



Gift-giving Detective Worksheet

STEP 1 – GATHER THE EVIDENCE

- » Take a moment to remember the last substantive conversation you had with your giftee (beyond just a quick “hey how’s it going”)
- » Take a moment to remember the last time you were with your giftee in person – particularly if it was at their house but could be anywhere.
- » Consider what you **HEARD** and what you **SAW** to find your clues in step 2.

STEP 2 – UNCOVER THE CLUES BY ASKING YOURSELF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

THINGS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD...

- **Did your giftee talk about something they are really into right now?**
Could be an activity, a TV show, or a specific product.

- **Did your giftee talk about something they are going through or dealing with?**
This could be as serious as caring for an ailing parent or as benign as a struggle to successfully grow rose bushes. Either and anything in between could be a clue for a great gift.

- **Did your giftee tell you about a new project they are embarking on?**
Could be work related or personal. Is the project something you have experience with?

THINGS YOU MAY HAVE SEEN...

- **The last time you were at your giftee's house, what did you see?**

Were there enough glasses? Was the food served on nice, appropriately sized serving dishes? Were the walls bare of decorations or artwork?

- **The last time you saw your giftee what did you notice about her person?**

Was she struggling to zip up her jacket because of a broken zipper? Was she complaining that she can never find anything in her cavernous purse? What type of jewelry was she wearing?

- **Did your giftee pay you any compliments on your clothing, bag, shoes, or jewelry? Or on something you have in your kitchen or home?**

These compliments could definitely be clues for brilliant gift ideas!

STEP 3 – CHECK YOUR IDEAS AGAINST YOUR GIFTEE'S CURRENT LIFE STAGE

This is an important step because while a gift may fit a giftee's taste perfectly, it's possible that it may not fit their life situation right at the moment.

- » For example, you're best friend might love a new cheese board but if she and her family are selling their home and contemplating a move across the country you may want to avoid buying her any material thing, just now. A "gift certificate" good for a day of your help going through her closet might be a far better gift (especially if you throw in a bottle of Rosé!)
- » Or, if your niece just had a brand new baby, a complicated puzzle may not be the right gift for the moment, even if she's ordinarily a puzzle fanatic! While this all may sound obvious, it is a great sanity check for your gift ideas up to this point because it provides an overarching perspective that can be missed when you get caught up in the details.

HAPPY GIFT BUYING!

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