

# 10 Last-Minute Affordable Father's Day Gifts

How to make dad's day without breaking the bank

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With Father's Day this Sunday, you might find yourself still without a gift for dad. But don't worry: It's not too late to get him a great present.

According to the National Retail Federation, shoppers will spend an average of \$117.14 on Father's Day gifts this year, up 10 percent from last year. You can, however, beat the high costs with the right gift.

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For some budget-friendly gift ideas, *U.S. News* spoke to Lindsay Roberts, founder of TheGiftInsider.com, and consumer and money-saving expert Andrea Woroch.



**Magazine cover.** Yourcover.com lets you upload a photo and plug in captions to create a customized magazine cover. "You can print it out yourself, so this is something you can literally do on Father's Day," Roberts says. (\$12.95)

**Guitar pick.** If your Dad is really into music, River Valley Jewelry on Etsy makes custom guitar picks. They're available in metal, copper, or brass. "You could put your dad's favorite song lyrics onto the pick," Roberts suggests. (\$32)

**Coasters.** On Madcanvases.com, you can send in pictures and the company will make custom coasters. "They'll look great on the coffee table," Roberts says. (\$60 for two sets of four coasters)

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**iPhone apps.** You can buy apps for your dad based on his different hobbies or interests. "You can get a few, and apps are reasonably priced," Roberts says. Prices vary.

**Mancrate.** Order a crate full of themed items, like nuts and beer bottles, from Mancrates.com. "It comes with a crow bar that you have to use to open it," Roberts says. (From \$54.99)

**Adventure package.** Cloud9living (cloud9living.com) offers a wide range of gifts, but Woroch recommends purchasing one of the adventure packages. "Whether it's skydiving, white-water rafting, or racecar driving, you can find Dad a memorable gift for under \$100," she says. Prices vary.

**Photo book.** "One-up the traditional photo gift with a photo book featuring a timeline of your favorite memories with him," Woroch says. Freeshipping.org offers a coupon for free shipping on orders of \$25 or more from Snapfish, where you can find several styles of photo books and price points. (From \$11.99)

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**Sliders grilling set.** Redenvelope.com sells a sliders mini-burger set, complete with a triple-slider burger press for the perfect-sized sliders and a bun cutter. "All dads love to grill," Roberts says. (\$29.95)

**Park pass.** Get dad an annual America the Beautiful pass from the National Park Service, which will give him access to all the national parks and wildlife refuges. (\$80)

**Ties.** Every man loves a good tie. Give your father a subscription to TieTry, an online service offering designer ties. "He can choose from such artists as Fendi, Hermes, and Calvin Klein without shelling out top-dollar for designer looks," Woroch says. (\$11.99 per month)

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