

# HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



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## 1. Footed Pajamas

Footed fun for the whole family! This holiday season, the festive pajamas from Footed Pajamas will have Mom, Dad, Kids, and even the dog lounging comfortably! Available in Cotton, Chenille and Fleece - there are dozens of designs, colors and patterns to choose from to suit each member of the family. Jump in with both feet!

[www.footedpajamas.com](http://www.footedpajamas.com)

## 2. Fitbit Force Wristband

Tracks steps, distance, calories burned, stairs climbed and active minutes throughout the day. At night, monitor your sleep and wake up silently with a vibrating alarm. From hardcore fitness buffs to busy new moms, the Fitbit Force wristband is great for those looking to stay or get active!

[www.verizonwireless.com/wcms/consumer/accessories/fitbit-force.html](http://www.verizonwireless.com/wcms/consumer/accessories/fitbit-force.html)

## 3. T-fal ActiFry

This healthy multi-cooker makes all your favorite meals with just one spoonful of oil and the press of a button. Perfect for making turkey, chicken, fish, potatoes and more in the matter of minutes- the options are endless!

[www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com)

## 4. Words With Friends Magnetic Game & Message Board

For those obsessed with Words With Friends, Zynga and Hasbro's magnetic gameboard brings this popular digital game to life, allowing you to physically play with others and leave messages on the conjoining message board.

[hasbrotoyshop.com](http://hasbrotoyshop.com)

## 5. Cool-jams

Insomnia effects so many women so if Santa brings the gift of sleep, you'll make her night. Cool-jams nightwear are made from a special micro-fiber that feels silky, is lightweight and most important, absorbs and evaporates moisture three times faster than material usually used for nightwear. The result is a cooler body temperature that promotes sleep. Cool-jams are compact, lightweight and wrinkle resistant.

[www.cool-jams.com](http://www.cool-jams.com)

## 6. Riding Boots

Have a horse- or simply a puddle-loving fashionista on the list? Zoubaby's equestrian-style, weatherproof riding boots are as comfortable and practical as they are stylish and fun! Each and every pair of boots can be personalized, making it easy for women and children to show off their unique style and flair.

[www.zoubaby.com](http://www.zoubaby.com)

## 7. Tote-ally Cute Bags

Zoubaby's new canvas tote bag is the perfect gift for the beach-lover (or city shopper!) on your list. This bag is made for heavy use with a durable canvas construction, sturdy rope handles, and a hard interior bottom that can take a beating. Monogram it with a choice of five fonts and nine colors.

[www.zoubaby.com](http://www.zoubaby.com)

## 8. Key Ingredient Recipe Reader

Simplify life and clean up clutter for those who love to cook! The gift giver can personalize the Recipe Reader by preloading it with all those treasured family recipes. Also equipped with three kitchen timers that can run simultaneously and a planner feature that allows quick access to selected recipes to make planning meals a breeze!

[KeyIngredient.com](http://KeyIngredient.com)

## 9. Clip-N-Clamp

The ultimate multi-purpose smartphone holder, compatible with any smartphone, e-reader, GPS, and even point-and-shoot cameras! The Clip-N-Clamp is simply a flexible arm with a clip on one end and a clamp on the other. The clamp can anchor to most frames or flat surfaces, up to an inch thick. Perfect for movies, games, or reading in the airport, airplane, car, train, or boat.

[www.TheClipandClamp.com](http://www.TheClipandClamp.com)

## 10. TaskOne

Give the person who has it all an iPhone case that has it all! This lightweight case will do everything from tightening a screw to cutting a steak to opening a bottle. The TaskOne (iPhone 4, 4S and 5) is just as thin or thinner than many other iPhone cases complete with 22 tools, including a kickstand

[www.thetasklab.com](http://www.thetasklab.com)

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## 1. The Pet Vet Clinic

When play animals need care, the Pet Vet is there! Our kit has everything a good vet needs—including bandages, a thermometer, stethoscope...even office supplies like signs and forms! Comes with a 14" carrier. Pets sold separately. (pre-k - 6th grade / 4 yrs. - 11 yrs.)

