

# Kara's Gift Ideas!

By Kara Lynch



Finding the perfect gift can be difficult, especially if you're like me and forget important dates and occasions. The good news is there are tons of awesome and affordable gifts, most people don't think of. Some you can make on your own, some you can grab last minute, and all are sure to wow. Read on to discover the perfect gifts for Father's Day, Mother's Day and Graduation.

## **Mother's Day**

This Mother's Day make mom a candle! While this DIY candle is a great gift for any occasion, nothing says, "I love you," on Mother's Day more than a handmade gift. The best part? These candles are completely nontoxic. Most candles you buy in a store contain formaldehyde, yep the stuff they use to embalm dead bodies, and artificial scents. These chemicals get released into the air when they burn which in turn wind up in your lungs. This beeswax candle is scented with

natural, essential oils that not only smell great, but have therapeutic properties. Recipe and crafting instructions can be found at [mamainstincts.com](http://mamainstincts.com).

## **Father's Day**

Like the DIY candle, this gift is great for everyone. The movie going experience has changed so much over the years, but who says the movies *have* to be expensive? AMC offers tons of coupons and promo codes on their site. Buy dad a gift card for the movies with an up to 8% instant cash back guarantee. With Americans being busier than ever, it's difficult to find a day for the whole family to go to the movies. With this gift card, you're essentially buying dad a movie ticket that never expires. Go green and use the card as an e card, accessible through email, or have the card mailed to you.

AMC offers the option of ordering your food and having it delivered to your seat. With choices like burgers and alcohol, you can buy dad the gift of a whole dinner and a movie experience. Did I mention milkshakes for dessert! Buy two regular fountain drinks, two candies and a regular popcorn just for \$24. Easily turn the experience into a dad and you day with this deal.

## **High School Graduation**

If there's anything I learned from going away to college, it's that most dorms are not well lit. One of the best, most efficient gifts you can give to a high school graduate who intends to dorm in college is a lamp. Walmart and Target sell affordable lamps and the best I can recommend is a standup one with 3 bulbs. Put all 3 on during homework, 2 on during the pregame and one on after you've watched a scary movie and are afraid to go to bed!

College students barely plan and are always on the move to class. Most freshmen dorms won't have a kitchen or stove, but a microwave, which is why a box full of Easy Mac is a great gift. Buy Easy Mac, Ramen Noodles and tons of other microwavable foods in bulk at BJ's and Costco. This gift provides college students staying home as well with an easy, quick meal during studying.

### **College Graduation**

Gifts for college graduates get a bit trickier because every college graduate is essentially only looking for two things, money and a job. By graduation, everyone is at least 21 years of age, and the classiest gift is a bottle of celebratory champagne. If the graduate has a close relationship with you, help them save money by buying them a Spotify Premium Subscription. Everyone loves music, but hates ads and this gift offers the listener an add-free experience. Every time they listen to Spotify, they'll be thanking you in their mind making this the gift that truly keeps on giving.

My sources:

<https://mamainstincts.com/diy-beeswax-candles/>

<https://www.amctheatres.com/offers>

<https://www.spotify.com/us/premium/>

<https://www.bjs.com/>

<https://www.costco.com/>