

WHAT GROWN KIDS REALLY WANT FOR THE HOLIDAYS



WE KNOW, young adults can be notoriously hard to shop for. Consider these expert tips.

OFFER EXCITEMENT. Experiential gifts, such as concert tickets, tend to be more appreciated over the long term.

TAG ALONG. If you gift an experience the recipient can share with you—for example, a raft trip or a spa day—so much the better.

FIND THE FEASIBLE. A present that requires effort from the recipient may not be as welcome

as a similar one that's easier to use. So if you're gifting a dinner out, consider a pleasant neighborhood place rather than a fancier spot an hour away.

GO WITH THE CROWD.

We're hearing these items are on many young-adult wish lists: a waterproof Bluetooth speaker; a premium subscription for a music or film streaming service; a gift card for an outdoor-gear outfitter; a cast-iron Dutch oven.

—Joanna Nesbit

BEAUTY

BRIGHTEN HAIR COLOR WHILE YOU SHOWER

DO YOUR locks lack luster? A color-depositing shampoo could give them a lift. These shampoos deposit pigments during a wash, giving hair a new tone that can last for five to 10 washes. To neutralize brassiness or to squelch yellow undertones, try a purple or blue pigmented shampoo. These products can be drying, so look for hydrating formulas, experts say, and use no more than once or twice a week. —Anissa Gabbara



Only 15% of Americans with credit cards asked their card issuer for a lower interest rate last year. But of those who did ask, 70% were successful.



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HOME

THE DOMESTIC BARISTA

WITH MORE of us working remotely, the home coffee bar is a trend that's expected to grow. We asked design experts for tips on creating one.

Find a place • If kitchen counter space is tight, consider a sideboard or bar cart.

Choose a theme • A neutral color scheme gives your coffee bar a cohesive look.

Add accessories • Mugs, stirrers, breakfast plates and canisters add personality.

Display the machinery • Show off what you've got—it doesn't have to be fancy.

Add music • Hide a Bluetooth speaker to play mellow tunes. —Merlisa Lawrence Corbett

