

Gifts (礼物)

知识点:

- **craft** 精心手工制作 n./v.
I enjoy crafting homemade gifts for special occasions.
- **Homemade gift** 手工礼物
- **DIY project** 手工项目、工程、礼物 DIY: Do It Yourself
I'm working on a DIY project for my sister's baby shower.
- **Personalized gift** 个性化礼物
Homemade candles make great personalized gifts.
- **Knit** 手工编织 v.
Knitting scarves is one of my favorite handmade gift ideas.
- **Hand-painted** 手工涂制的
I'm crafting a hand-painted mug as a present.
- **Handmade jewelry** 手工首饰
Making handmade jewelry is a creative way to give gifts.
- **perfect for capturing memories** 完美的记录时刻的方式

1. Have you ever send handmade gifts to others?

① 手工编织的围巾 a knitted scarf:

Oh, absolutely! I've sent handmade gifts several times. One of my favorites was a knitted scarf I made for my best friend Jessica. It was a labor of love (爱的手工劳作), and she loved it. Seeing her cozy and happy wearing my scarf on a chilly day (在一个冷天) truly makes me happy and satisfied. (细节)

② 手工绘制的马克杯 a hand-painted mug:

Oh, yeh! I love painting, so I've hand-painted some coffee mugs for my closest friends. Each mug had a personal touch (个人的风格), and it felt great to give them something they could use on a daily basis. Those mugs

were beautiful, unique AND super practical. I would imagine that they would think of me each time when using the mug. Haha! (细节)

③ 量身定制的相册 a custom photo album:

Definitely! I once designed a custom photo album for my sister's wedding. It took me hours and hours to collect all those beautiful memories and put all the photos together, but it was worth it (很值得). Seeing her tear up (流泪) as she flipped through the pages (翻页浏览) was priceless (无价的). (细节)

④ No...I haven't. I guess, I'm just afraid of the idea of making something myself. I've never taken on any DIY projects. I'm the clumsiest person you can find in this world (这个世界上最笨的人). But uhmmm, I would like to unlock more potential (解锁更多潜能), and one day try to craft something simple and easy, like a custom photo album, something like that. I hope some day I would be able to make some special gifts for my loved ones (爱的人). (先抑后扬)

2. Have you ever received a great gift?

思路：礼物也不一定是实体的，也可以是一场旅行、一场惊喜、演唱会门票。

① 惊喜生日会 a surprise party:

Absolutely, I'll never forget my 20th birthday when my friends threw me a surprise party (给我办了一个惊喜派对). It was incredible! They had planned it for weeks prior to the party, and the moment I walked in, I was completely astonished/surprised (惊喜、震惊的). It wasn't just the party itself but the thought and effort they put into making me feel special that made it the greatest gift ever. I couldn't stop smiling the whole time. (讲故事法)

② 周末出逃式旅行 a weekend getaway:

Certainly! For my wedding anniversary (结婚纪念日), my husband surprised me with a weekend getaway (周末小逃离式的旅行) to a cozy cabin (温馨度假小屋) in the mountains. It was a completely unexpected surprise (全然的意外的惊喜), and we spent the time hiking, stargazing (观星), and enjoying each other's company (享受彼此的陪伴). The experience was unforgettable (难忘的), and it showed me how thoughtful my husband is. It was truly a great gift. (讲故事法)

③ 演唱会门票 a concert ticket:

Absolutely! I once received an incredible gift from my best friend Jessica, which was a ticket to my favorite band XXXX's concert. I was over the moon (月亮之上, 表示极其高兴) when she put the ticket in my hand; I was feeling emotional and speechless (感动又无语激动). Later, the concert was absolutely amazing/splendid (绝美), and the fact that Jessica knew me well enough to gift me such an unforgettable experience made it the best gift ever. (讲故事法)

3. How to choose a gift?

To be honest, it's not really easy to choose the perfect gift sometimes. First, you need to consider the recipient's (礼物接收者) interests and hobbies. For example, what do they enjoy doing in their free time; what is their biggest passion, things like that. And then, you need to think about the occasion. What is the gift for? Is it for a birthday, an anniversary or a special milestone (特殊的人生里程碑)? And lastly you need to have a budget (有一个预算). It's really stupid to break the bank (比喻花一大堆钱) to buy a gift. Knowing your affordability is important (知道你的购买力很重要). (并列罗列)

4. Do you think you are good at choosing gifts?

① I would say so. I think I'm good at choosing the right gift for the right person. It comes from years of experience (来自很多年的经验) . I made some really silly mistakes in the past. And now I've learned my lesson. I know how to choose a gift. Like I just shared with you, I follow all those steps each time when buying a gift. And it works like a charm (屡试不爽, 指的是某个 tip 很好用) . (原因)

② I would say that I'm good at choosing gifts for people of the same gender (同性别的人) . I'm a woman. And I know what women want and like. I have a knack for (有天赋) finding out the little things they like or the activities they enjoy doing. Girls always like the gift I choose for them. But when it comes to men, I can be a little bit clumsy (笨拙) as we are very different. (分群体讨论)

③ Oh my God I'm so bad at choosing gifts. It's the last thing I would want to do in this world (世界上最后一件想做的事儿, 表示最不愿意做的事儿) . I always give people very practical gifts but sometimes they don't necessarily like them. Like one time, I gave my girlfriend some really good socks, and she got so disappointed. After that, she told me to give her something useless but beautiful in the future, like a piece of jewelry or something, haha. That's how clumsy I am. (举例子)

注意, 如果你的“人设”是极其不会买礼物的人, 如答案③, 那么第三题的回答就不能那么“振振有词”。否则太前后不统一。