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Top Five Techie Gifts for Dad

Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope. --Bill Cosby

Whether your dear, old dad is a tech-savvy genius or a Mr. Magoo with computers, here are our Top Five Techie Gifts for Dads that is sure to please.

#5: For the Social Dad: Ego Book \$29.95 to \$44.95
– If Dad is an avid Facebook-user like the rest of us, what better way to show you care than by ‘immortalizing’ his Facebook forever? EgoBook transforms a digital Facebook, well, into an actual book. Similar to a “year in review” type of publication, EgoBook will publish all of Dad’s statuses, wall posts, comments, messages and most importantly photos into a neatly hardback or paperback book. Consumers can even personalize the book by creating an original book title.



#4: For the Budget Eco-Dad: Seat Belt Camera Straps \$20 –\$35
What better way to show Dad how eco-friendly you are than with a recycled gift? Seat Belt Camera Straps are made from reclaimed seat belts that are 2 inches wide and adjust to a total length of 3.5 feet. They come in six retro colors (burgundy, teal, white, red, lime, and silver) and easily attach to a point-and-shoot camera or D-SLR. Get one Seat Belt Camera Strap for \$20 (direct) or two (one for you, one for him) for \$35.



#3: For the Eco-Dad with Dough: Magno Large Radio
\$300 areaware.com
-- Hand-crafted in an Indonesian farming village, the Magno AM/FM radio has an appealing mix of retro and modern styling. Made from new growth wood, for every tree that is used in production, a new one is planted. Its uncoated surface should be oiled periodically to encourage a deeper connection between user and object. MP3 compatible, with short wave reception.



#2: For the Retro Dad: Crosley Archive Portable USB Turntable
\$140 Urban Outfitters.com
--Turn all those dusty LPs into digital gold with this portable USB-ready turntable, or finally get started on that career as a DJ. Both MAC and PC compatible, it's easy as pie with easy-to-use software that'll have your hot tracks jockeying on the decks and on your MP3 player. The belt-drive turntable plays 7" and 12" records at 33 1/3, 45, and 78 rpm. Automatic return tone arm; diamond stylus needle; adjustable tone control; built in dynamic full range stereo speakers; solid wood construction; vinyl wrapped; chrome snap closure; corner guards; metal and resin handle. Made in the USA. *MAC and PC compatible



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Eat for the Arts!

Join Perkins Computer Center and the Perkins Historic Merchants District as we host a fabulous Summer Food Festival, “Eat for the Arts” benefiting the Community Fund for the Arts! **On Thursday, June 16th from 6-9pm**, enjoy food and drinks from over 20 of BR’s best restaurants and merchants. Watch live performances from BR’s premier music, art, and dance organizations as you stroll along Perkins Road from S Acadian until Kalurah St (by the Overpass). Free Park and Ride is available at The Foyer/Juban’s. Pre-sale tickets are \$30, \$35 at the door.

The Community Fund for the Arts provides support for 14 of BR’s premier arts organizations, including the Symphony, the BR Gallery, the Louisiana Art and Science Museum, and more!

For tickets and info, visit
www.perkinshistoricmerchants.org.

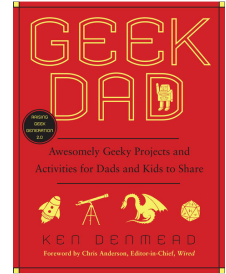
Top Five Techie Gifts for Dad (continued)

#1: For the Geeky Dad: Geek Dad- Awesomely Geeky Projects and Activities for Dads and Kids to Share –from \$11 Amazon.com

The ultimate DIY project guide for techie dads raising kids in their own geeky image, in the spirit of The Dangerous Book for Boys. An engineer and editor of the incredibly popular GeekDad blog on wired.com, author Ken Denmead has created the ultimate, idea-packed guide guaranteed to help dads and kids alike enjoy the magic of playtime together and tap into the infinite possibility of their imagination. With illustrations throughout, this book offers projects for all ages to suit any timeframe or budget. With Denmead's expert guidance, you and your child can:

- ✓ Fly a night-time kite ablaze with lights or launch a video camera with balloons
- ✓ Construct the "Best Slip n' Slide Ever," a guaranteed thrill ride
- ✓ Build a working lamp with LEGO bricks and CDs
- ✓ Create a customized comic strip or your own board game
- ✓ Transform any room into a spaceship
- ✓ Make geeky crafts like cyborg jack-o'-lanterns or Ethernet cuff links

Brimming with endlessly fun and futuristic tidbits on everything from gaming to gadgets, GeekDad helps every tech-savvy father unleash his inner kid-and bond with the next generation of brainiacs.



Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth. Oh, never mind. You will not understand the power and beauty of your youth until they've faded. But trust me, in 20 years, you'll look back at photos of yourself and recall in a way you can't grasp now how much possibility lay before you and how fabulous you really looked. You are not as fat as you imagine. –Mary Schlich, Chicago Tribune

Quick Hits: Best advice for Graduates



I have two last pieces of advice. First, being pre-approved for a credit card does not mean you have to apply for it. And lastly, the best career advice I can give you is to get your own TV show. It pays well, the hours are good, and you are famous.

--Stephen Colbert at Knox College

“As you partake of the world's bill of fare, that's darned good advice to follow. Do a lot of spitting out the hot air. And be careful what you swallow.”
--Theodore Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss) at Lake Forrest College



Fire up the Grill!

Pork Souvlaki

- 1 pound pork shoulder, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, plus lemon wedges for serving
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano
- Coarse salt and ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons plain Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup tahini (optional; if not using, substitute Greek yogurt)

In a medium bowl, combine pork, oil, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, garlic, and oregano. Season with salt and pepper and toss to combine. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 1 hour (or up to 8 hours). In a small bowl, whisk together yogurt, cup lemon juice, tahini (if using), and 1 to 2 tablespoons water (sauce should have the consistency of heavy cream). Heat a grill or grill pan to high. Thread pork cubes onto 8 metal skewers. Grill until brown on all sides and cooked through, about 12 minutes. Serve souvlaki with yogurt sauce and lemon wedges.

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Tropical Ginger Punch

- 3 cups orange juice
- 8 slices white or whole-wheat sandwich bread
- 3 cups pineapple juice
- 1 tablespoon finely grated peeled fresh ginger
- 2 cups vodka (optional)
- 4 cups (32 ounces) chilled ginger ale or club soda
- Orange wedges, for garnish (optional)

In a large pitcher, stir together orange juice, pineapple juice, ginger, and vodka (if using). Refrigerate until cold, at least 1 hour (and up to 1 week). Just before serving, stir in ginger ale. Serve over ice, garnished with orange wedges, if desired.