[www.lakeshorelearning.com](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com)



## 2. Alpha-Bots

Ordinary letters one moment...extraordinary robots the next! With just a few twists & turns, our chunky letters transform into super-cool robots that kids can't resist! 26 Alpha-Bots each change into a different letter of the alphabet—helping kids boost letter skills as they play! Letters are 2 1/8". (preschool & up / 3 yrs. & up)

[www.lakeshorelearning.com](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com)



## 3. Flipeez

Flipeez hats come to life with the press of a button. With 7 characters to choose from including favorites like Twitchy the Kitty, Huggy the Monkey, Peek-a-Boo Monster and Playful Puppy you'll be sure to find a hat for everyone. Flipeez are suitable for all ages and will keep you warm and cozy all winter long.

[www.flipeez.com](http://www.flipeez.com)



## 4. Laser Pegs

Similar to Legos in that they are plastic blocks you build with, Laser Pegs put a high-tech twist on this toy box classic. Inside each Laser Peg block is an LED light bulb and when you connect Laser Pegs pieces together your entire design lights up in reds, blues, greens and yellows. With the Laser Pegs Runners kit, kids can build a car that lights up and even drives.

[www.laserpegs.com](http://www.laserpegs.com)



## 5. Walkaroo Stilts

These sure aren't your Grandpa's stilts! Walkaroos are great for improving balance and coordination. Now easier to learn and much more comfortable, Walkaroos make stilt walking more FUN than any other stilts on the market! Most stilts force the upper body to slump forward, but Walkaroos are different! The S-bend design allows the stilts to wrap comfortably around the shoulders, for safer and more comfortable stilt walking.

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)



## 6. Party animals

Plush pet speakers that dance to the beat of their own drums, literally! Each pet is handmade and equipped with a standard audio input jack, compatible with iPods, iPads, MP3 Players, Laptops, PC's and more. When Party Animals need a rest, a button on the left paw allows users to turn the dancing off while the music keeps playing. There are eight Party Animals available. A portion of each purchase benefits three animal related organizations (PETA, PAWS Chicago, and The Anti-Cruelty Society) which support the adoption of homeless cats and dogs.

[www.dancingpartyanimals.com](http://www.dancingpartyanimals.com)



# FAMILY GAME NIGHT

## GAME PLAN

By Carli McKay



**Y**<sub>4</sub>ou can't win the game if you don't have a plan. Same goes here- if you want to have a successful game night (one that the kids actually enjoy and want to do again) you must have a plan.

### SET A DATE- AND STICK TO IT!

Things will always come up. Unless it is something that is absolutely required, do not let anything change your date once set.

### SPECIAL SNACKS

You know, the kind that the kids beg for every time you take them to the grocery store but you never buy them? Family Game Night is the perfect time to indulge, just a little!

### NO DISTRACTIONS- PERIOD.

Yes, this goes for mom and dad, too! If you are checking Facebook during your son's turn, you're sending the wrong message. Let your kids know this time together is special for everyone in the family.

### MIX IT UP!

If you do the same thing each month, everyone will lose interest. Find a new game your family has never played, get active outside and play HORSE on the basketball hoop, see who can get best score at Wii bowling, bring out the classics like Monopoly every once in a while, and don't forget some good old fashioned fun with Twister!

### AWARDS

Everyone loves getting a little something when they win! Why not buy a large trophy and have "(your family name) Family Champion" engraved on it. Whoever wins the final game of the night gets to keep the trophy until the next game night! The kids will proudly display this badge of honor!

### KEEP IT FUN FOR EVERYONE

Let's face it, sibling rivalry could easily rear its ugly head in this situation. Set rules ahead of time, redirect any bad behavior and provide positive reinforcement where needed. If things get too intense, turn on a silly song and make everyone get up and dance. This is a surefire way to burn off any negative energy and bring a smile back to everyone's face.

