



White Elephant GIFT IDEAS

Everyone will want to snag one of these fun, affordable gifts *By Cindy Brzostowski*

Enjoyed among friends, family and coworkers, a white elephant gift exchange is a holiday classic. Because the fun comes more from the blind choosing and competitive swapping than the value of the items themselves, chances are there will be a price limit. If you're stumped by what to bring to the table that fits the bill and isn't a complete gag gift, consider one of these items. Bonus: They make great stocking stuffers.

UNDER \$15



LOLLIA RELAX SHEA BUTTER SOAP (\$12)

Packaged in a beautiful floral box, this shea butter soap from Margot Elena's Lollia brand smells of lavender and honey. Even washing your hands with this fragranced soap can feel luxurious. Soap is always a safe choice when it comes to gift-giving, and this one, in particular, makes for a special treat that anyone can use and enjoy. margotelena.com



PUREWINE WAND 4 PACK (\$12)

The Wand from PureWine is designed to purify your wine without altering its natural taste or aroma. By removing histamines and sulfites, the product is meant to help drinkers avoid those pesky wine headaches that come from wine sensitivities. Each single-use wand is BPA-free and conveniently portable. You just have to place it in your glass of wine for at least three minutes, though you're free to leave it in for as long as you want. drinkpurewine.com

UNDER \$10



LEVEL NATURALS SHOWER BOMBS (\$9)

You know bath bombs, but what about shower bombs? Level Naturals makes shower bombs that you place on the floor of your shower, under the water stream, releasing a soothing scent from the steam. Each package contains four shower bombs, and you can decide among eucalyptus, lavender and cucumber. levelnaturals.com



TEXAS SAKÉ COMPANY SAKÉ BOTTLE (FROM \$11.50)

Headquartered in Austin, Texas Saké Company sells a variety of boldly flavored sakés. For under \$15, you can pick up one of their 375-ml bottles of Junmai, Nigori or Oak saké, each of which is 14-percent ABV. Junmai tastes clean and bright; Nigori is creamy and sweet; Oak has a smoky aroma. The bottles are slightly cheaper when purchased at their taproom in south Austin rather than online. txsake.com



SKREWBALL PEANUT BUTTER WHISKEY (50 ML, \$3 TO \$5)

Peanut butter and whiskey might seem like an unusual or even bizarre combination, but Skrewball Whiskey aims to prove how delicious it can be. A 50-ml bottle of their peanut butter whiskey makes for a fun gift, not just for whiskey lovers but also foodies who love to try new things. While you're certainly welcome to drink it straight, this unique spirit also works well in a variety of cocktails. skrewballwhiskey.com

ELEMENTS TRUFFLES ARTISANAL CHOCOLATE (FROM \$7)

Ayurveda-inspired Elements Truffles' small-batch chocolate bars are free of any dairy, refined sugar, gluten, soy or preservatives. Some of their delicious flavors include rose with cardamom, orange quinoa with turmeric and peppermint with lavender. While the tastiness of the chocolate is enough reason to buy, the company donates one-quarter of its profits toward the education of underprivileged children in India. elementstruffles.com

