



Green Gift Guide: For Friends and Coworkers

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Caving to peer pressure ([all the other green bloggers are doing it](#)) and my love of online shopping, this week I'll feature ideas for green holiday shopping, for different recipients each day. They'll be green through and through, but not in crunchy-granola-treehuggy way, and they won't break your budget. Today: Gifts for coworkers and friends.

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- For your lunch buddy, a cheap and simple [reusable sandwich wrap](#) would replace plastic sandwich baggies. They come in cheerful patterns, and are easy to clean in the dishwasher. (Reusablebags.com, \$8.95)

- Your coffee-loving coworker may have a reusable thermos, but it's probably not as clever as this [ceramic paper cup](#) designed by James Burgess (\$20). If you're New Yorkers, this riff on the traditional [deli disposable cup](#) might be more suitable (\$14). And if you and your coworkers enjoy Ramen noodles after your coffee, sub this [ceramic noodle cup](#) (\$28) in for their regular disposable one. (All from Urbanoutfitters.com)

- Heading to someone's house for a holiday party? Here's a housewarming gift that will make your hosts look closer - a [bowl](#) woven from recycled telephone wire by African artisans (it's fair trade). (Organicbug.com, \$16-\$70)

- Holiday flowers are lovely on a friend's mantelpiece, but it's better



Reusable sandwich bag
(Reusablebags.com)



to get blooms that are grown in an ecofriendly manner. Organicbouquet.com has an array of [wreaths and centerpieces](#) that are seasonable and sustainable. (Organicbouquet.com, \$30-\$80)

- Mark Bittman's "How to Cook Everything" is a staple for any kitchen, so it's natural that a friend thinking of becoming a vegetarian should get their hands on a copy of "[How to Cook Everything Vegetarian](#)." Another foodie must-have: Alice Waters' "[The Art of Simple Food](#)." (Amazon.com, both \$23)



- Too busy to bake? For a bit of luxury, try one of Organica Deluxe's gift sets, which have gourmet coffee, tea, or chocolate and chewy, sugary [ginger cookies](#) - all of which are fair trade and all-natural. (organicadeluxe.com, \$20-\$50)

- Dagoba [chocolates](#) are fair trade, organic, and heavenly to a chocolate connoisseur. The cacao comes from Central and South America and Madagascar, and Dagoba supports ecological projects in each source country for their chocolate. (Dagobachocolate.com, \$16)

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cookies

I can personally vouch for the delicious ginger cookies. Buy a whole box.

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Coffee Gift Subscriptions

I just purchased a few holiday gifts from Electric City Roasting - <http://www.electriccityroasting.com>. They have amazing direct trade coffee, and some really neat coffee subscriptions. Currently they are doing a Direct Trade, French Press, and the Passport line which is self chosen coffee by the roaster him/herself.

I am really excited to give these this year.

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GiftZip

My office uses GiftZip (www.giftzip.com). We are all connected by

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email anyways so sending email gift cards to random stores is a ton of fun. How much greener can you get than not having to go to the store, not having to wrap/ship something, and not even having a stupid plastic card to throw away at the end?

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