

Last-minute Dad gifts

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For all you last-minute shoppers stumped on what to get Dad, we tracked down some unique ideas and even a few inexpensive items.

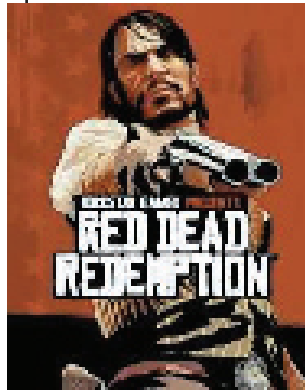


Oakley Jawbone sunglasses • These sunglasses feature Switchlock technology. The lower part of the frame rim opens to allow easy access for quick lens changing (\$230) at Solstice, 2134 St. Louis Galleria.

Missouri Tigers Grill & Cooler Set • Propane grill is perfect for tailgating or a backyard barbecue. Also comes with spatula, tongs, fork, cooler compartment for cold beverages and tote (\$195.95) at Kohl's.



Red Dead Redemption • The hottest game out there for grownup men, "Red Dead Redemption," is an action-adventure western video game with role-playing elements. It is available on PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 (\$59.99) at Best Buy.



Party tote • The party-to-go tote contains four pockets to hold bottles and utensils. The center pocket is larger for plates, cheese and crackers (\$32 with monogram) at The Initial Design, 25 North Gore Avenue in Webster Groves.

Bookmark • For the bookworm, the Mud Pie Quotables bookmark contains a spot for a family photograph (\$7) at The Empty Nest, 21 North Gore in Webster Groves.



Variety set of cooking oils • Dad can create his favorite meal with this collection of eight oils in a decorative wooden box (\$37.99) at Vom Fass, 7314 Manchester Road in Maplewood.

Tees for Dad • Create a customized T-shirt for Dad, and Baked T's will compress the shirt into a round shape (about the size of a CD) (\$21-\$25) at Baked T's, 6368 Delmar Boulevard, in the Loop.



Cleaning service • Give dad a break and let someone else clean the grill. The Backyard BBQ Grill Co. in St. Charles, will come to your home and clean and service your dirty gas grill. They use a steam cleaning process to remove grease and carbon, to make it a healthier grilling process (\$119 for a two-hour service) at bbqgrillco.com or call 314-452-7192

Tackle bag • Dad can look stylish while fishing with this multi-compartment tackle bag (\$39.94) at Bass Pro Shops, 1365 South Fifth Street, St. Charles.



Sharpening set • Dad can carve roast, debone chicken and filet salmon with the Chef's Choice Model 130 professional sharpening station. Available in black, platinum, green and brushed metal (\$149.99) at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Boat shoes • For the avid sailor or amateur boatsman, these canvas Drake boat shoes will get him around in comfort (\$42.95) at The Buckle.



Bedside lamp • The Glowblock eco-friendly lamp is the perfect accent lighting accessory for a bar or office desk. The steel wire is made from crushed cans and plastic, recycled from bookjackets and grocery bags (\$42) at Compônera Gallery of Art and Fashion, 6509 Delmar Boulevard, in the Loop



Men's cologne • Perry Ellis' Platinum Label cologne is an exciting new fragrance from his collection, containing bamboo, mandarin cedarwood, musk and sea moss (\$60 for a 3.4-ounce bottle) at Macy's.

