



2016 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE & holiday prep printables

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about



Hello!

My name is Jenni Bost and I am a woman who wears many hats— my favorite of which is the party hat!

My blog A Well Crafted Party started out as a way for me to share my love for parties and events. It has turned into an amazing opportunity for me to connect with some incredible people, continually stay creating, and a place for me to share my life with friends and family.

My mission to inspire, educate and encourage readers to take joy in the everyday and celebrate the many moments that make life a party.

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The 2016 Well Crafted Holiday Gift Guide & Holiday Prep Printables is an ebook designed to guide you in last-minute holiday success! Read on to see my tips for the best stocking stuffers and gifts for the women, men, bloggers, and entertainers in your life as well as some great holiday recipes and prep printables.

The items in this ebook have been sponsored by companies that support A Well Crafted Party. This guide does contain affiliate links.

Thank you for downloading this gift guide + free printables. Enjoy!



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stocking stuffers & gift

The Art of a Well Crafted Stocking

Stockings can be more than just a small sock filled with inexpensive treats and toys. It can be an extended portion of a holiday gift or even a gift in itself. A well crafted stocking will come together to really delight the recipient with each new item they pull out of the sock.

Tips for a Well Crafted Stocking:

1. Make a plan for the stocking before making a purchase. Perhaps create a list of the favorite interests of the recipient and think of small items that will fulfill those interests. Consider even giving your stocking a theme.
2. Wrap some of the small gifts. Unwrapping items extend the anticipation. Fill in unwrapped items around the wrapped items as you stuff the sock.
3. Write notes on hard to explain items. Telling someone why you chose a certain unique item makes the item that much more meaningful and memorable.



ideas for her



SpaRituals Holiday Vegan Gold Collection

Gorgeous collection of polishes that will work all winter long. Great coverage and a welcome sight for anyone who loves a pretty polished nail. [More about the 2016 Holiday Collection.](#)



Kleenex Facial Cleaning Wipes & Eye Makeup Removers

Your favorite facial tissue company has come out with facial cleansing products too! [Purchase these exclusively online.](#)



Real Techniques Mini Erasers

Four uses in 1 sponge! One little sponge can help fix nearly all face makeup mistakes. Purchase at your local Ulta or get these [Miracle Mini Erasers online.](#)



evo Live Large Volume Rad Bag

Your hair never had this much personality. The evo hair products are dedicated to individuality and integrity. I love the names and the ingredients both! [Get your own Rad Bag.](#)



Makeup Revolution Vivid Baked Highlighter

For an all year round bronzed look, use the buildable Vivid Baked Highlighter by Makeup Revolution. Purchase at your [local Ulta](#) or [online.](#)



Patchology Illuminate FlashMasque

Designed to even skin tone, they give new life to your complexion this masque works in 5 minutes! It is the perfect size for squeezing into a stocking. Purchase at Ulta.



Glossique Nail Deco Wraps

Unlike other nail wraps these wraps go on in minutes and don't require heat setting. Pretty designs that fit perfectly in a stocking. Shop for [Glossique online](#).



Viviscal Gorgeous Growth Densifying Elixir

As the ultimate lightweight body-boosting leave-in treatment for thicker, fuller looking hair, [Viviscal](#) Densifying Elixir improves the appearance of hair all day long.



Maybelline Graffiti Nudes Palette

Inspired by the urban street art shades, edgy brights take on the city! From fierce purples to acid rain blue, this Ulta Beauty exclusive palette is sure to stun! Find at [Ulta.com](#).



Dermalogica Skin Brightening Duo Gift Set

Give the gift of clean and brighter skin with two of Dermalogica's best sellers, Daily Microfoliant + Precleanse. Find [Dermalogica at Ulta](#).



WEN ReMoist Hydrating Mask

With a combination of oils and extracts, the [WEN ReMoist Hydrating Mask](#) leaves hair silky, soft, and replenished after every use. Perfect for someone looking to treat dry hair.