## These **NEW** games will make perfect gifts for families that like to have fun!



### 20 EXPRESS

Ultra quick to learn and play, this number sequencing game is perfect for a fast game with a lot of suspense. And what's more—you can play with as many people as you want! Ages 8 to Adult. [www.blueorangegames.com](http://www.blueorangegames.com)



### GEAR BALL

Based on a revolutionary new concept of interconnecting gears that fit together to form a ball. This unique mechanism creates a fluid twisting and turning sensation, stimulating 70,000 nerve endings in your hands. Check out several new puzzles from Recent Toys that are great for children and adults of all ages! [www.recenttoysonline.com](http://www.recenttoysonline.com)



### KEEKEE THE ROCKING MONKEY

This sustainably made wooden game has little learners finding out just how many balls Keekee can juggle. The look on kids' faces as Keekee sways to and fro is priceless! Ages 3 & Up. [www.blueorangegames.com](http://www.blueorangegames.com)



### ODDLY OBVIOUS

All the answers are right in front of you! One player reads clues while the other players race to spot the correct answers on a game card. Fun, fast game! [www.endlessgames.com](http://www.endlessgames.com)



### SNAKE OIL

It cures what ails ya! In the Old West, sly snake oil salesmen had the special talent of getting even the most skeptical customer to buy the most dubious product. In Snake Oil, that's exactly what players get to do. From the creators of Apples to Apples, this game will keep you laughing for hours! Ages 10+ [www.otb-games.com](http://www.otb-games.com)



### SPONTANEOUS

The hilarious party game where your trigger words get players racing to recall song lyrics. Stump the others and it's your chance to go for the win by belting out a tune from your inner playlist! Great for ages 9-99. [www.spontaneous.com](http://www.spontaneous.com)



### SPOT IT! PARTY

Spot it! Party is the expanded edition of the best selling card game. Experience the ultimate Spot it! session with all new ways to play, big twists and even bigger challenges! Ages 10 to Adult. [www.blueorangegames.com](http://www.blueorangegames.com)



### TENZI

Simple, but fun for the whole family! Everyone gets 10 dice, someone says go and you roll and roll until all of your dice are on the same number (10 3's for example). The first player to do this shouts "TENZI!" and wins the game! [www.tenzi.com](http://www.tenzi.com)



# Gifts that Give Back!



## WOMAN Bronze Cuff

Exclusive handmade bronze cuff spells WOMAN in Braille. It's a message of strength inspired by Maya Angelou's quote: "You make me proud to spell my name W-O-M-A-N." 25% of the proceeds of each sale will be donated to Living Beyond Breast Cancer, a national organization providing free information and support to women affected by breast cancer and their families.

[www.everythingbutwater.com](http://www.everythingbutwater.com)



## Monkeez and Friends

This cuddly, cute collection of more than 90 stuffed characters comes with a special code that empowers your child to choose from three charity partners to donate 10% of the wholesale cost of the toy to. Each animal also comes with a "Do Good Trading Card," featuring simple tasks kids can do to be kind and when completed they can get codes to redeem for fun games on the website.

[www.monkeezandfriends.com](http://www.monkeezandfriends.com)



## Beets

"Beets" by OrigAudio headphones are fashionably unique and support a great cause! With every purchase, a can of beets is donated to Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County. Full stereo sound, plugs into anything with a standard 3.5mm headphone jack.

[www.OrigAudio.com](http://www.OrigAudio.com)



## Avon Breast Cancer Ornament

This beautiful glass ornament will make a special gift for any woman. 100% of the net profits donated to the Avon Foundation for Women Breast Cancer Crusade.

[www.avon.com](http://www.avon.com)



## Phyllis Harris Prints

Phyllis Harris Designs original and customizable art prints make a sweet gift for children or young parents. Every illustration print is signed by the award winning artist, illustrator of over 35 children's books. Each print can be personalized at no additional charge, and 5% of every sale goes to Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics to help children who are battling serious illnesses.

[www.PhyllisHarrisDesigns.com](http://www.PhyllisHarrisDesigns.com)