



## Giftgiving Detective Worksheet

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### 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.*

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- **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.*

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- **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?*

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## 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?*

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- **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?*

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- **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!*

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## 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!

*Wishing you a Blessed Christmas from the Holly Storman Art & Stationery Co.*