

Alternative Gift Giving Ideas

- Just hang out with your friends and/or family. Make improvised arts and crafts. Bake. Sing. Have a cuddle puddle.
 - Purchase gifts from locally owned businesses
 - Create your own gifts
 - Donate money to a socially worthy cause in the name of a loved one.
 - Make a hand-made recipe book
 - Books on tape
 - Adopt a polar bear, snow leopard or giant panda in the name of all my friends and family members from World Wildlife Fund.
 - Gift basket of organic teas and fair trade coffees
 - Give Linux for Christmas! It's free and it works like a charm!
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- Write a song or poem. Perform it. Frame it.
 - Make a family calendar
 - Avoid commercial wrapping paper, ribbons, bows and tape, which are not recyclable, and opt for gift bags, tea towels or nice boxes, which are eco-friendly.
 - Give something you don't use any more.
 - Give herb plants
 - Make hand-made soap or candles
 - For the elderly people in your life, research newspaper and magazine articles from their youth and present in a creative fashion.
 - Write and illustrate a book for the young people in your life



More gift giving ideas:

<http://www.localfirst.org/>

<http://deesings.livejournal.com/97610.html>

<http://green-jenni.livejournal.com/117627.html>

http://www.treehugger.com/files/2005/11/holiday_gifts_f.php

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