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The Present Picker

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The Present

June approaches and the wedding invitations pile up on your desk. Everyone, just everyone you know is getting married this summer. And you are going to the weddings! And of course you want to give a gift. This gift should be simple, it must be useful, pretty and fit into the lives of the couple. Above all it must look more expensive than it is. But where under the sun can you find such a gift? Out of the millions of presents available, which one will you choose? Find your price, your gift and yourself in this present picker and you're in business.

There are three classes of gifts: pretty, practical and presumptuous.

On a college student's budget, you probably can't afford to give presumptuous gifts such as pictures and lamps, so we can dispense with that.

Pretty Gifts



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Luscious gifts, welcomed by every couple, but not used right away. Here's a chance to use your imagination for precious gifts no one else will think of.



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Price	Gift	Giver
\$2-25	small silver items: candle snuffer, mustard pot	close friends giving for sentiment.
\$5-?	crystal vases, goblets or other items	friends who know the patterns, likes and dislikes of the couple.
\$5-?	pieces or place setting of silver service	anybody, anywhere who wants to give a nice gift.
\$5-10	silver cream and sugars, candy dishes	people who are not very well acquainted, or for the couple who has everything.

Picker

by Marilyn Nadler
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Practical Gifts

Any of these gifts could be given by anyone, and they would be warmly received. . . . you and your pocket book determine what to give.

Price		Pointers
\$5-?	everyday dishes	any piece can be used, but know the pattern.
\$2-15	baking equipment	imagination counts here – remember the family of two at first.
\$6-15	ironing board	a very practical item.
\$7-4	cook book	a bride usually isn't the best cook.
\$5-?	pots and pans	select ones for small amounts.
\$2-10	knives – every kind	select all kinds, paring, grape-fruit – don't forget a knife rack.
\$1-5	gadgets – cutting board, nut crackers, cookie jar, can opener	let your imagination be your guide, buy several.
\$3-10	clocks – modern, old fashioned	look for good design – every room should have one.
\$2-5	mops – different heads to fit one stick	brides have to clean house, you know.

Now you know what to buy, rush out and buy it, and send it to the lucky girl while she has time to write a thank-you note.



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