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WHAT TO BUY, WHAT TO SKIP

KITCHEN COMPANIONS

Mario Batali's Apron and Crocs (\$28 and \$40) are musts if Dad's a fan or simply the family cook. The man-size apron has cargo pockets, the Crocs have traction and enclosed toes in case soup splashes or a knife falls.



ROOFTOP ROBOT

Ever think cleaning the gutters could be fun? iRobot's Looj (\$100 for the basic model) is like a toy with a purpose. Once placed in the gutter, the green machine can be remote-controlled safely from the ground, flinging out leaves as it goes—no constant moving of the ladder or dangerous reaching. Stand back, or be caught in a shower of debris.



Best Gifts for Dad

No boring neckties here.
GHRI's top, tested winners

BRIGHT IDEA

The shatter- and water-resistant Tripod Flashlight from Stanley (\$25) provides a steady beam in the most inconvenient spots, thanks to its stand and pivoting head. (Read: You won't be stuck holding the light while he works.) It folds back down to look like a regular flashlight and can run on as few as three AA batteries, but it accepts six or nine for longer-lasting light.



THINKING CAP

At the park or on the trails, the Scottievest TEC Hat (\$20) comes well equipped for an active guy. The built-in loops hold earbuds in place, the two hidden pockets can stash keys and cash, and the CoolMax lining is quick drying, so sweat evaporates faster and he stays cool. In beige, black, and gray.

