

Best Dad Ever!

100 Holiday Gift Ideas For Dad

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Cologne? Slippers? Neck Ties!

Maybe it's time to think outside the gift box and come up with some original gifts for dad this holiday season.

This list of gift suggestions is organized by Dad types, because most dads have specific passions and attitudes that make them who they are.

Shoppers, whether little or big, with this list in hand can use dad's enthusiasms to help select the perfect holiday gift or gifts, while enjoying an exercise in thoughtfulness.

After all, doesn't dad deserve a gift as original as the old man himself?

Of course, he does. Happy browsing!

Athletic Dad

- Running store gift card
- Sporty headphones
- Cushioned ankle socks
- Smart phone armband
- Polarized sunglasses

Urban Dad

- Vinyl record frames
- Gift certificate for Urban Outfitters
- Giant glass jar for ticket stubs
- Bike bags and helmet mirrors
- Public radio membership

Writer Dad

- Stack of yellow legal pads
- Fancy pen or assortment of pens
- Hip laptop bag
- Writing magazine subscription
- Registration at a writing seminar

Road Warrior Dad

- Carry-on rolling bag
- Electronics charging dock
- Bureau-top valet
- Leather toiletries kit
- Custom luggage tags

Voracious Reader Dad

- E-Reader
- E-Reader cover
- Bookseller gift card
- Original edition of favorite childhood book
- Set of bookplates

Yard Conqueror Dad

- Weed whacker
- Heavy-duty work gloves
- Hand mallet
- Large insulated drink cup
- Electronic fly swatter

Youthful Dad

- Favorite comic book collection
- Assortment of plastic moustaches
- Tickets to a summer action movie
- Deluxe magic trick kit
- DVD of favorite humorous movie or TV show

Outdoorsy Dad

- Pocket multi-tool
- LED Solar Lightcap for water bottle
- Crank radio
- Survival skills book
- Combo compass-watch

Film Buff Dad

- Popcorn maker or microwave popcorn assortment
- Favorite movie theater drink assortment
- Superman Motion Picture Anthology, 1978-2006
- Pre-purchased movie tickets
- Entertainment magazine subscription

Handy Man Dad

- Electric screwdriver
- Tool caddy/organizer
- Nail sorter drawers
- Folding stepladder
- Binder with page protectors for instruction manuals and warranties

Digital Dad

- E-Tablet
- Music, books, or apps gift card
- Smart phone portable keyboard
- Gadget sleeves or cases
- Sound-canceling headphones

Sports Fan Dad

- Vintage look favorite team t-shirt
- Portable snack/drink cooler
- Tickets to a game
- Bleacher seat cushion
- License plate holder with name of favorite team

Caffeinated Dad

- Single-cup coffee maker
- Coffee shop gift card
- Flavored coffee syrups
- Snazzy travel mug
- Instant coffee selection

Guy's Guy Dad

- Steak house gift card
- Six pack of WD-40
- Clint Eastwood, Jack Nicholson, or John Wayne DVDs

- Hot sauce assortment
- Beer-making kit

Cultured Dad

- Theater tickets
- Biography of favorite artist
- Tickets to a gallery exhibit
- Fine arts class registration
- Desktop kinetic sculpture

Tinkerer Dad

- Hobby models
- Model display case
- Build your own radio kit
- Basic hobby tool set
- Cutting mat with knives

Coachy Dad

- Baseball cap with favorite team name
- Custom whistle lanyard
- Set of large net bags
- Stack of small orange cones
- Portable whiteboard with markers

Homebody Dad

- Gift card to his favorite pizza delivery service
- Comfortable pajama bottoms
- Slippers
- Robe
- Remote caddy

Top Chef Dad

- Wooden carving board
- Knife set
- High-powered mixer
- Cooking store gift card
- BBQ cookbooks

Global Dad

- National Geographic DVD Set
- Scratch-Off Global Map
- GPS system
- Travel guidebooks
- Gift certificate for fair-trade items