

# What Geek Mama Wants for the Holidays

Are you a wimp when it comes to making out a wish list for the holidays? Let geek mama show you how to construct a wish list...no matter your gender.

## If the World were Your Oyster...

If you don't ask for what you want, how is anyone to know what to gift you for the holidays? While I've been through my cycles of "no shopping allowed (with an exclamation mark)," this year I'm forging ahead in my wish list development with complete disregard to budgetary constraints. And, when talking about new purchases and electronic merchandise, you may as well throw sustainability out the window as well.

So, the following list is, for the most part, untenable for the green geek or for the majority of designers and developers, thanks to cost and/or environmental factors. But, I've thrown a few cool items in the mix to spark your imagination and to learn more about what's available (or what is merely a dream), no matter if you're a geek mama or papa.

### Tickets to Gadget Show Live 2011



If you want to experience it, play it, test it, buy it or simply be part of "it," then you might want to attend <u>Gadget Show Live 2011</u>. This show is the UK's ultimate consumer electronics event and returns for its third year



at the NEC, Birmingham next April 12-17. While the tickets are reasonable, you would need to add plane tickets and a hotel room to my itinerary for this event...

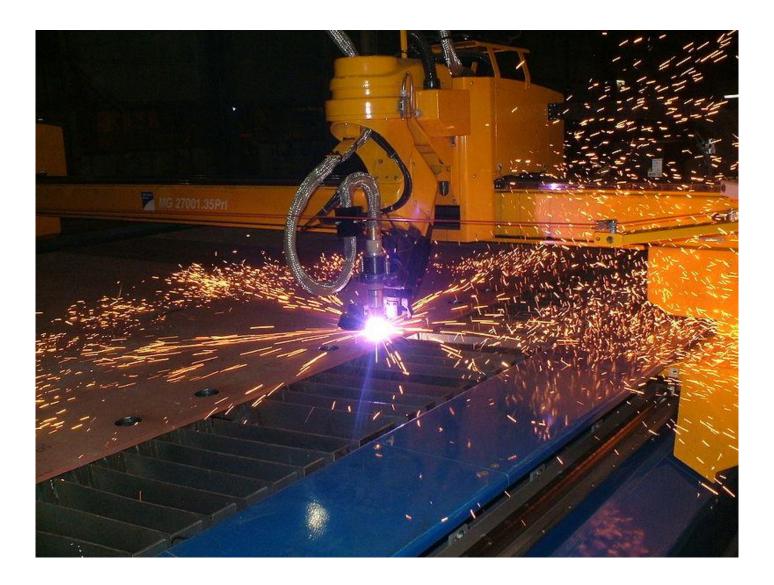
#### **Book that Hotel**



If you don't know my preferences for hotels, simply go to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Boutique & Luxury Hotel Specialists. You don't need to register to book a room, and you might be delighted to know that some of these rooms do not cost and arm and a leg. Plus, thanks to exhaustive research, anonymous hotel reviews, and the guarantee that the room rates they get you are the best available, your special stay is in safe hands. Simply click 'hotel search' and let them send YOU on a perfect trip. I have electrical adapters...just make sure I have connectivity when you book that room for me.

#### **CNC Plasma Cutter**

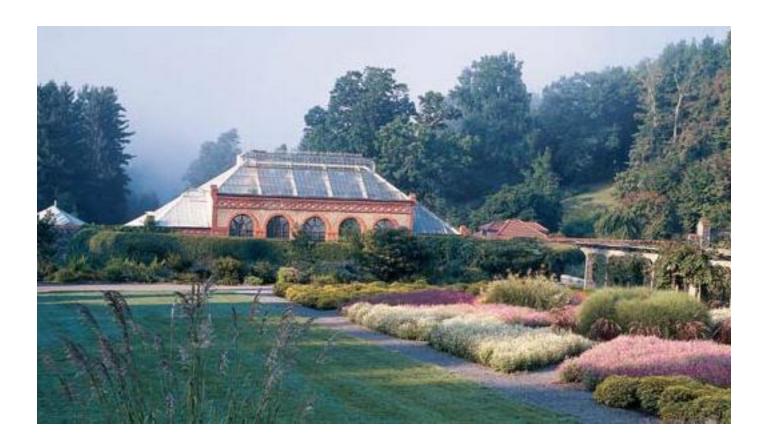




If you're thinking about building something large from metal (yo, sculptors!), then you might want a plasma cutter to get the job done precisely. If you don't know how plasma cutters work, then read up at <a href="How Stuff">How Stuff</a> Works or <a href="Wikipedia">Wikipedia</a>. If you want to learn more about the best machines out there, sign into the <a href="CNC Zone">CNC Zone</a> forums to ask questions or to provide your own knowledge. Then, purchase the best machine for me. I want the entire works, please.

