

# Christmas gifts for all the family



**€100+**

- 1. Sony Playstation 4 with 500GB hard drive €399 (Argos) <http://www.argos.ie/static/Product/partNumber/1222540.htm>**
- 2. Peerless 125 Cross fountain pen, gold and platinum - €180-€395 (see below)**
- 3. Galaxy Note 4, 5.7" full HD screen, 32 GB - €499**

The Playstation 4 and X box One are the ultimate Christmas presents for boys of a certain age – i.e. between 7 and 45. Both are neck and neck when it comes to price and power. For the more sedate male, a classy fountain pen, such as Cross gold or platinum-plated Peerless 125 range, might suit. It is based on the pen firm's first design, dating back to 1889. If you've a lot of cash to splash and that special person needs a phone, the new Galaxy Note 4 deserves a look. It's Samsung's most powerful device and compared well with the iPhone 6 in reviews, with a bigger screen, more (claimed) battery oomph and mind-blowing HD quality.



**€50-€100**

- 1. Armani Code pour homme gift set - €57.00**
- 2. Petalwell's essential oil diffuser gift set - €95.00**
- 3. The De'Longhi Gusto Melody III coffee machine. €53.99 (Argos)**



<http://www.argos.ie/static/Product/partNumber/9062207/Trail/searchtext%3ESEE+ALL+KITCHEN+ELECTRICAL+WOW+DEALS.htm>

Aftershave with a high-end brand name, such as Armani, is a good fail-safe option for the man in your life. The essential oil diffuser is probably more likely to appeal to the woman. The blurb says that it "brings together innovative technology and cool, contemporary design to release the therapeutic benefits of pure essential oils." Coffee lovers will love the De'Longhi Gusto coffee machine, which is on special offer at Argos for less than half-price.



**€40-€60**

- 1. Marks & Spencer Sommelier set - €40**
- 2. Sennheiser CX275 Headphones - €49**
- 3. MICRO nail, electric home manicure device - € 49.95**



Don't you know, dahling, that it's absolutely frowned upon to cut the foil top off a wine bottle with an ordinary knife? You're supposed to use that special thingy sommeliers use. But where to get one? In M&S's sommelier kit, off course. If you don't have a wine snob in your life, you soon will after buying him or her one of these. Also includes a stopper and corkscrew. You'll never go wrong giving someone spare headphones. Ours are usually in a hopeless tangle or misplaced, probably at the bottom of a seldom-used jogging top. Nor can you go far wrong with the Sennheiser brand. Why spend time and money going to a manicurist when you can do it for free in the comfort of your own home? Well, not quite for free - you have to buy a MICRO polisher first for €49.95. Or, better still, receive it as a gift.





## €20-€40

1. Alex and Ani jewellery - from €26.
2. Alcatel Boomband - €29
3. Make Up Forever Beauty Kit - €37



A third-generation jeweller, Carolyn Rafaelian founded Alex and Ani in 2004. She designs the distinctive range of bangles to incorporate multicultural energy symbols.

For the fitness freak, there's always the Alcatel Boomband. This is one of a new generation of health-related gizmos that keeps an eye on your body, setting daily sleep and step targets and logging calorie consumption.

And last but not least, there's the great 'female present fall-back option' - the make-up kit.



## €3-€20

1. Marks & Spencer collection tie - €13
2. Scratch and sniff book (€2.99), Mini colourful watch (€6.99) and Craft kit (€5.99) (all Aldi) - €15.97 <https://www.aldi.ie/en/specialbuys/sunday-23-november/>
3. Marks & Spencer Collection santa hat with beard - €20



If you have lots of little nieces and nephews, you'll be thanking God for Lidl and Aldi. But you have to get there quick to get the best ones. Lidl's pressie range came out last Thursday and are probably mostly sold by now. But Aldi's are on sale for the first time today. In addition to the pressies on our list, there are also jigsaw books for €4.99 and Christmas sticker and activity books for €1.49.

Marks & Spencer also have a great range of small quirky presents in addition to those we flagged. There are nice bags and watches and a Harris Tweed laptop case for €47.50 for the hipster/gentleman in you life. Another item in the men's collection is a sort of magnifying glass with arms and clips for holding photos up. Hmm...I'm not sure about that one unless you have a budding Sherlock Holmes on your list.

