

Gift Ideas

Handy Gifts For Do-It-Yourselfers

(NAPSA)—If you can't seem to nail down the perfect gift for your do-it-yourselfer, you may want to take a bit of advice: Check out power drills.

Do-it-yourselfers consider drills to be a universal power tool, meaning just about any handy person could probably use one in the toolbox. They come in many different sizes, both corded and cordless, and are among the best-selling power tools on the market. Keep in mind, cordless drills have many different power source options and come in varying power levels. Here's a quick overview:

Cutting The Cord

The newest cordless drills on the market use Lithium-Ion batteries. Lithium-Ion battery technology provides more power than traditional cordless batteries in a smaller, lighter-weight drill. Also, this technology allows the battery to hold a charge for up to 18 months. That means the drill will likely be ready when the user needs it; a claim traditional cordless drills can't always make.

Traditional cordless drills run on NiCd or NiMH batteries. These technologies have been in the market for years and, as a result, are much less expensive than the newer Lithium-Ion drills. This is mainly due to the volume of cordless tools that are produced using these older technologies. However, these drills are heavier and more cumbersome, so consider the



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users' needs before deciding which tool to purchase.

Traditional Tool

Lastly, there is the corded electric drill, which was invented in the early 1900s and has evolved to what consumers purchase today. With the influx of cordless drills, the popularity of corded drills has decreased. However, if the person does not need the added mobility and convenience of a cordless drill, the corded drill just might be the right choice.

Finding Drills

Companies such as Skil Power Tools manufacture all three kinds of drills. Before going to your home improvement store to make a purchase, you may want to visit www.skil.com to compare your options and determine which tool is best for your recipient. With a little preparation you're sure to find a gift that will please.