

Mother's Day Gift Guide

Headline: What Women Want

It's not that we don't love the soggy cereal and orange juice sloshed in our laps first thing Mother's Day morning. Or the handmade crafts still moist with glue and trailing glitter throughout the house. Being honoured each May for giving life is part of what makes motherhood so special.

But is it wrong to want more? Something to lift our spirits and make our hearts beat a little faster? No way! We say it's perfectly acceptable to want a little something-something and we've got the guide that will help your babies and daddies deliver.

With **eight categories** to accommodate some very distinct personalities, we've compiled fabulous gift ideas for whatever Mom's heart desires. From can't-miss **book** suggestions for **Literary Mama**, to **trinkets** that will make **Sentimental Mama** weep, to **inspiration** for **Crafty Mama's** creations, we've got it covered.

Since raising a child together pretty much eradicates the need for subtlety, there's no reason for your partner to fumble blindly for gift ideas in a department (or, worse, a home improvement) store. Pick your poison and send the link directly to his in-box for maximum results.

Then sit back and smile through the sips of rancid coffee on that fateful Sunday morning. You know what's coming to you. And it's going to be good.

Sporty Mama

iTrain Workout Programs

Take your fitness to a new level with hundreds of personalized, downloadable workouts. *US \$149.99 for one-year unlimited downloads. Available online at www.itrain.com.*

10-Minute Trainer

Strapped for time and sapped of energy, you can still get a kick-butt workout in the time it takes Dad to change a diaper.

US \$89.85. Available online at www.beachbody.com (This is the direct link: http://www.beachbody.com/product/fitness_programs/10_minute_trainer.do?code=BBHOME_CONTROL_TMT)

3 Set Tank

Because oversized cotton t-shirts from your company's walkathon are *not* acceptable workout gear.

\$52. Available at [lululemon athletica](http://lululemon.com).

Crafty Mama

Martha Stewart's Encyclopedia of Design

Inspiration in a book from the maven of all things crafty.

\$26.40. Available online at www.chapters.indigo.ca (This is the direct link: <http://www.chapters.indigo.ca/bargainbooks/search?keywords=Martha%20Stewart%E2%80%99s%20Encyclopedia%20of%20Design&pageSize=10>)

Scrapbooks By Design

Nothing says I love you like a fully-stocked scrapbooking supply cupboard.

\$100 gift certificate. Available online at www.scrapbooksbydesign.ca

Janome Memory Craft 11000 Special Edition Sewing Machine

Definitely not your mother's sewing machine, this high-tech baby will take your creativity to new heights.

From \$6,500. For availability visit www.janome.ca

Sentimental Mama

Baby Tags

A beautiful, handmade way to show the world who you belong to.

\$55. Available online at www.baby-tags.com

Cici Art Factory Portrait

A sure fire way to melt any mother's heart is to commission a personalized portrait of the apple of her eye. (Sorry, Dad. We mean the *kid*.)

From \$150. Available online at www.ciciartfactory.com

Skin-it

With personalized designs for your favourite electronic device, you'll never play "Whose camera/phone/laptop is this?" again.

From \$15. Available online at www.skinit.com

Outdoorsy Mama

Woods 10-person Cabana Tent

Rock that campsite with style and *space* this summer! (It has a closet – need we say more?)

\$179.99. Available at [Canadian Tire](http://CanadianTire.com).

Pentax Compact Binoculars

Elusive birds are no match for these super high-resolution binoculars. (Incidentally, neither are the quirky neighbours down the street. Just sayin'.)

\$87.55. Available online at www.binocularscanada.com (This is the direct link: <http://www.binocularscanada.com/eNet-cart/product.asp?pid=62210>)

Red Plaid Skull Boots

Never scowl at grey skies again.

