

Don't go for broke

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Two weeks ago, we reported on what we wanted for Christmas. Now, we bring you things you can give for Christmas without going broke. Everything here costs \$25 or less.

Glitterbug (\$5.95 each, www.lush.com): Grab one of these oval-shaped bars, which come in pink and gold, and stroke it on your cheekbones, shoulders or anywhere you'd like a dash of sparkle. Scented with rose, vanilla and neroli (a citrus scent), Glitterbug is made with a blend of cocoa butter and shea butter, which leaves you not only sparkly but moisturized as well.

Glow in the Dark Wrist Rests (\$6.99, www.karmakiss.com): Know someone who's never without their computer mouse and has a penchant for cute animals? Order one of these gel-filled, glow-in-the-dark wrist rests in his or her choice critter: cow, pig, koala, bear, hippo or panda.

Momints SuperTube (\$9.99, www.target.com): We featured these super-strong, super-tiny bursts of a mint in an earlier column. Now you can get 15 eight-count tubes (five each of peppermint, cinnamon and Winter Burst) encased in one large tube. It's perfect for keeping your friends minty fresh.

Lego desk assistant pen (\$12, www.fredflare.com): OK, maybe we're too easily amused, but we love this doll. It's a pen and pencil caddy, pencil sharpener, paper-clip holder, tape dispenser and stapler, and comes in "lady" or "pal" style.

Customized cell phone cover (about \$13.50 including shipping, www.customizedphonecovers.com): You know, with so many cell phones out there, isn't it funny how you and all five of your best friends have the same phone? Prevent any accidental swapping by creating an original cover. Design your cover from art in the online gallery or use your own photograph or monogram.

Shower Shock Caffeinated Soap (\$14.99 for three bars, www.thinkgeek.com): Caffeine addicts rejoice! Now there's another way to get your morning buzz. This soap is scented with peppermint oil and infused with caffeine. According to the geeks at ThinkGeek.com, the caffeine in the soap is absorbed through the skin, with about 200 milligrams of caffeine distributed per use (an average cup of coffee has anywhere from 90 to 150 milligrams).

Square Beaded Coin Purses (\$18, elissabloom.com): Each purse is hand-beaded on both the front and back. Choose from nine fabulous designs: star, heart, tulip, peace, Maurice (a cat), taxi, plane, city or baby.

Interchangeable Marble Bracelet (\$25, www.eco-artware.com): Show your friends that you care about the environment by giving them this "recycled" gift. Artist Paul Haugen designed this bracelet to be customizable. Stainless steel springs hold black marbles that can be swapped with another set of marbles for a new look. The bracelet has a lobster clasp and comes in small or large sizes.