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The 2022 Australia good gift guide: 50 ideas for Christmas presents under \$50

Sleigh your secret Santa obligations with the best local, ethical and sustainable gifts to suit colleagues, kids and distant relatives this festive season - all on a budget

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In a year when every cent counts, we've scoured the country for gifts

under \$50 that are big on value. Below you'll find Christmas presents that, on their own, surprise and delight. But they also have heart, be they sourced from a local maker or a socially conscious business. They're presents that are good to give, and even better to receive.

Plus, we've called in the experts for your toughest "what to buy" queries. Buying for kids? Shannon Wong-Nizic is a primary school teacher and the brains behind Oh Creative Day blog, where she combines her love of literacy and creative projects for children. She has hand-

picked her favourite gift ideas for babies and toddlers through to teenagers. Buying for someone who's intimidatingly picky? **Rhys Ripper**, a creative director, stylist and mentor with Mob in Fashion, has shared picks for beauty, style and home products to please even the most fastidiously fashionable.

Just like an Advent calendar, we'll be updating the gift guide throughout

the festive season, so check back in for bigger ticket items and last minute options throughout December.

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What's your budget? You can filter the products based on price. Use the slider to set your budget before you browse.

What do you want? You can search by gift category: collectibles for objects to have and to hold; activities for books, crafts, and projects to occupy hands and minds; edibles for things to snack and sip; wearables for beauty, style and fashion products; and essentials for everyday items (with a little something extra).

Who is it for? Whether your recipient is a secret Santa you barely know,

or your impossible-to-buy-for father, you can sort by the five personality types of Christmas: someone **fun**, someone **refined**, someone **grumpy**, someone **curious** and someone **adventurous**. For **kids**, you can sort by age and development: a **baby** (0-1 years), a **toddler** (2-3 years), a **preschooler** (4-5 years), a **kid** (6-7 years), a **tween** (8-11 years), and a **teen** (12-17 years).

When you spot something you like tap on the plus icon to get all the

details, then hit "buy online" to be taken to the product's website.

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Who is it for? **All** What do you want? **All** Your budget is Showing 22 Christmas gift ideas from Santa's sack The Big Issue calendar A food swag Loose-leaf green tea A takeaway tin \$22.99 **\$20 \$20** \$22.50 **① ①** X A food swag \$22.99 This washable produce keeper fights waste in two ways: by keeping food fresher for longer and by reducing the need for plastic wrap. It's certified by Sedex for its ethical manufacturing standards and, at the end of its life, you can chuck it in the compost. Buy online CHOTTO MOTTO CRISPY CHILLI OIL クリスピー チリオイル Plastic-free hair conditioner Crispy chilli oil A whittling knife Draw-on polish \$18.50 \$19.95 Hunted+ Gathered Hazelnut Chocolate Spread A solid toiletry kit **Hazelnut spread** A solar art kit Reusable makeup wipes \$16.95 **\$15** \$14.20 **\$14 Indigenous botanical chocolate Neighbourly chocolate** Clever camp cooking kits Vegan XO sauce **\$13.45 \$13 \$12.50 Banksia buttons** A literal banger Karkalla pickles A bendy egg cup \$11.90 \$11 \$10 **\$10** Low-waste deo **Puckering powder** \$9.95 **\$7.50**

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