

# 2020 Holiday Gift Guide



For The  
Banker In  
Your Life!




# Why A Gift Guide?



The answer is no real reason. 'Tis the season for giving and there are some things that we just love so we thought we would share them with you.

We have assembled some of our favorite items of 2020 to hopefully inspire you for that special co-worker, friend, loved one or for yourself.

The difference between this and other guides is that all these items have been tested and banker approved, so you know they represent value.



Prices are as of  
12/07/20

# The Shell

## A Modern-Day Travel Pack



**Keeping all  
your  
banker  
stuff  
organized  
and  
mobile.**

Granted, we are backpack obsessed and have tried 40+ in the past two years. [The Shell](#) is one of the best. This waterproof multi-purpose bag can do it all from the office to a week of being a digital nomad working from the road. It shrinks, expands and adapts - just like you did in 2020. Its on Kickstarter and not available until April but you are not going anywhere until then anyway. \$241

Merry Christmas



# Fly By Jing Spice

Let's face it – your life can use a little fun.



**The spices that foodies are obsessed with now.**

Chefs the world over use Jing “Jenny” Gao’s condiments on everything from dumplings to ice cream to vegetables. We also use it to kick up the taste in some soups and noodle dishes and we can’t get enough. If you are tired of eating the same thing in quarantine, this is your answer. The size also makes perfect stocking stuffers. Go [FlyByJing](https://www.flybyjing.com) and get all three spices for \$42 or if you must choose one, don’t miss the Sichuan Chili Crisp for \$15.



# Actually Curious Cards

When is the last time you had an empathy workout?



**Let's face it, we need to spread something better than Covid-19.**

**While there are many card games out there to pass the time in lockdown, Actually Curious is a game that derives its brilliance by asking thoughtful questions that are rooted in values, morality and important issues.**

**Based on the science and psychology of emotional connections, playing [Actually Curious](#) results in a deeper understanding of friends and family. In this age of polarization, spend time having fun while promoting more empathy. Various editions for \$25**



# The Steller Ultralight

## The World's best jacket by warmth-to-weight ratio



**Who needs heat lamps?  
Let's face it, you still  
have a lot of cold,  
outdoor restaurants in  
your future.**

As they say – “There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad equipment.” In that spirit, we present our favorite jacket. Most jackets are synthetic. For true warmth-to-weight-to-compactness, down can't be beat. Most high-performance down jackets are 800 fill. This jacket is a rare 1000 fill – designed for the coldest conditions. This is our go-to jacket for cold city, or wilderness nights. While you are at it, [Steller's](#) Down Sweater and Down Stretch Hoodie 2.0 are equally amazing garments. \$349

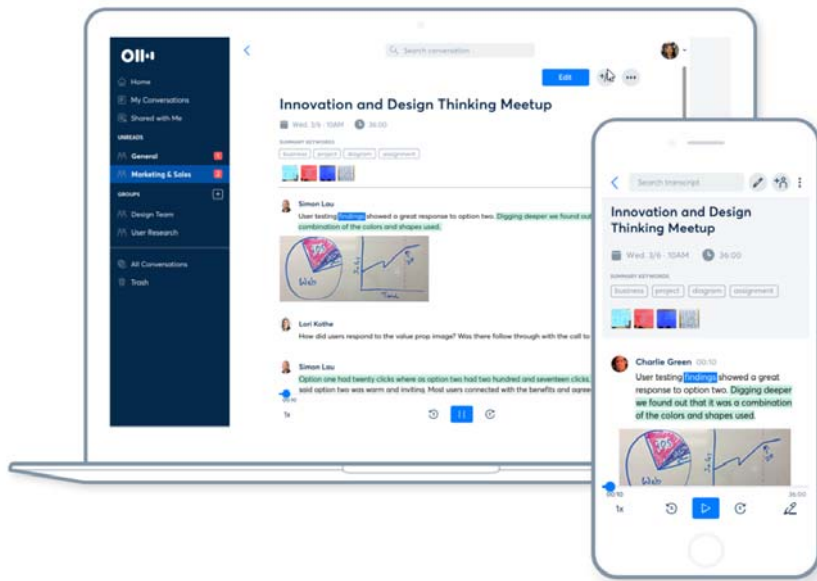
*The gift that  
saved our lives  
the most in 2020.*

Merry Christmas



# Outter.ai

## Because Your Meetings Need More Intelligence



**This game changing program will instantly make you more accurate.**

**Outter.ai is an app that records in writing what is said. Integrated with Zoom, you can record calls in real-time and then search, play edit, organize and share your conversation from any device. The difference between this and other dictation programs is that the AI feature learns the words from their context over the course of the conversation and then goes back to correct them. Give the Pro Plan for \$100 for the year.**