GLOV On-The-Go Makeup Remover

GLOV on-the-go makeup remover is thin and reusable for up to three months. This makes for a great travel accessory. Find at your local Ulta or online. Find at [Ulta.com](#).

stocking stuff

Unconventional & Creative Ways to Display Gifts

When extra thought and creativity are put into the packaging and display of a gift it adds to the overall gifting experience for both the gifter and the giftee. This year try one or many of these fun ideas for displaying your holiday gifts:

- Hang your gift in the tree. Small gifts and cards can be placed within the tree for finding.
- Chang up the stocking with a different type of container. Use purses, backpacks, or bags instead of stockings.
- Have a big item that is hard to wrap? Wrap a small box with a clue in it and do a scavenger hunt leading to the main gift.
- Giving a cell phone for Christmas? Have it all set up and call the number on the morning of so that it is ringing in the wrapped gift box.
- Give smaller coordinated gifts as part of the wrapping of a package. Giving a nice cookware set? Use a beautiful wooden spoon as part of the gift tag.



Burt's Bees Mistletoe Kiss

Get mistletoe ready with: Burt's Pomegranate Lip Balm, Peony Lip Shimmer, Hibiscus Tinted Lip Balm These handy packages look great in the tree as well as in a stocking. Purchase at your local Ulta or [online](#).

Gifts & gift ideas for her

stocking stuffers & gift

My Top Ten Go To Stocking Stuffers

I put even more effort into choosing my stocking stuffers as I do the holiday gifts. For me, the stocking is just as much as a gift as anything under the tree.

My top ten items to stuff stockings always have the recipient in mind:

1. Favorite Snacks/ Candies
2. Socks and sometimes underwear
3. New toothbrush
4. Hand Sanitizer/ Lotion
5. Travel Tissue Packs
6. Gift Cards - Small gift cards to their favorite coffee shop are awesome for the stocking.
7. Spices - Fun ones beyond salt and pepper
8. Winter gear (beanies, scarves, gloves, etc.)
9. Bar items (Jigger, Bitters, Mini Liquor Bottles)
10. Their BIG gift, wrapped up and stuffed in the toe of the sock. It is so much more of a surprise when they get a small but meaningful or very much wanted gift (like the FitBit Alta) as they dig through their stocking!



ideas for him



Just Spices

Spices don't have to be boring. Just Spices' U.S. portfolio offers a diverse selection of spices that will perk up a variety of dishes. Find them on www.JustSpices.com.



Luxe Towel from PackTowel

Introducing the new [Luxe towel from PackTowel](#), the most luxurious, quick-drying towel available. The super affordable prices & awesome quality make these great gifts!



FitBit Alta

Fitbit® Alta™ keeps you motivated and also looking great. Track your activity and take advantage of automatic recognition of select exercises. Get at Verizon Wireless.



Helly Hanson Business Beanie for Him

When you need to dress for business, the Business Beanie gives you that classic look while keeping your head warm. Find at the [Helly Hanson online shop](#).



Urban Market Bags

Urban Market Bags are bright and sleek reusable bags where fashion meets function. They're easy to pack, wash, use and reuse. [Get in packs of three bags or six.](#)



While this section is titled “for him” I can tell you that I’d be happy to see any of these items in my stocking as well!

awesome gift ideas for



Google Pixel

[Google Pixel](#) is awesome for bloggers with the highest rated smartphone camera, a battery that lasts all day and a charger that gets you seven hours of battery life in 15 minutes.



Kate Spade Wrap Case

Keep your favorite blogger's phone safe & looking good with this beautiful [wrap case by Kate Spade](#). Find it and other cases for the Google Pixel and other popular models at [Verizon Wireless](#).



Blog Hosting

Blog hosting is a great gift for someone who is wanting to move to the next level of blogging or is beginning a much awaited online business. Get hosting through [BlueHost.com](#).



Blog Planner

Support your favorite blogger by printing off printable blog planners and gift to them in a binder with a great set of pens. Get a [free blog planner on A Well Crafted Party](#).

bloggers



My Top Eight Gift Ideas for Bloggers

Gifts for bloggers are not universal as each blog is as unique as the person that created it. One blogger may blog on their desktop at home every evening while another will type in their post on their phone as they ride the train across town. There are a few items that may help with the process of blogging that would be appreciated:

