

2013 Holiday Gift Guide

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Knowing what to get someone for the holidays is always a difficult task. When selecting a gift, it is important to keep in mind the personality and taste of the person you are shopping for. Here is a list of some great ideas to help you when seeking the perfect gift. This 2013 Holiday Gift Guide is sure to offer assistance in crossing off a few people on your list.

American Girl Dolls

American Girl Dolls are a classic present. You can never go wrong. Whether you are selecting one of their historical dolls, such as Addy, Kit, or Josefina, or creating a look-a-like doll for that special little girl in your life, these dolls are guaranteed to put a smile on the recipient's face. American Girl also has a newly-enhanced Bitty Baby line of high-quality baby dolls, outfits, and accessories that are suitable for ages 3 and up. Bitty Babies now come in 11 different skin, hair, and eye color combinations. With so many dolls to choose from, you are sure to find the perfect match.

Available: American Girl stores and americangirl.com

Prices: Dolls start at \$110, Bitty Babies start at \$80



The World Almanac

From President Barack Obama's second-term inauguration to One Direction's renewed "British Invasion" to the debut of blockbuster films like *The Great Gatsby*, there are so many incredible moments from 2013 that will live in our memories forever. The World Almanac® for Kids 2014 chronicles this year's most noteworthy people, places, and events in addition to offering thousands of fun, fascinating facts. The photos and colors in this book are amazing and will definitely keep your child's interest.

Available: Most book stores and worldalmanac.com

Prices: \$13.99



The NutriBullet

The NutriBullet is a must-have kitchen gadget. It helps jump start and maintain healthy eating habits. Its slick compact design does not take up much room on the counter top. Enjoy nutrient-rich, delicious beverages in seconds. It makes on the go, healthy eating possible.

Available: Retail stores and nutribullet.com

Prices: \$120



Glow Pets

Glow Pets are all the rage among youngsters. Just like the Pillow Pet, these Glow Pets are a soft stuffed animal that folds down into a pillow. The difference, however, is that these glow! With a press of a button, these pets glow in the dark. Glow Pets illuminate with the use of safe LED lights that never get hot. They add fun to any activity, including camping, story time, and sleep overs.



Available: Retail stores and mypillowpets.com
Prices: \$30

Numi Organic Tea

For the tea lover in your life, the World of Tea Collection and Holiday Teas from Numi are perfect. Each box from the World of Tea Collection represents iconic tastes from around the world, including Italy, England, India, Brazil, and Morocco. The holiday tea is a great blend of festive flavors. These teas are a great way to embrace this special, holiday time of year.



Available: numitea.com
Prices: Starting at \$6.99

SuperME! Bags

SuperME is perfect for your little super hero. SuperME is a new line of children's bags that combine fun and function. Your child gets to play dress up while they carry their backpack. There is a built in cape and coordinating eye mask that helps them play the part. The SuperME bags are lightweight, sturdy, machine washable, and water resistant. Every child can be a super hero!



Available: supermehero.com
Prices: Backpack: \$39.90

Sbyke

Sbyke is an awesome gift for any thrill seeker, child or adult. Sbyke is a combination of a bike and skateboard that gives the rider the sensation of surfing without leaving the sidewalk. Sbyke is also educational by helping to develop essential balance skills. Adults and kids are drawn to this toy for the pure joy of having fun.



Available: Walmart or sbyke.com
Prices: Starting at \$99

Jammies

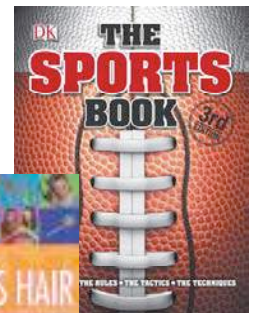
These pajamas are adorable. They are made from a soft and breezy cotton jersey to make it comfortable for baby. The size range from newborn to 9 months. Your baby's pajamas can be packaged in a variety of ways, but my favorite is in the Jammies Jar. Not only will these pajamas feel good on your baby's skin, but you will also be doing good because 10% of the profits are donated to Postpartum Progress, an organization helping mothers who suffer from postpartum depression.