*The most surprising helpful gift of 2020*

# MasterClass

## Because Learning Is A Lifetime Activity



**There is no return better than investing in yourself - and you watch too much Netflix.**

[MasterClass](#) is a high-quality, online and mobile learning platform for the banker that wants to learn from the best. Tennis by Serena Williams, guitar by Tom Morello, writing by Margaret Atwood, cooking with Alice Waters, basketball by Steph Curry and much more. Speaking, acting, branding, economics, chess, etc. – its all there. Annual subscriptions allow bankers all-access to take as many classes as they would like to improve their professional capabilities or to better their soul. 2 Memberships for \$180 per year.





# 4<sup>th</sup> Gen Echo Dot

## Make your nightstand work harder.



**Better than Siri and Google and more functional than your lame bedstand table clock.**

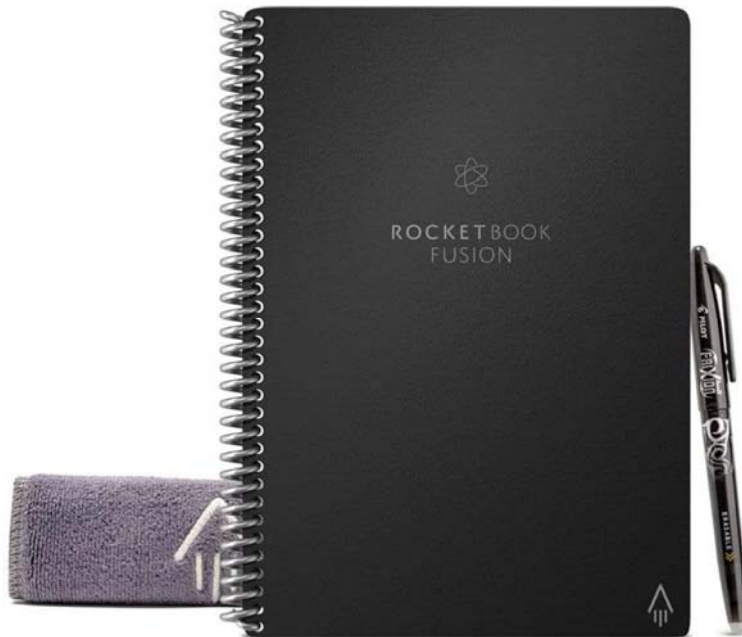
Chances are that clock by the bedstand is more than ten years old. Replace that clock with this just released, 4<sup>th</sup> generation Echo Dot with a clock.

More than a timepiece, this has the second-best speaker behind Sonos, can guard your room, can integrate with your smart home, can answer more questions than Google or Siri, and can put you to sleep or wake you with your choice of Apple Music, Amazon Music, Spotify, Audible, or SiriusXM. It also comes with a kids mode with greater safety and educational content. \$99 on Amazon



# Rocket Book

## Notetaking to the next level



**The gift of  
organization for that  
organized person.**

Using a special pen and reusable paper, the notepad will hyper-organized your notes electronically. Seven different templates help keep various topics

together be it school or bank meetings and when you are done, your notes can be sent to anyplace you want to include Google drive, Box, Slack, Evernote, DropBox, email and more. After that, erase and start again in an endlessly reusable super organized style.

[Rocketbooks](#) comes in various colors, sizes and grid types. \$32



# Bluegrass Soy Sauce

It's About Time Soy Sauce Got An Upgrade



**If you like microbrew beer, you deserve microbrew soy sauce.**

**Put away the Kikkomans and try this award-winning American version. Aged in old Kentucky bourbon barrels, this condiment has a sweet, smoky taste that is pleasantly and noticeably different to start a conversation. Locally-sourced, non-GMO [Bluegrass Soy Sauce](#) is the only small batch soy sauce produced in the U.S. Use it on your sushi, your rice or on everything else to add taste and to help your gut biome for \$8 per 100ml flask.**





# The Paka Hoodie.

Because you don't own enough alpaca.



**You can't find  
warmer or softer  
office wear that is  
now acceptable on  
Zoom calls.**

The [Paka Hoodie](#) is legend. Sourced from the outskirts of Puno, dyed in the mountains of Arequipa, and hand-signed by the woman artisan who wove it in Cusco, this sweater is made, start to finish, in Peru helping many earn better than subsistent wages. The 3-panel hood is brilliant, the neckline covers up your sagging neck as you age and its both warmer and softer than traditional wool. Made from royal alpaca, superfine merino and stretch poly - \$119.



