

Christmas Guide for Parents 2022

Merry Christmas to all you mums and dads. This year we are experiencing high prices on things and so I wanted to write a gift guide to help and how to still have a good Christmas by creating things that will save you lots of money.

Tip#1:

First of all you don't need wrapping paper. I find this too time consuming and I get in such a mess that this year I will still hide what the gifts are, but use gift bags, because they can be reused and or use a pillow case rather than a stocking.

Henry has a big bag of toys he hasn't played with from passed Christmases, and because his birthday is in November going to be more experiences rather than a load of gifts that he hasn't played with.

He really into playing rugby so one idea I am thinking as a gift is a rugby kit he can wear and a tracksuit for him.

Tip#2:

Go second hand. I did this when looking for my son's birthday gifts and wanted to buy him the Guess Who game, which has come back into game fashion, and got it half the price and still in good condition and will be where I will be buying décor this year, and see where else I can save. Wilkos is a good store on budgeting for Christmas Décor, along with Poundland. I will be checking these stores out.

Look for long lasting items, like example games that can be passed down to other kids in your family, and with kids clothes, size up so they get more wear out of them, and look at second hand clothes, you be surprised of what you can find and why not give an item of clothing as a gift that was never worn. Example my son has hooded fleeces but hates wearing them. Kids change their mind so going to see if he will wear them but if not they will be handed to another child who will wear them.

Tip#3:

Delegate gift buying. If you are not into wrapping like I said in first tip, find someone in your family like a spouse/partner to do it and make it a family. So any gifts your children want to give, have them take care of wrapping them or in a gift bag and use brown paper that can be used for all occasions. Not jut at Christmas and keep boxes that can be used too.

I do think about environment and landfill and teach your kids on how to recycle and if you know someone who likes upcycling then delegate and so you can concentrate or tasks you do want to do, like decorate the tree and home, and have family members to buy gifts for you.

Tip#4

Book a club. My son goes swimming each Saturday and so if they are into sports why not book to join a club. You may have to pay, but some like rugby tots do a free trial. My son did this for while but at the time was more into football and rugby and want him to join a sports club again. Great for their social skills and being in a team.

Tip#5:

Books. These are always good and my son loves a bedtime story. So I will always invest in them and if there is a book that none of your kids have read why not wrap as a gift to give to another child who might like it. The UK store Works always doing deals on books and charity shops and great to be passed down into different generations.

Tip#6:

Crafting. This is great if your children loves arts and crafts. Again The Works have some really good wooden houses that they can paint and great for good hand control. You can get Scrapbook gift sets. I have bought one of my nieces a writing set and Crochet set. You can get all kids around the table at Christmas making things whilst the Christmas dinner is being cooked and not be hanging around your ankles.

Tip#7:

Music. If your kids like music then why not buy them a CD if you have a CD player or create a music CD if you have a computer with a disc drive and be all of their favourite songs.

Henry has a keyboard and I did when he was a lot younger a musical set with tambourine, a drum with sticks and other instruments.

You can buy audio sets of like Disney stories and Henry had one which was Toy Story, or book lessons for them and buy them book of songs they'd like to learn to play.

I hope this helps you in deciding on gifts for Christmas and birthday's and that you have an enjoyable one and that you treat yourself to a glass of wine.