

The London Gift Consultancy Christmas Gift List 2006

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The pressure to purchase the perfect gift for loved ones at Christmas is increasing.

The British Heart Foundation has found that 85 per cent of people show serious symptoms of stress during Christmas shopping (<http://www.thelondongiftconsultancy.com>).

To make it easier for everyone this Christmas, Lorraine Loughlin, professional gift consultant (<http://www.thelondongiftconsultancy.com>) from The London Gift Consultancy is publicising her own personal Christmas gift list with recommendations for all the family.

The London Gift Consultancy strives to stay at the head of fashions, new products and the latest 'must haves'. If a gift's worth giving (<http://www.thelondongiftconsultancy.com>), whether it's from Halfords or Harvey Nichols, it will be on The London Gift Consultancy's comprehensive gift database (<http://www.thelondongiftconsultancy.com>).

For Kids:

Digicool Digital Camera, £20

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/ykw8t6>]

Lorraine Loughlin says, "This fantastic kit contains everything children need to create ultra cool photos with a funky 16MB digital camera. It also includes CD imaging software, sticker sheets, photo frames and a user guide. The camera can be used as a webcam or to shoot a video. The photos can be turned into fun stickers. Digicool is the best way to teach children 8 years and over about photography without shelling out on expensive equipment."

Roboreptile, £90

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/yzpamk>]

Lorraine says, "This is a present with bite – quite literally. Roboreptile growls and whips his tail too. This robotic predator realistically reacts to his environment. Sonic sensors detect sharp and loud sounds, infra-red vision sensors avoid obstacles and detect movements, and a touch sensor responds to human interaction. He's scary, but not totally out of control. A 28 function remote control unit can harness this beast's behaviour – well, a bit."

Deal or No Deal Board Game, £25

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/yn672p>]

Lorraine says, "Deal or No Deal is addictive viewing, and this board game of the TV show is just as fun. It's got every thing: 22 Deal or No Deal boxes, an electronic banker, an oversized retro telephone, but most importantly the tension. The great thing about this game is that one person can play on their own for practice before taking on the family. It's a nail-biting, stomach-knotting test of nerves. It's so good."

For teens:

Customised Ipods, £350

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/wqqvd>]

Lorraine says, "For those teenagers addicted to their music, this is the supermodel of mp3 players and now you can have it customised so that their ipods stand out from all their friends. This device can hold thousands of songs and includes a full colour screen, easy access to your music with the "Click Wheel", Podcasts, audio books, full integration with iTunes, calendar and contacts, world clocks, stopwatch, games and loads more."

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[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/tnmsq>]

Lorraine says, "For those teenagers already lucky enough to have the ipod nano, then this is a fantastic accessory. The iHome is a radio alarm clock and an iPod speaker system in one. Your iPod can charge and play through the high-fidelity stereo speakers. You can also use your iPod tracks as your wake-up call and gently send you to sleep with its "gentle sleep mode" which slowly decreases the volume to help you drift off."

Beyond Baked Beans Budget, £6

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/vgyks>]

Lorraine says, "Perfect for teenagers at university, this is a mouthwatering collection of recipes. 'Survive' is all about the basics of cooking for yourself, with recipes which help you to eat well without breaking the bank. 'Share' is a selection of fantastic recipes for two and more, and for preparing big meals for students who live together. 'Splash Out' is a taste of something a little more swish: for those who want to impress but don't have a whole lot of money."

Gran and Grandad:

Personalised Calendar, £15

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/ymxuay>]

Lorraine says, "This classic personalised calendar lets you simply choose names that you would like to appear and then it cleverly integrates them into 12 amazing themed photographs - whether it be written in snow on a car windscreen, or spelt out in pebbles on a beach. A lovely and thoughtful gift for your grandparents to use throughout the year."

Stanley Flask, £16.

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/yc9vkn>]

Lorraine says, "An American icon and possibly the toughest flask in the world, a Stanley Flask is for life. Made from 100% Stainless Steel and with a lifetime guarantee, their unbreakable construction and

Char-Vac technology have earned them well deserved worldwide acclaim. Keeping it hot and keeping it chilled was never so utterly reliable as it is with a Stanley Flask. A perfect gift for days out."

Love In A Bag, £10.

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/yzuq7e>]

Lorraine says, "Sow the seeds of love with this red wildflower seed gift of red Field Poppies and Corn Cockle. It's the prettiest gift to show you care. A beautiful gift that will keep returning each year, reminding your grandparents of you."

For Her:

The Goddess Guide, £15

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/y9snnc>]

Lorraine says, "The Goddess Guide is written by a woman of eclectic tastes for daring women of style. With the aid of the Guardians of Style it takes women through delightful tutorials of life to become a Home, Earth, Urban, Luxurious, Office and Sex Goddess. Written by an every-woman, this book is for any woman."

Mini Chocolatiere, £18.

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/ym87xq>]

Lorraine says, "Hot chocolate - so comforting for the girls. But making a really top cuppa requires a really top Chocolatière, and this is it. Complete with a built in frother and a bag of top quality chocolate flakes, this Chocolatière will make up to three mugs of frothing bliss. Just add your chocolate and hot milk, froth away, then curl up in a big chair, wrap your hands around your steaming mug, and feel a Cheshire cat smile spread right through you. It's heaven!"

Italian Cookery Holiday, from £700

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/ykuen8>]

Lorraine says, "OK, it's a real luxury and a treat, but it's perfect for those ladies who dream of being a domestic goddess. Cookery courses take place on weekends, short breaks or week long holidays. Included are return scheduled flights to Italy from London (regional flights can be arranged), accommodation, cookery lessons, meals, wines, excursions as per itinerary, and transport throughout."

For him:

Don't Break The Bottle, £20

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/yymmqa>]

Lorraine Loughlin says, "This a way to give a fun twist to presenting a bottle of wine that adds to the festive tradition of games. Don't Break the Bottle is an ingenious puzzle - simply lock the bottle up in the puzzle, and hand it over to the lucky recipient. At first sight it appears laughably simple to open,

but first impressions are deceptive. It's hugely entertaining watching the recipient go from cocky to puzzled to deeply frustrated. They'll feel they deserve every last drop if they do finally manage to crack it!"

USB Turntable, £130

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/yggza3>]

Lorraine Loughlin says, "Perfect for all those old vinyls that have been banished to the garage for lack of a turntable to spin the old long playing discs! This USB deck turns the past into the future. A remarkably rapid march of time has seen the media for music transformed from vinyl to tape to CD and now to MP3. Whether you've a stack of old 45's, 33's or even 78's, you can now convert them to MP3s with this USB Turntable."

The Dangerous Book for Boys, £19

[Image at: <http://tinyurl.com/ycwhbn>]

Lorraine says, "Men are just grown up boys, and this is the perfect book for boys whatever their age. How many other books will help you thrash someone at conkers, race your own go-cart, and identify the best quotations from Shakespeare? It gives you facts and figures at your fingertips - swot up on the solar system, learn about famous battles and read inspiring stories of incredible courage and bravery. Teach your old dog new tricks. Make a pinhole camera and much more."

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