



Uncluttered Gift Guide For Children



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Quite a few of my readers have mentioned that they have friends and relatives that give their children far too many "clutter" gifts. No matter how much they insist that this stops the gifts just keep on coming. There are many alternative gift ideas that you could suggest they choose. Unfortunately life sometimes gets away from us and when the time is nigh we cannot think of any suggestions to make to these very generous gift givers that are a great alternative to clutter.

In the past I put together a list of alternative gifts with mostly adults in mind. This list is always available to view by clicking on **Guides** from the

menu bar located above the photo at the top of my blog. When you get into **Guides** just click on [Uncluttered Gift Ideas](#). Being as our theme for the week has centered on children I think now would be a great time to put together an uncluttered gift guide for children.

In order to do this I will get a list started on this post today and I would love for you to all contribute ideas via comments so we can come up with a great list that we can all refer back to when gift giving time comes around be that birthdays, bar mitzvahs, Christmas, Hanukkah etc. I am sure you all have some great ideas so please share them with us.

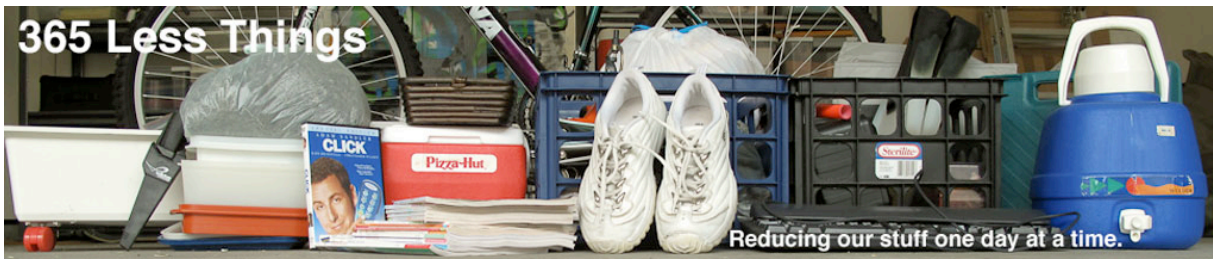
Please feel free to make comments also on the items I have begun the list with and the age groups I have split them up into. My children are now almost 21 and 19 and I may have lost my edge when it comes to this topic so I could really do with your help. This may be the case for the wonderful gift givers in your life also so if you are able to make alternate ideas they may be more likely to conform to your way of thinking.

Ages 0 to 5

- Clothing items
- Education fund deposits (They may not thank you now but they will later)
- Deposit it money into a bank account in the child's name.
- Memberships to your local Zoo or Children's museums, arboretums etc...
- A special outing (This could include anything from a food treat, a trip to the zoo etc)
- Paying for lessons (music, sports, arts, craft)
- Ingredients and special decoration for cookies to a four or five year old kid so that the kid could bake cookies with the parents. You could actually make an outing of this and take them to the grocery store.

Ages 6 to 12

- Money (To make this gift more special I used to make a clue based treasure hunt for my children and they loved it. I used those plastic snap together Easter eggs to hide the money in.)



- Passes to theme parks
- Education fund deposits (They may not thank you now but they will later)
- Deposit it money into a bank account in the child's name
- Movie passes
- Educational software (Even though this is an item if looked after it can be easily sold on when grown out of)
- iTunes credit
- Sporting equipment
- A special clothing item
- A special outing (This could include anything from a food treat to a ball game, ten pin bowling etc)
- Tickets to a Sporting event, concert...
- Paying for lessons (music, sports, arts, craft)

Ages 13 to 18

- Plane tickets to visit friends or family
- Education fund deposits (They may not thank you now but they will later)
- Deposit it money into a bank account in the child's name
- Cell phone recharge
- Money
- Passes to theme parks
- Movie passes
- iTunes credit
- Take-out gift cards (My daughter loved Starbucks cards at this age group)
- Sporting equipment
- Toiletries (You need to know the child well to get this right though)
- A special clothing item (My son is a skateboarder they wear through skate shoes far too often and they make a great gift)
- A special outing (This could include anything from a food treat to a ball game, ten pin bowling etc)
- Tickets to a Sporting event, concert...
- Paying for lessons (music, sports, arts, craft)



Ages 18 to 25

This age group may be a little older but in my experience they need useful gift more now than ever before. They are often still in college/University, moving out for the first time or just started in their first real career job and aren't being paid much at this point.

- Money
- Movie passes
- Gas Cards
- Gift Cards
- iTunes credit
- Cell phone recharge
- Travel credit (Bus/train passes)
- Sporting equipment
- Plane tickets to visit friends or family
- Education fund deposits
- Educational supplies (Book store credit, nice stationary, leather satchel etc)
- Take-out gift cards (My daughter loved Starbucks cards at this age group)
- Household items (Whether they have move out yet or not because it will happen eventually)
(No uni-taskers please)
- Toiletries (You need to know the child well to get this right though)
- Tickets to a Sporting event, concert...
- A special clothing item
- Paying for lessons (music, sports, arts, craft)

Donation Gift Ideas

- Zoo Animals
- Pet shelters
- Kids Sport team equipment
- Food bank (You could actually go grocery shopping together to choose the food)

Cindy has also written some great blogs and left some great comments in the past regarding Children's birthdays and birthday parties...

[Day 252 Kids Birthday Parties](#)

[Day 257 Decluttering Kids Birthdays Part 2](#)

Cindy in response to Day 338 ~ I have a large bin of gifts for the children to give for birthday presents... [Read more](#)

It matters not how fast I go, I hurry faster when I am slow.