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WHITE ELEPHANT2015
HOLIDAY
GIFT GUIDE

The category of white elephants has different meanings. Some consider white elephants to be inexpensive gifts that might have value to a recipient but not to most other people. Others look at them as just “cheap.” Then there are group gifts, like when you’re expected to have a present

for every person in your office department. And, finally, there are literalists, pursuing the pachyderm. Remember these items when you seek an elephant.

— TK BARGER,
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**Best gift**

You can give the best gift ever — even if there's nothing in the bag.

\$2, Dollar General, 3372 Monroe St.

**Candy cane**

Know somebody who's really into candy canes? This one might last the season. **\$3, Family Dollar, 1121 W. Bancroft St.**

**Ohio wine**

An Ohio wine might be some people's definition of white elephant. The joke could be on them. Consider School House Winery Class Clown Ohio pink catawba. **\$19.99, Taste of Toledo Gift Baskets & Gifts, Levis Commons, 3110 Chappel Dr., Perrysburg.**

**Yard signs**

Stake out your Christmas territory and mix it up in the neighborhood with a variety of seasonal yard signs. **\$1, Dollar Tree, 3448 W. Sylvania Ave.**

Car antlers

Car reindeer attachments might be a co-worker's gift, but you might consider office politics and choose the peppermint nose. **\$5, Five Below, 5233 Monroe St.**

**Dr. Who**

The same thing, only different. Give your group stylized bobbleheads of comic-book, movie, and TV characters. **\$10.99-\$11.50, Monarch Comics, 4400 Heathcords Blvd.**

**Band in a Box**

Consider breaking up a box for individual gifts carrying a theme, such as the instruments in the Band in a Box by Melissa & Doug. **\$24.99, Learning Express Toys, 5577 Monroe St., Sylvania.**

Little Elephant

Here's an actual white elephant image with a local connection. Little Elephant is a recording and video company in Rossford, and among their merchandise is a logo hoodie. **\$30, littleelephantmerch.bigcartel.com.**



* Prices and availability subject to change.

**Snowballs**

Do things get combative in your office? Snowball fights are fun, if not management-approved.

All Season Snowtime brings it indoors with all you need for an arsenal — plush snowballs, shields, a launcher, and even an inflatable fort. **\$7.99-\$39.99, Learning Express Toys, 5577 Monroe St., Sylvania.**

**Glassware**

Is a Toledo souvenir a bigger white elephant in a Toledo home or when it's a gift for someone who's never been to Frogtown? Libbey glasses and mugs show some Glass City functionality.

\$2.99 cooler, \$3.99 mug, Libbey Glass Factory Outlet Store, 205 S. Erie St.

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