



# Creative Giving

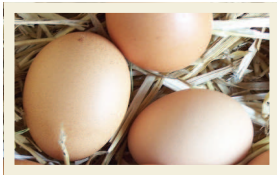
## Get Creative with Everything in Common this Christmas

### *Giving with a Difference*

So you have decided to do Christmas a bit different this year and are thinking about which gifts from the Everything in Common Gift Catalogue you can purchase for your friends and family.

Why not get creative and personalise your gift giving. How about 'fishing nets for rural farmers' for that uncle who loves to fish? Or 'food for peace workshop participants' for your friend the chef?

Some people also like the idea of giving a small gift as well as the card explaining the gift that will be given to communities on the recipient's behalf. A small token that symbolises the gift in practice or the country in which it is taking place can create a lot of laughter over Christmas lunch and can get your family and friends thinking about and discussing issues such as poverty and injustice.



You can be as creative as you like, spending as much or as little on the gift as you please, but we'd advise keeping it simple, in keeping with the idea of simplifying our lives and being generous to those in need.

Here are some of our ideas:

#### *\$10 Gifts*

**Lay an Egg:** Some egg cups; An egg whisk or egg flip; Recipes for chicken

**Turn it On:** Hand wash soap; A water bottle; Hand lotion; A set of glasses or a tea cup

**Lend an Ear:** Earrings; Small toys for children; Indian foods or jewellery



**Insure A life:** Box of Band-aids; A small first aid kit; Toys related to travel; Small figurines

#### *\$20 Gifts*

**See Again:** A pair of reading

glasses; A pair of sunglasses; A magnifying glass

**Complete a Course:**

Basketweaving: A small wicker basket; Woven placemats or coasters

**Set the Table:** A set of placemats or other table decoration; Nice napkins; Cutlery; Glassware



**Dress a Child:** Small item/s of clothing such as socks or underwear

#### *\$35 Gifts*

**Throw out a Line:** A foam esky; A hand held fishing net; Fishing line; Sinkers; Floats (or any other piece of fishing equipment!)

**Co-ordinate a Meeting:** A peace dove pin; A clipboard, coloured pens and some brainstorming paper; A small olive plant or bag of seeds; A piece of jewellery, stationary or clothing with the 'peace' symbol on it.

**Get ready for School:** An item of a school uniform (socks, ribbon); Item of school stationary

**Feed a Volunteer:** Selection of your favourite recipes or a cook book; A cooking utensil; A small hamper of fruit or vegetables; a bag of nuts

#### *\$50 Gifts*

**Fatten a Pig:** A small soft toy pig; Recipes for bacon or pork; A small piggy bank; Stationary or small items (such as a rubber) with pigs on them



**Construct a Loo:** Recycled toilet paper; A toilet brush or fragrant toilet freshener; Medicine for an upset stomach; African arts or crafts

**Care for an Orphan:** Bottle of antiseptic or other medical supplies; A story book or toy; Health food

**Reconnect a Family:** A framed family photo; stationary for writing letters and cards



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