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5 Creative Things to Do With Gifts You Can't Return

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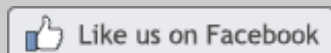
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It's easy to feel like a bad person when we don't want a present we were given in the spirit of the season.

However, letting go of things you don't need or love has zero reflection on your feelings towards the gift giver, so let that gift go guilt-free.



Below are 5 creative things to do with those unwanted gifts.

1) Try for store credit

Sometimes a store credit or exchange will be allowed, even if a return will not. Try to exchange it as soon as possible, though. If you don't have a receipt, you'll end up getting back what the lowest price of the item was, and not actually what was spent.

2) Donate it

You may not love that sweater, but there's a woman out there who will consider it her new favorite thing. If it's extra incentive, donations are tax deductible - you'll be glad you did so come tax time.

A great way to donate with a spin is a service like [Freecycle](#). Just post the item you are trying to unload, and someone who lives nearby and needs that item will come pick it up.

3) Regifting

Regifting is not ungrateful. It's simply knowing the item you don't need is perfect for someone else. Regifting is simple, easy, and doesn't cost a dime. Plus a lot of the time, it could be exactly the thing the other person wanted.

4) Host a gift-swap happy hour

Invite friends over or meet somewhere to exchange any unwanted gifts from the season.

Make sure to set the ground rule that nobody is allowed to get upset if they see a gift they gave someone.

5) Barter

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