Available: jammiesforbabies.com
Prices: \$30

Books from DK

DK is your one stop online book store, offering a wide range of book topics that are great for anyone on your gift list. From older to younger generations - male to female, there is something for everyone.



Available: us.dk.com
Prices: Varying depending on book.

World Vision Gifts

Is there someone on your list that requests that you don't get them anything? Why not take their generous spirit and pay it forward. World Vision offers a wide range of gifts that go to people in need, with the name of the person in which the gift was given receiving a personalized card. Whether its \$10 or \$500, you have the opportunity to impact someone's life in several areas: clean air, education, health care, or shelter. This is a chance to offer sharing that changes lives. Some popular donation gifts include, clean drinking water, chickens, goats, sheep, soccer balls, and an education for a child.



Available: worldvisiongifts.org
Prices: Starting at \$10 and goes to \$500+

Pop! Pop! Piano

This adorable toy is perfect for ages 12+ Months. The beautiful pastel colors and unique sounds make this toy a must for any young child. Not only do children hear the sounds, but stars pop up!



Available: patchproducts.com
Prices: \$24.99

Clif Bar

Clif Bar is a leading maker of nutritious and organic food for people on the go. They are made with organic oats, and are nutrition for sustained energy. Clif bars come in great seasonal flavors, such as Iced Gingerbread, Pecan Pie, and Pumpkin Pie. These are great to take along on winter adventures, whether that is skiing, snowboarding, or sledding.

Available: Several retail stores and www.clifbar.com
Prices: 12 box pack: \$15



Daddy Scrubs: Father-Child Tee Shirts

Have a new dad on your gift list? These Father-Toddler tee shirts are perfect. Not only are they soft and comfortable, they also take a cute spin on the parent-child relationship. Dad is the Big Oak Tree and baby is the little acorn! These cute shirt combinations also come in Captain Daddy and First Mate, King Daddy and Little Princess, I Like to Bike Daddy and Little Tricycle, and so many more cute combinations.

Available: daddyscrubs.com
Prices: Starting at \$16.95



Mooshka Dolls

These machine-washable fabric dolls are perfect for the little girl on your list. Each doll has their own personality, birthday, and colorful fashions that complement her unique character. There is a large variety of Mooshka Dolls to choose from. There are the Mooshka Girls (6 girls to choose from), Mooshka Tots (Mooshka Girls' little sisters), and Mooshka Sing Around the Rosie (by holding both of the doll's hands, she sings "Ring Around the Rosie").

Available: Retail stores, including Toys R Us, Walmart, Target, as well as amazon.com
Prices: Mooshka Girls: \$17.99, Mooshka Tots: \$12.99 and Mooshka Sing Around the Rosie: \$24.99



Lego Play Book

One of the most iconic toys for kids is Legos. Whether they are kits or blocks themselves, kids of every generation love



them. The Lego Play Book makes it easier to think of ideas to build. The recipient will be able to learn tips and tricks for better building techniques and spark ideas with story-themed chapters. This gift is a great gift to peak the imagination.

Available: Retail and online stores
Prices: Varying depending on purchasing store.

Centsible Kids Board Game

This game is a great way to introduce the world of money to children. Played individually or in a small group, Centsible Kids helps children make thoughtful choices while spending and earning money using the debit and credit decks of cards. They record these choices in a check-book register, and keep a running balance. Kids aged 9-14 will greatly benefit how to understand and have control over their finances.

Available: lets-choose.com
Prices: \$24.99



Bratz Dolls

Bratz dolls are coming back with great new passions that help your kids explore music, art, technology, and fashion. The Bratz girls continue to bring cool and cutting edge style to the doll industry and offer accessories specific to their unique passions.