### Greenhouse





I want to be able to grow my own food year 'round (ok, that's a bit sustainable). But, I want the best of the best in greenhouses. The greenhouse I want is not for sale, so I would need a replica (and the land to put it on). Just visit the <u>Biltmore Estate and Gardens</u> in Asheville, North Carolina to learn more about what might please a geeky gardener.

One or Two (or Three) Pairs of Christian Louboutin





Christian Louboutin Margi Diams Strass \$1,995.00



Christian Louboutin Lady Bow \$735.00



Christian Louboutin Lady Bow \$735.00



Christian Louboutin Lady Bow \$735.00



Christian Louboutin Lady Derby \$1,175.00



Christian Louboutin Chichi \$995.00



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Christian Louboutin Python Very Prive \$1,255.00



Christian Louboutin Ron Ron \$595.00



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\$795.00

What woman (or man) can resist shoes such as these...and this is a conservative selection offered by Christian Louboutin. Even at my age, I'm attracted to the thigh-high Gazolina and the quirky little Fred Flat. But, while preferences may vary, the cost does not. I've offered hints, so scrimp and save!



## **Celebrity Tweet**



There are times when social media needs a boost. What better way to get your message out than through a <u>celebrity Tweet</u>? If I want to appeal to male instincts, I would want <u>Kim Kardashian</u>. If I wanted to appeal to women, I would use...hmm....not listed (OUCH to Michael Ian Black!).

#### **Personal Submarine**



I really would like to explore some underwater domains before they're totally destroyed, wouldn't you? After some exploring online, I found a <u>Yellow Submarine</u> (to the left above) that fits the bill for the holidays. I'm not into blue.



## **FOKI Floor Cleaning Shoe**



I'm a bit disappointed that this artwork (go to this link to see the complete demonstration) shows a woman using these revolutionary time-saving, bacteria-fighting, dust-busting shoes. I'm sure they would fit a few men, too – although, come to think of it, I've rarely seen a commercial where men use vacuum cleaners. Not right.

Outside this complaint, these shoes seem awesome – Send me a <u>WII</u> and bowl I'll bowl my way to cleaner floors (right).

### Steampunk Phone





Oh, shut up and get out! This phone is perfect for my monkey room (more about that room at a later date). And, it's not expensive, considering it's a work of art. Visit Scott Freeland's other offerings at <a href="Etsy">Etsy</a> for more gift ideas. PS – I don't care for pink any more than I care for blue.

## BeoSound 8





<u>Bang & Olufsen</u> creates a sound system that can work with iPad, iPhone, iPod or a computer. Music on a docked or USB linked device can be controlled via the dedicated round remote control or of course your existing Beo4 or Beo5 remote controls if you already own other Bang & Olufsen equipment. I don't, so add a remote control to the wish list.

## **Nothing Like Chocolate**





When I celebrate, it's usually with whiskey or chocolate (or champagne, shown below). This time, send me a rose gold, dark brown ceramic keys, dark brown leather, limited edition <u>Vertu mobile phone</u> with Bluetooth and USB connectivity, PC and Mac synchronisation and modem support. But, hurry – only 350 available!

## Conclusion

If you wonder where I wander when I want to look at decidedly decadent geek ideas, you might try one of the links below:

- Acquire: A great place to drool over man toys.
- Bit Rebels: A place to look luxuriously geek for less.
- Geek & Hype: Browse around for luxury, style and technology.
- The Luxury Hub: Where luxury is not an option.
- <u>The Robb Report</u>: Only the best in global luxury resources.
- <u>Trendhunter Luxury</u>: Of course!

And, to top off my wish list, here's a celebration tip – try <u>Moët et Chandon</u> champagne for an historic kick. The company, <u>founded in 1743</u>, holds a Royal Warrant to supply champagne to Queen Elizabeth II, so it should be good enough for me.



