

# Moms, Dads & Grads GIFT GUIDE

They say winter with all of its holidays is the season of giving, but spring into summer—with the abundance of birthday parties, graduations, weddings, and, of course, Mother’s and Father’s Day—comes in a close second. Thinking up thoughtful gifts for everyone can take a toll on your creativity and budget, especially when you’ve got shopping to do for multiple categories. Pretty soon, you may just want to give up and instead toss out a handful of American Express gift cards. Before you do, read on to see some unique gift ideas for Moms, Dads and Grads that are sure to show your loved ones they’re not just one more recipient to check off a list (even if, secretly, they kind of are).



## Moms

Celebrating mom gives her the same accolades and attention for one day that she gives to everyone else all year long.

### 1. Juicepresso

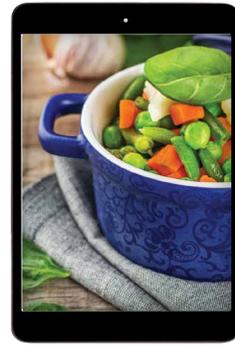
The perfect fit for that coveted kitchen counter space, this compact juicer is super powerful, can accommodate large fruits and veggies and has the smallest footprint of any juicer on the market. The facts that it is quiet and dishwasher safe will make any juicing mom love it more. Newly released colors, red and white in time for Mother’s Day. \$499.99; [juicepressousa.com](http://juicepressousa.com)

### 2. Sous Chef

Give mom a break in the kitchen—consider splurging for one of the many healthy or gourmet meal delivery services that delivery fresh and farm to table pre-measured ingredients for a chef-designed recipe of her choosing. Of course she shouldn’t be cooking on Mother’s Day—but this gift will keep her pampered long after. Some we like: Plated ([plated.com](http://plated.com)), Blue Apron ([blueapron.com](http://blueapron.com)) and Sakara Life ([sakara.com](http://sakara.com)) of which Lily Aldridge, Chrissy Teigen and Lena Dunham are fans.

### 3. Reisa Parfum

In limited supply, give mom a signature scent that’s as unique as she is. Reisa is a citrusy-floral scent with notes including Italian bergamot, jasmine, orange blossom and anchored with a hint of woody oud dancing among vanilla and patchouli. The LA-based mom and entrepreneur who created this scent donates 20 percent of profits to organizations that promote youth empowerment, inner strength and generosity. \$245/100 ml. eau de parfum; \$45 perfume oil roller ball; \$15 mini sprayer; available at [trulyyourparfums.com](http://trulyyourparfums.com) or Siany 968 S Westlake Blvd, Westlake Village, CA (805) 557-1881





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## Dads

Whether he is the rough and tumble sort or the strong and silent type, encourage dad to indulge this Father's Day.

### 4. Hammock

Hardworking and ultra-involved, give dad the green light to slow down. A nap al fresco will let him still be in the middle of the action (or not) but with no guilt about closing his eyes. We can't help if he'll have partners in crime, however, as these woven beds are fun for everyone. Search for an old-fashioned or luxe new one online, or check out the nylon weather resistant ones at REI 402 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA (310) 458-4370 or REI at The Village 6220 Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Woodland Hills (818) 703-5300 or rei.com (\$100)

### 5. Scottish Aristocracy

While it is said that a man is the king of his castle, we all know that's not always the case. Until now. Buy dad a plot of land at the Highland Titles Nature Reserve at Glencoe Wood in Scotland, and he can call himself a Lord or Laird of Glencoe. The land is managed as a nature reserve, so every purchase helps to improve and conserve the spectacular Scottish Highlands. Starting at just under \$50; highlandtitles.com/

### 6. Beer Brewer

For a beer-loving dad, this gift goes beyond the appreciation for a cold one from the refrigerator. Now dad can brew his own with a kit complete with the highest quality ingredients and turn his man cave (or the kitchen) into his own personal brewery. \$45 (refills \$20); uncommongoods.com/product/west-coast-style-ipa-beer-brewing-kit

### 7. Dream Car

Dad might be driving around in a practical car—room for car seats, a third row to cart the family around, or one that is budget minded—but at least for one day he is all about the need for speed (and ultra luxury). Rent dad an exotic car for the day from Exotic Cars by Enterprise in Encino—ones to choose from include Bentley, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Aston Martin and more! 17717 Ventura Blvd, Encino, CA, 91316 (818) 654-5230 or exoticcars.enterprise.com/en/locations/encino.html



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## Grads

They worked so hard to make you proud and pave the way for their futures. Reward them with gifts for the moment or that they can enjoy for a long time to come.

### 8. Magic Days

Even those who consider themselves among the mature set now are likely Harry Potter fans who would love to spend a day at Universal Studios Hollywood's newly unveiled Wizarding World of Harry Potter watching magic come to life—at Hogwarts, Hogsmeade and sampling some Butter Beer and some of Harry's other favorite fare. universalstudioshollywood.com/harrypotter/

### 9. True Wave

With lots of time now free from studying, what's a grad to do? Well, go surfing of course. And not just on any machine-made board (not that those are not fabulous), but on a handmade one-of-a-kind board crafted by surfer, shaper and Pepperdine student Joseph Ramli who makes them all by hand, allowing him to customize colors and style according to a grad's preference. Starting around \$500; honestsurfboards.weebly.com

### 10. Back Story

At first it might seem that a backpack is the last thing a graduate would want to see after graduation—but not so. Especially when it's a totally stylish one made specifically not to hurt a person's back. With the help of a doctor and chiropractor (along with a husband-wife team of owner and master craftsmen), the Healthy Back Pack by Ameribag was born. Their latest styles would make great presents for grad as well as mom and dad. Prices vary. Available at ameribag.com or locally at Relax the Back Store 2519 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica CA 90403 (310) 315-2669



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