Available: Most retail stores.
Prices: \$19.99



Choice-A-Quence Card Game

Have a young learner on your list? This card game is great for ages 4-8. Using 20 choice and 20 consequence cards, children match each choice with a variety of possible consequences. The cards can also be used to role play, as a memory game or as story starters.

Available: lets-choose.com
Prices: \$9.99



Busy Buddy

Children aged 9+months can be hard to shop for. Why not get them this cute Busy Buddy. This toy features six removable shape-sorting and color-matching gears. Once all the gears have been placed correctly, the knob will turn the shapes 'round and 'round. This toy is a great learning and developmental toy!

Available: patchproducts.com
Prices: \$17.99



Kilter

This game is great for ages 8 and up. It teaches the players about levers and physics plus strategy, predicting outcomes, and fine motor skills while being entertaining and fun. Each player tries to safely distribute weighted cubes onto the precariously balanced seesaw. If it tilts, your turn is over - and you have to take any pieces that fall!

Available: simplyfun.com
Prices: \$36



Lalaloopsy Dolls

Lalaloopsy dolls are all the rage this year. Each doll has a unique personality and style. They come with the material from which they were sewn and an adorable pet. There are several versions of the Lalaloopsy dolls. The traditional Lalaloopsy Dolls, Loopy Hair Dolls (features soft, long hair that can be styled), and the Workshop Dolls (mix and match pieces to create your own character; sold in double or single packs)

Available: Retail stores, including Toys R Us, Walmart, Target, as well as amazon.com
Prices: Lalaloopsy Doll: \$26.99, Loopy Hair Doll: \$34.99, Workshop Doll (double pack): \$24.99



Banda Bib

These are a great gift for mom and baby! These bandana style bibs keep a dribbly baby in mind. They are both fashionable and functional. They fit closer to the chin than other bibs. Its adjustable design allows it to effectively fit children from 3 months to 3 years old. The Banda Bib comes in a variety of colors and styles and is made from 100% soft cotton fabrics free of harsh chemicals.

Available: bazzlebaby.com or 1-800-519-3386
Prices: \$8.99



Treat Pop

For the baker on your list, these treat pops are essential. Make fun layered treats in these clear, portable containers. They're fun for any celebration, season, party or simply "just because." To eat, simply push your treat up and enjoy. These would be great for the



holiday parties as well as an amazing gift. The Mini-Whoopie pie pan makes the perfect size mini cakes for these awesome pops.

Available: wilton.com or some retail stores
Prices: 6 Count: \$6.99, MiniWhoopie Pan: \$14.99

myPad

Doesn't every child want their own tablet? Well, don't forget the 12+ month olds on your shopping list. With their very own myPad, youngsters will have fun learning sounds and phrases that are educational, and be delighted with light up images.

Available: patchproducts.com
Prices: \$26.99



Tiggly Shapes

Speaking of tablets, Tiggly Shapes are perfect for any child who has access to their parent's tablets. This set of our geometric shapes (square, circle, triangle, and star) are designed to interact with learning apps on tablets. Along with the shapes, you will receive 3 free app downloads (Tiggly Safari, Tiggly Stamp, and Tiggly Draw) and a felt carrying pouch for ease of transportation. These shapes are appropriate for anyone ages 18 months to 4 years old.

Available: tiggly.com
Prices: \$29.99



Zig-Zag Xylo Train

This toy is really a two for one - an instrument and toy train. Children will enjoy making music by tapping the xylophone keys one by one. And, when they are done playing the instrument, the toy becomes a pull along train. This is great for ages 18 months and up.

Available: patchproducts.com
Prices: \$18.99



Fair Go Board Game

For those on your list with a competitive spirit, Fair Go is the perfect gift. It gives players the chance to be industry leaders. Players will have to overcome changing fortunes with clever strategies and be quick to seize opportunities. Will you find a cure for cancer, win a marathon, save a coral reef, or lose your money through poor business decisions? Play and find out! Great for ages 8 and older.

Available: fairgogame.com
Prices: \$49.95

