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Thread: [Cash, gift cards, or actual gifts](#)

Fish - December 17, 2024, 7:48 pm

What's your holiday/birthday preference?

Holiday gifting can be tricky. Some people love getting actual presents, while others prefer the flexibility of cash or gift cards.

Cash: Practical, but does it feel impersonal?

Gift cards: Specific but limited.

Items: Thoughtful, but what if it's not what you need?

Me personally, I hate receiving items that are something I don't need/will never use and just collect dust... would much rather prefer cash or gift cards

Deany - December 18, 2024, 2:49 am

Yeah just give me the cash lol

Mooooookie - December 18, 2024, 3:18 am

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Michael - December 18, 2024, 3:56 am

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A gift card comes in handy then.

BlackRock - December 18, 2024, 4:17 am

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Fish - December 18, 2024, 6:34 am

(Dec 18, 2024 03:49 AM)Deany Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah just give me the cash lol

Straight to the point! Cash is definitely the easiest option, and no one's ever disappointed to receive it. What would you spend it on this year?

(Dec 18, 2024 04:18 AM)Mooooookie Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I personally am OK with receiving cash, giftcard or an actual gift. I'm not too picky. As far as what I give to others, I prefer to buy people gifts.. but if they ask me specifically for a giftcard, then I normally will just buy them one. For example, I asked my sister what should I buy my niece for Christmas, and she said an apple giftcard... e-z p-z

That's a nice balance—thoughtful gifts when possible, but practical when needed. Apple gift cards are definitely a win these days. Do you find it easier to shop when people tell you exactly what they want?

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Totally agree—it can be so hard to find something thoughtful and useful. Gift cards really do save the day sometimes! Do you ever feel like they're less personal, or do they work just as well?

(Dec 18, 2024 05:17 AM)BlackRock Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think actual gifts are more "personal". If you gave me a pair of shoes or a nice sweater, I would remember you everytime I used that item. Gift cards? Meh.

That's such a great point—actual gifts can create memories in a way that cash or gift cards can't. But what if you're unsure about someone's taste or size? How do you avoid the risk of getting it wrong?

sharn - December 18, 2024, 6:46 am

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Fish - December 18, 2024, 6:47 am

(Dec 18, 2024 07:46 AM)sharn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Gift cards are thoughtful without being too restrictive. It is a great compromise between cash and physical presents.

Yup. What would you say is a gift card that's not too restrictive?

sharn - December 18, 2024, 6:58 am

(Dec 18, 2024 07:47 AM)Fish Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yup. What would you say is a gift card that's not too restrictive?

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Fish - December 18, 2024, 7:01 am

(Dec 18, 2024 07:58 AM)sharn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A Target gift card offers a wide range of options, from fashion to tech.

Yes!! That is a great idea. I hate getting here gift cards because I never use uber.... Target is nice because everyone can use it for anything

aytacgosunoglu - December 18, 2024, 9:30 am

Yes!! That is a great idea

Bashe - December 18, 2024, 7:06 pm

Cash or Visa gift cards for sure.

oRequiem - December 18, 2024, 7:23 pm

Cash would be nice, but I think I prefer gifts because unwrapping a surprise gift gives good vibes during that day.

F4tDoinkz - December 18, 2024, 8:04 pm

I am 30 with my own kids and a lot of nieces and nephews. Mostly gift cards to them. Not my own kids obviously.

Yin Yang - December 18, 2024, 8:05 pm

Gimme my cash, thanks

Pimping - December 18, 2024, 8:59 pm

Honestly im not picky so any of the above is fine still grateful for any gifts

I do like actual gifts tho since i like unwrapping stuff and love the surprise of it