# Tower Garden Flex

## Moving you away from the grid

**More vegetables  
with less hassle.**

Let's face it, 2020 got a little too close to anarchy. Chances are that while you were working from home, you either started gardening or thought about it. If you know someone like this, then



this is the gift. Pest, weeds and disease can make traditional gardening complicated. The [Tower Garden](#) automatically delivers water and nutrients when its needed to help boost production by an average of three times without pesticides or chemicals. The system conserves water and space while helping you grow the sweetest tasting vegetables you can get while engaging the family and getting you closer to Mother Earth. Full system for \$620



# The Raspberry Pi 3 B+

## Helping You Understand the Future of Banking



**Turn this  
microprocessor into  
anything you want.**

The Pi is a single board Linux computer with a variety of ports (Bluetooth, HDMI, wireless, headphone jack, etc.) that you learn to program to turn this cheap piece of hardware into anything you can dream up. Perfect for learning programming or product design; you can make your own Alexa-type device, personal email server, check imager, document reader, robotic personal banker, office surveillance system or robot to keep you company. Great for the tech-minded hobbyist. From [CanaKit](#). \$89.95





# Kit Ace Pants

## Our Favorite Pants By Our Favorite Brand



**Hands down the most comfortable pant to work from home while looking good on Zoom calls (if you stand up).**

[Kit Ace](#) produces some of the most comfortable clothing for men and woman that we know. You can't go wrong with almost any product. The pants above are a combo of wool and silk with four-way stretch built in. They are warm, comfortable and look good after several wearings. \$148



# Custom Photo Stickers

Bringing Pride of Ownership To A New Level



**Your face, the CEO's face or your favorite regulator – it really doesn't matter.**

**[My Sticker Face](#) provides a set of high-quality matte vinyl stickers that makes a statement. Put your face on your board reports, put your co-workers face on the ALM package or create your own image, these stickers provide cheap and endless laughs. Your possibilities are endless. \$17.99**



# Theragun

## Intense banking often results in sore muscles



If you are working out more during lockdown, then you need to percuss more.

While we used to use the Vyper roller to ease our aches and pains, we have switched to the Theragun for even more intense treatment. Use it to warm up the IT band before a hard day of banking or use it to treat back, calf or any other pain at the end of the day. This is the most powerful, rechargeable massager on the market, and it is used by the world's best athletes to activate muscles and increase blood flow. Prime version for \$299

Most used gift in  
2020

Merry Christmas



# Kuhl Clothing

## The best WFH clothing brand



**Clothes that take you  
between rooms or  
between continents.**

If there is a brand that stole our heart in 2020, it was [Kuhl](#). Buying over 20 different items, everything performed above expectations. While their Renegade pants were our favorite to work from home in, you can't go wrong with almost any garment. You can find more fashion, but you can't find better good-looking function, comfort and price. The brand is a banker's dream. \$89 for the pants.

*The gift that  
brought the most  
comfort in 2020*

# The June Oven

Its like having a full-time  
sous-chef next to you



**This 12-in-1 oven is  
the smartest  
appliance the  
world has ever  
seen.**

Convection, grill, air fryer (our favorite), warming drawer and the list goes on of all the things this oven can do. That's just the start, as the on-board computer/WIFI connection/HD camera can identify more than 100 ingredients and adjust the temperature, airflow and cooking time accordingly allowing you to stop burning stuff. Combine with Alexa or use the app and the oven will walk you through more than 400 recipes and then take over the cooking. Combine [June](#) with our favorite cookbook, [Salt Fat Acid Heat](#) and its like a superpower. Premium version at \$999





# Cookies for Kids' Cancer

## So Good For Doing Well



**Cookies so tasty and elegantly wrapped that it may change your life as it changes kid's lives.**

[Cookies for Kids' Cancer](#) is like giant bake sale with some of the best cookies you have ever tasted. These cookies are custom baked once they receive your order and made from all-natural ingredients. Since you might be lonely, why not eat your way to happiness? Each set of cookies are wrapped in an impressive package complete with the story of the child that inspired one of the 11 flavors. Send a baker's dozen for \$29.99, the Box of Hope for \$90 or a Cookie a Month. Buy for the office, send as customer gifts or send to the family you would have had over.





# Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



We want to thank you for your readership this past year and look forward to a happy and healthy 2021 with you.

On behalf of all of us here at CenterState & SouthState, we wish you and yours the merriest of holidays!