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i used to agonize over gifting to men, until i realized it was because i was trying to get them things i thought they should have. now, i've finally learned to just cave and get the men what they actually want at the holidays...even if it's pointless (or even annoying) to me, i figure that's exactly what they think when we ask for yet another scarf or pair of earrings. with that in mind, i've compiled a list of some of the best ideas i've come across this year to make him smile on christmas morning.

for the geek in your life, the splurge du jour is the playstation 3. from what i understand, it's quite the gadget - it plays bluray discs, allows him to download movies and games from the internet, and may even julienne carrots. okay, maybe not that last one. pick it up for about \$400 and score some serious points.

for my little bro, who simply cannot keep his house smelling even remotely decent, i'm going to give him a gift that will help him get his saturday night date inside the front door. this cool diffuser from joya boasts a very masculine skull and crossbones on the outside, and a completely gender-neutral gunpowder green tea scent on the inside - all he has to do is set it up, and the stench is...well, masked at least.

if you're gifting to someone a little more rugged, i can't think of many guys that wouldn't love this filson briefcase (\$245). it's a great, masculine option for a laptop bag (but still incredibly stylish) that will make him feel like he's off on a mountaineering adventure, even when it's really just his daily commute.

when all else fails, boys do love their toys. so, indulge him...but in as creative a way as you can. if he's into golf, pick up a couple of gift certificates for a round at his favorite course. if he's never met a microbrew he doesn't like, cave and get him that beer of the month club membership (or yes, even that home brewing kit he's been craving). and if his favorite thing to do on a saturday is watch a marathon of bad sci fi, well, bite the bullet and buy him a star trek box set...maybe even tack on a promise to watch a few with him. you get the idea.

and, last but not least - it may not elicit childlike squeals of delight, but i promise...the man in your life is secretly thrilled you're there to help him with his fashion choices. so, throw a stylish cashmere sweater or a hip watch (diesel does a great job of blending cool and "stylish") under the tree for good measure - just make sure to mix the fashion goodies with a few toys!

so, how about a little help from the committee? what's the best gift you've ever given to a guy? share the love, people!

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- @savivaman are you happy it settled? Hooray for vacay!
- @janessao oh! Jello :)
- @janessao water-rich foods - melons, grapes - broth soup with fun pasta shapes maybe, runny oatmeal. Would she eat a jamba w/ a spoon?

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