

...and visions of wormwheels danced in their heads

Does anyone know where we can find a gear-shaped fruitcake?

It's the holiday season again, and the Addendum staff has many friends. We'd like to get each of them the perfect holiday gift, something that demonstrates thought, caring and good will. Of course, we're looking for gifts with meaning, and for us, that can only mean gears.

To prepare for the gift-giving season, we've sent our team of personal assistants to shopping malls, corner boutiques and websites around the globe with a simple mission: Find the gears.

Because we know that many of you share our mindset, we've assembled a brief list of some of the gifts that will be sure to impress your loved ones this year.



GEAR TIES

Perfect for dads, husbands and male co-workers with gear fashion sense, The Lee Allison Co. of Chicago offers designer ties with a gear motif. These handmade ties are 100% woven silk and are available in burgundy/gold/ivory (shown), black/gray/silver and blue/green/gold, for \$59. The company's owner, Lee Allison himself, has offered free shipping (within the United States) for *Gear Technology* readers. Just call 888-434-8437 and tell them you saw the tie in *Gear Technology*, or visit www.leeallison.com and type in the promotional code GEAR at checkout. If you visit the website, you can also view the other colors.



GEAR EARRINGS

For that special lady on your shopping list, Kar5 Jewelry, Gifts and Accessories, located in New York City, offers a unique variety of hand-crafted jewelry items. According to the company's website, this jewelry can "take you from a streetfight to the opera," which makes it perfect for a number of Addendum team relatives.

Pictured here are Kar5's gearstone earrings, available with either black stones or neutral stones, for \$22 a pair. The earrings can be ordered from the company by calling (201) 656-2725 or by sending an e-mail message to kar5jewelry@netscape.net.



FOR THE KIDS

Gears!Gears!Gears! from Learning Resources Inc. of Vernon Hills, IL, is a line of gear-related learning toys for ages 3 and up. The 95-piece Gears!Gears!Gears! Building Set includes brightly colored gears, pillars, cranks, connectors and an interlocking base, available for \$19.95 from www.gearsgearsgears.com, the company's website, or by calling 888-800-7893. Related accessories and building activity books are also available.

Learning Resources also offers motorized sets, including the Gear-

botics™ Sonic T-Rex™, a 28-piece set for building a walking, roaring dinosaur. The set includes gears, connectors, dinosaur pieces and a motor with T-Rex sounds. It's available for \$28.95 on the website. Other motorized sets include the Gearbotics™ Sonic Insect, Gearbotics™ Sonic Robot and Gearbotics™ Sonic Space Station.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EVERYTHING

We recommend that Internet-savvy shoppers visit Internet auction sites, such as eBay (www.ebay.com). We found a lot of gear-related items there, including some incredible bargains on gear games, gear toys, gear puzzles, gear jewelry, gear neckties and much more.

DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE TO FIND GEAR WRAPPING PAPER?

Now that our shopping is almost done, we'd like to wish all of you a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year. We'd also like to remind you that it's better to give than to receive, and that the Addendum team's address is 1425 Lunt Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, U.S.A.—in case any of you come up with that gear-shaped fruitcake.

WARNING

Taking the advice of the Addendum team has been proven to cause loved ones to believe you have an unhealthy obsession with gears.

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