- 1. Computer** — while a big ticket item it is also one that nearly every blogger would appreciate. Personally, I use a MacBook Pro.
- 2. Smart Phone** — Another big-ticket item that makes blogging SO much easier! Get one with a fantastic camera.
- 3. Business Cards** — Help support your favorite bloggers' business by giving a gift card to a printer of business cards. TinyPrints.com and Moo.com do great work with business cards.
- 4. Adobe Creative Cloud Membership** — If the blogger in your life does a lot of photo work then a [Creative Cloud or Photoshop](#) plan would be a fabulous gift.
- 5. Calendar or Planner (or both!)** — Give the gift of organization. Print of free printable planners or purchase a planner that can be customized. Get a dry erase calendar for their wall.
- 6. Online classes** — Purchase a course online to help the blogger expand their skills.
- 7. DSLR Camera** — Any blogger that features photos in their posts would benefit from having a DSLR Camera especially if it has video capability. (I use the [Rebel SL1](#))
- 8. Time.** Give the gift of time by offering to help give the blogger in your life a few extra hours to themselves so that they can work. Won't even cost you a thing!

gift ideas for the home

My Top Ten Hostess Gifts

Hostess gifts are appreciated, but not required in most cases. When attending a party that you are asked to bring something, then considering that the hostess gift is acceptable. However, on occasion, you may be invited to a holiday party in which you are not asked to bring a thing and may feel like bringing a small gift as thank you to your host. Keep a few items such as these on hand for last minute dinner party invitations. They also make great neighbor gifts.

My top ten go to hostess gifts are:

1. Wine - Let the host decide whether to serve at the party or keep for themselves.
2. Flowers or a potted plant
3. Candle holders + Candles
4. 3. Spices and flavored salt
5. Vase
6. A platter of appetizers - leave the platter!
7. Stationary- beautiful thank you cards are always appreciated.
8. A Sweet Treat
9. Artisan Eats - think a specialty coffee, great olive oil, etc.
10. A small gift certificate to a favorite coffee shop or nail salon.





glassybaby Naughty & Nice Candle Holders

Beautiful handblown votive candle holders with the extra benefit of giving a portion of each purchase to great causes. [Purchase online](#) or in a [glassybaby store near you](#).



French Bull Holiday Collection

[French Bull's tableware](#) is known for bright color schemes and beautiful designs. The holiday collection comes packaged with dangling ornaments, gift tags, and are ready for gifting.



Just Spices

Give the gift of some extra spice in your hostesses life. Spices are fabulous hostess gifts. Keep some in stock in your gift closet to print to impromptu dinner parties. Buy at www.JustSpices.com.



Urban Market Bags

The hostess with the mostess certainly does a lot of trips to the market. [Urban Market Bags](#) would make a great hostess gift because they're easy to pack, wash, use and reuse.

easy holiday recipes

Super easy & decadent appetizers

Crème Fraîche, Caviar & Chive Dip

1. Mix 1 Cup Crème Fraîche, 6 Table Spoons of Chopped Chives, Freshly squeezed juice of 1/2 lemon
2. Top with 1/2 to 1 oz of Sevruga Caviar (typically black in color)
— This can be pricey, but a small amount will go a long way when used in this delicious dip.
3. Serve with really good salty Kettle chips or a crudité's platter.

(Another [awesome recipe](#) here!)



Artichoke Hearts Wrapped in Bacon

1. Wrap a marinated artichoke heart with half a slice of thick cut bacon and secure with a toothpick.
2. Bake at 400 degrees F until bacon is done.

Note: Soak your toothpicks in water prior to baking to prevent burning.

Oysters with Tabasco Shaved Ice

1. Mix 1 cup of ice, 1 1/2 teaspoons of Tabasco, and juice of 1/2 lemon in a food processor until ice is a shaved consistency. ([Full Recipe Here](#))
2. Serve on [freshly shucked oysters](#)





Goat Cheese, honey, apricot & almond balls on gingersnap cookies

These slightly sweet and subtly savory treats are easy to make and perfect for the holiday. Serve alongside champagne for a really decadent treat. Store in the fridge without the gingersnap cookie and snack as necessary.

Ingredients:

- 8 oz log of goat cheese
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 cup dried apricots
- 1/2 cup almonds
- Gingersnap cookies

1. Take approximately 1 cup of dried apricots and 1/2 cup of almonds and pulse in a food processor until in small bits.
2. Mix an 8 oz log of goat cheese with 1/4 cup of honey.
3. Roll the goat cheese mixture into a ball and then roll in the apricot and almond mixture.
4. Serve on a gingersnap cookie with a drizzle of honey.

Holiday Gift Tags

Directions: Print in full color on cardstock weight paper or sticker backed paper. Cut out. Attach to package by tape or taking the sticker off of the back of sticker paper. Another way to attach is to punch a hole in the tag and attach with ribbon.