\$45. Available online at www.shoprainco.com (This is the direct link: <http://www.shoprainco.com/productdetail/catid/1/item/202/>)

Glam Mama

Mama Mio Supermama Kit

Who needs a phone booth and a cape – with this lavish kit, you can duck into the shower to bring out the gorgessity hiding under all that sleeplessness.

US \$99. Available online at www.mamamio.com (This is the direct link: <http://www.mamamio.com/us/finals/supermamakit.html>)

Strapless in Seattle

It's a sexy dress. No, it's a long skirt. Wait, it's a cool capelet. Pregnant or not, this is *the* most versatile piece of clothing you'll ever own.

\$99.99. Available online at www.kaikids.com (This is the direct link: http://www.kaikids.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=7&products_id=26)

Gold Fleur Ring

This is the kind of May flower we can love all year long.

US \$111. Available online at www.jannaconner.com (This is the direct link: http://www.jannaconner.com/detail.htm?jewelry=new_rings&item=gold_fleur_ring¶ms=4,1,3)

Literary Mama

It Sucked and Then I Cried: How I Had a Baby, a Breakdown, and a Much Needed Margarita

A captivating take on the unexpected joys and glaring indignities of becoming a mother. Trust us, you'll relate.

\$21.12. Available online at www.chapters.indigo.ca (This is the direct link: <http://www.chapters.indigo.ca/books/Sucked-Then-Cried-How-Had-Heather-Armstrong/9781416936015-item.html?ref=Search+Books%3a+%2527heather+b+armstrong%2527>)

The Sweetness at the Bottom of a Pie

Because solving a literary mystery is so much more satisfying than playing “what’s in the Ziploc?”

\$16.50. Available online at www.chapters.indigo.ca (This is the direct link: <http://www.chapters.indigo.ca/books/Sweetness-At-Bottom-Pie-Alan-Bradley/9780385665827-item.html?ref=Search+Books%3a+%2527sweetness+bottom+pie%2527>)

The Book of Negroes

Fresh from a Canada Reads win, this thought-provoking book will take your mind off the trivial. (For a few hours, at least.)

\$13.72. Available online at www.chapters.indigo.ca (This is the direct link: <http://www.chapters.indigo.ca/books/The-Book-of-Negroes-Lawrence-Hill/9781554681563-item.html?ref=Books%3a+Search+Top+Sellers>)

Foodie Mama

Relaxed Cooking With Curtis Stone: Recipes To Put You In My Favorite Mood

If “relaxed” and “cooking” don’t often appear in the same sentence in your house, this is a good option.

\$25.04. Available online at www.chapters.indigo.ca (This is the direct link: <http://www.chapters.indigo.ca/books/Relaxed-Cooking-Curtis-Stone-Recipes-Curtis-Stone/9780307408747-item.html?ref=Books%3aFood+and+Drink%3aNew+This+Month>)

Breville Ikon Panini Press

Crispy grilled sandwiches with no more effort than with that boring old frying pan. Lunchtime will never be the same!

\$99.95. Available at Williams-Sonoma

Domistyle Fresh & Funky Aprons

Don’t let your food upstage your fashion. (Brownie points for pairing an apron with matching pot holders and oven mitts.)

From \$39. Available online at www.domistylegifts.com

Eco Mama

Cargo Plant Love Lipstick

Your principles don’t have to get in the way of your beauty products with these natural and organic lipsticks tucked into compostable packaging.

\$20. Available at Sephora

Earth Mama Body Butter

For expectant bellies, breasts and way beyond, this all-natural lotion goes on like silk.

\$18.95. Available online at www.naylanaturalcare.com (The direct link is: http://www.naylanaturalcare.com/store/Scripts/prodList_brands.asp?idCategory=194)

Bamboo Wrap

Even the most “challenged” of gift givers can’t go wrong with this one-size-fits-all sustainable – and stylish – wrap.

\$83. Available online at www.lavishandlime.com (The direct link is: <http://www.lavishandlime.com/Bamboo-Wrap-p-287.html>)