Real men drink whiskey or beer. That's why.
- * Rule #7: Do not buy any man industrial sized canisters of after shave or deodorant. I'm told that if they do not stink - they are earthy.
- * Rule #8: Buy men label makers. Almost as good as cordless drills. Within a couple of weeks there will be labels absolutely everywhere. Drawers will be labeled "Socks, Shorts, Cups, Saucers, Plates, etc." Anything with a name will get a label. You get the idea. No one knows why.
- * Rule #9: Never buy a man anything that says "some assembly required" on the box. It will ruin his Special Day and he will always have parts left over. You may be able to guess why.
- * Rule #10: Good places to shop for men include Lowes, Home Depot, John Deere, East Coast RV Center, Pep Boys and Tire Kingdom. (NAPA Auto Parts and Sear's Clearance Centers are also excellent men's stores.) It doesn't matter if he doesn't know what it is. "From NAPA Auto, eh? Must be something I need." "Hey! Isn't this a starter for a '68 Ford Mustang? Wow! Thanks." No one knows why.
- * Rule #11: Men enjoy danger. That's why they never cook - but they will barbecue. Get him a monster barbecue with a 100 pound propane tank. Tell him the gas line leaks. "Oh the thrill! The challenge! Who wants a hamburger?"
- * Rule #12: Tickets to a Florida Marlins or Orlando Magic game are a smart gift. However, he will not appreciate tickets to "An Exhibit of 19th Century Quilts." Everyone knows why.
- * Rule #13: Men love chain saws. Never, ever, buy a man you love a chain saw. If you don't know why - please refer to Rule #8 and what happens when he gets a label maker. He'll cut everything down. No one knows why.
- * Rule #14: It's hard to beat a really good wheelbarrow or an aluminum extension ladder. Never buy a real man a 'step' ladder. It must be an 'extension' ladder. No one knows why.
- * Rule #15: Rope. Men love rope. It takes us back to our cowboy origins, or at least the Boy Scouts. Nothing says love like a hundred feet of 3/8" manilla rope. No one knows why.

