

GIFT GUIDE 2009

our ladyfriends have pointed out will double as a nice jewelry holder post-holidays). Big enough for slight trimming but small enough to fit anywhere in that dank hovel you call an apartment, the little wonder is sufficiently cute to have yourself and cheap enough to give to a friend who's all bummed out about missing Jesus' birthday in whatever backwater burg he came from.

PUNK ROCK BOBBLEHEADS

\$14.95-\$16.95 at www.aggronautix.com

Celebrate the season with one of the year's most wonderfully weird juxtapositions: the profane, thrashing and all-around nutso energy of punk rockers G.G. Allin and Tesco Vee as channeled through that most innocuous of kitsch memorabilia, the bobblehead. The dolls, distributed by rock-and-roll collectibles company Aggronautix, are a little jarring at first, but end up being a pleasing combination of the serene and the psychotic. With its blood-splattered chrome dome and various profanities carved into his nearly-naked body, the "extra filthy bloody edition" of Allin looks ready to kill you, yet will only jiggle its oversized cranium when provoked. The Vee doll may be flipping you off pretty fierce (perhaps a preemptive response to any snide comments about its kickin' ABBA pants and matching clogs), but in the end, it's all head-nod and no bite. These twisted little beauties will be the perfect fuck-the-man complement to any punk rocker's dashboard.

\$50 AND UNDER

SUCKUK'S GLOW GRAFFITI

\$50 at AC Gears, 69 E. 8th St. (at Broadway), 212-260-1169

Chalking is for tweens, but who wants to deal with the whole "committing a crime" thing that actual spray-paint graffiti requires? Well, there is a magical middle of the road option with suckUK's Glow Graffiti. This kit comes with a "spray can," which is really just a UV light that lets you paint any glowing message or design you want on the special canvas. You can use the stencils that are supplied or just go free form and follow your inner Dick Chicken. The images fade after awhile, meaning this gift can be stored once it gets boring and brought back out whenever the need for a LIV party hits.



MAPPING NEW YORK

\$49.95 at Strand Book Store, 828 Broadway (at E. 12th St.), 212-473-1452

For your friend with the weird obsession with coffee table books—you know you have one—or your friend with the weird of obsession with maps of New York City—you know you have one of those too—*Mapping New York* is the perfect gift (bonus if said friends are dating because you can kill two birds with one stone). Big and beautiful, *Mapping New York's* 272 pages are filled with maps documenting the city's urban and social history reaching as far back as the 16th century. Not the kind of New York map you could carry in your pocket, *Mapping New York* forgoes the functional for the artistic and captures the logistics of the city in both color and black-and-white illustrations.

THE AUTOMATIC MARSHMALLOW BAZOOKA

\$49.95 at Hammacher Schlemmer, 147 E. 57th St. (betw. 3rd & Lexington Aves.), 212-421-9000

We've never been in a marshmallow fight. Of all the foods that one could fight with, the innocuous little balls of fluff never seemed the type to make a big enough mess or inflict damage the way, say, a slap with a slice of pizza might. If you're taking this bad boy into battle, that could all change—it can launch up to five marshmallows each minute at a length of 40 feet. Whether assembling ultimate s'mores or simply pelting unsuspecting friends and loved ones, this seems to be the next level weapon of choice for food fights.

THE MOMOFUKU COOKBOOK

\$40 at McNally-Jackson, 52 Prince St. (betw. Lafayette & Mulberry Sts.), 212-274-1160

Getting a table at one of David Chang's restaurants can be a difficult and expensive endeavor. With the release of *Momofuku Cookbook*, though, you've now got the power to make dishes like bahn mi, authentic ramen and Chang's famous pork buns at home. Sure, some of the ingredients—grape-seed oil, pickled sunchokes, Sichuan pepper-

corns—are hard to find, but imagine the pleasure you'll take in making your roommates reserve the kitchen table via email 30 days in advance or scorning vegetarian friends for their foolish dietary choices, just like Chang does! Really, though, if you're going to cook like any New York chef, this is the place to start—and be sure to invite us over, we can't get a table at Ko either.

DICK COOZY

\$49.95 at kindlingandtinder.com

Its press materials crow "Say Goodbye to Embarrassing Winter Shrinkage," but that's only one of the God-knows-how-many ways that the frankly-named (and aspirationally-sized) Dick Coozy—dreamed up by East Village Radio hosts Hella Rader and Ruth Gilwit and created by Brooklyn's own Kindling and Tinder—could be used. Made from Merino wool, the soft ween warmer has a pouch to ensure proper coverage of twig and berries and comes custom made to suit your own stocking



stuffer. Kids, it won't work as birth control and it's not doctor-recommended, but of all the things we're putting on our junk in 2010, this just might be the favorite.

\$100 AND UNDER

SONIC FABRIC NECKTIES

\$90 at www.sonicfabric.com

Rather than wasting precious time trying to rewind the tape in their old-school cassettes, the people over at Sonic Fabric decided to turn it into neckties. The end result is one

MAKE IT YOURS TROPICAL PUDDING



OK, so we're not really making it yours, but it's a party in a pudding. It's a mix of some pineapple, some cracker, pie pudding and soy milk.

on top of pineapple. Spoon filling evenly (three hours). Serve it up!

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