

# Gift Ideas

## Innovative Ideas For Moms, Dads And Grads

(NAPSA)—Wondering what to get moms, dads and grads this year? Creative living expert Deborah Durham has lots of ideas.

“Think personal,” says Durham. “You can create simply-made yet wonderful gifts for moms, dads and grads of all sorts without breaking the bank. A personal computer such as the Hewlett-Packard HP Pavilion and a color inkjet printer will get you started. Add in a scanner and/or digital camera, and the possibilities are practically endless!”

### Mother's Day

Start an old-fashioned tradition with a “Mom’s Memory Book” containing baby photos from every year.

- Add to the book annually, adding each new child for a yearly record.

- Document the new baby with your digital camera and print out photos onto glossy photo paper (such as HP premium glossy 8.5” x 11” paper). You might even print the photos using a sepia tone for an antique look.

- Cut out photographs and, using old-fashioned photo corners now available in easy-to-use self-stick form, put them into a ready-made blank photo book. Or, get out the pinking shears for a unique photo edge.

- Embellish the photos with appropriate stickers and captions in “Mother’s Day 2002” with gold or silver ink pens for the finishing touch.

### Father's Day

If your dad has a home office, here are some ideas to bring a smile to his face. Use iron-on T-shirt transfers to customize plain white mouse pads.

- Choose a design from various clip-art software collections you can buy or download for free from the Internet. Think about Dad’s interests to customize/personalize the message. For example, if Dad fancies himself quite an angler, create an “I’d rather be fishing” theme.

- Get a photo of him in his hip



waders and scan it into your computer using an HP ScanJet Color Scanner. For the aspiring chef, images of kitchen utensils, fruits and vegetables would be right. Or, simply enlarge and print out the name and logo of his business.

Use the same motif to create personalized magnets for posting notes on Dad’s metal file cabinet. A trip to the craft store is all you need to find the magnet sheets that will go through your printer.

- Print up a batch on the plain side of each sheet. Cut out and apply.

If that isn’t enough, repeat the design and print out onto stickers that Dad can use to label storage boxes of old tax records, client proposals, cancelled checks, etc.

### Graduates

For the music maven, burn a CD of your graduate’s favorite songs and custom print the CD label.

- Choose your design based on the mood of music.

- Scan in a photo of your grad and add, for example, “From the CD Collection of Samantha Jones.”

- You’ll find pre die-cut labels all ready for your color inkjet printer. Just click “Print.”

- While you’re at it, print up a batch of labels and give them along with a box of blank CDs so she can burn her own.

Repeat the idea using DVD labels for the movie buff on your graduating list.

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