

12 Holiday Gifts from Handlebars Cycle

You know they “like bikes,” but you’re not sure what to get them... We’ve compiled this list of gifts we would be happy to receive, and they don’t require you knowing the ins and outs of all your cycling friend’s preferences.

We’ve included a range of price points and covered the gamut of cycling lifestyles. From serious roadie to happy commuter to bike path cruisers, there’s something for everyone at Handlebars this winter.

Giro Winter Wool Socks, \$24.95...

These merino wool blend socks have a great fit that never slouches.

They’re warm, they last through some pretty substantial wear and they’re thin enough to fit comfortably into cycling shoes, or even

dress shoes for that matter. The basic black design and tall cuff make them perfect for wintery days of all kinds.

Good for: Anyone who likes warm dry feet. **Know before you buy:** Know their shoe size within 2 sizes to insure a comfy fit.



Bontrager Base Layer, \$49.95...

Base layers are essential. And here’s my argument for why they make a great gift. 1. Everyone needs a base layer, they regulate your body temperature like nobody’s business. 2. You can never have too many base layers, they’ll be a welcome gift from active people of all types. 3. You don’t have to know their favorite colors or preferences or brand specific sizing to buy them cycling apparel that they’ll use and love. 4. Sizing is simple, it’s just like shopping at a department store. So don’t get them an Old Navy fleece sweater

again, they never wore the one you bought them last year. **Good for:** Anyone who is active outdoors. **Know before you buy:** Sizes S-XL

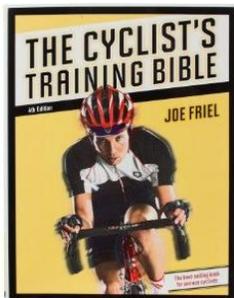


The Cyclist’s Training Bible, \$24.95...

We prefer a DIY approach when it comes to coaching. This book is packed with information on how to be a better rider and train smart.

Good for: Anyone committed to improving their fitness on the bike.

Know before you buy: Be sure they won’t blame you for all the pain and suffering these training plans will put them through.



Handmade, Woven Baskets, \$64.95...

These sturdy baskets from *house of talents* come from artisans in Ghana, and your purchase goes towards helping communities there. Each one is unique, and gorgeous. It may even find its way off your bike and into your home. No hardware needed, they attach with two leather straps around the handlebars. **Good for:** Cruisers and City bikers, Commuting around town in style.



Lezyne CNC Floor Pump, \$99.95...

Are there less expensive pumps? Yes. Are they this cool? NO.



The sleek machined aluminum design makes this truly gift-worthy.

Display it proudly in your home next to that pile of cycling shoes and booties that’s collecting by your door.

Good for: People who don’t see the difference between bicycle

accessories and home décor. **Know before you buy:** It’s a gift even bike shop employees would love. (*hint*) **Honorable mention:** Lezyne Micro Floor Drive, \$44.95... Similar styling with on the bike portability. Amazingly efficient design for getting road tires up to pressure and the flexible hose pump head prevents bending valve stems.

Box O’ GU, special pricing

for boxes of 6, 12, 24. Everyone’s go-to nutrition. Mix and match flavors of GU energy gels for a customized gift of calories.

Good for: that person that spends the hours before and after thanksgiving dinner in the basement, on the trainer.

Know before you buy: Some flavors are caffeinated.



Infini Lights, \$14.95... What these little lights lack in LED power (only 2,) they make up for in darn cuteness. Designed to resemble big



eyed critters, they easily wrap around your handlebar

or seatpost to go along for the ride. They come in a great assortment of colors too! **Good for:** Those who mainly ride in daylight and want a boost of visibility. People who collect troll dolls...

CygoLite Rechargeable Expilion 170 & Hotshot,

\$89.95-\$49.95...An amazing value for those who want to see and be seen. These lights use a usb or wall charger instead of batteries, the result is some serious brightness. The expilion front light

casts a strong beam of 170 lumens to light up the road, and the hotshot has multiple strobe functions.



Good for: Anyone who rides at night or out of the reach of street lights. **Know before you buy:** These lights work. We use them.

CycleOps Fluid2 Trainer,

~~\$329.99~~ \$269.95 limited holiday pricing. Give the gift of painful suffering alone in your basement, dripping sweat, watching the late night news on an old box television set. No really it's what people want, and you shouldn't disappoint them. The Fluidz has progressive resistance



for a more road like feel. It's our best selling trainer, and it's quiet!

Honorable mention: *Lemond Direct Drive* ~~\$499.95~~ \$429.95 limited holiday pricing... This trainer replaces your rear wheel and actually becomes part of your drivetrain. Allowing for maximum stability and realistic road feel. It's what the pros use so why shouldn't you have one too. **Know before you buy:** This thing gets loud.



Awesomely loud.

Bontrager Trip 4W,

\$49.95...Our most popular computer for a reason. This wireless computer tracks your speed and distance. While the computer interface is a breeze to use and the display is nice and big!

Good For: anyone who likes crunching numbers. **Know before you buy:** Yes we can install them.



The Upgrade: Bontrager Node 1, \$69.95... (Heart

Rate, Cadence & Speed sensors sold separately, \$29-\$59) Why upgrade? Monitoring your heart rate and knowing when you've hit targeted zones is a valuable training tool. Knowing your cadence, (the number of pedal rotations per minute) is also an integral part of building bike fitness and training smart. The Node 1 wireless



computer is easy to use and calibrate with ANT+ sensors for a wider range of training capabilities. **Good for:**

Riders looking to improve their fitness and set training goals.

Miracle Red 3-in-1,

\$12.95...This cleaner from Rock n Roll lubrication is a recommendation from our wrench Erik (and he's seen some pretty gnarly bikes). It's a concentrated degreaser that not only cleans your drivetrain but works wonders on getting grease off of your hands and out of your clothes. All this while being biodegradable!



Good For: Anyone who enjoys working on their bike and getting dirty. **Know before you buy:** Biodegradable does not mean you can eat it.

Gear Floss, \$9.95... It's

dental floss for your bike! A novel little gift for people who enjoy working on their own bikes. Gear floss is great for cleaning all the hard to reach places on your drivetrain, in a fraction of the time it takes to fashion some sort of rag-with-screwdriver contraption.



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