

The 12 Days of Christmas at Dollar General

Dollar General is a One-Stop Shop This Holiday Season for Creative, Budget-Friendly Gifts

GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 12, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The countdown to Christmas is on. To help shoppers wrap up their shopping and celebrating, Dollar General is offering 12 tips for staying on budget and having fun as Christmas nears.

Day 1:

Host an ornament exchange

Instead of exchanging pricey gifts with friends this holiday season, host an ornament exchange. Have each guest bring one ornament and have everyone draw numbers for a chance to choose an ornament. This season, Dollar General has a variety of ornaments, from traditional to whimsical, starting at \$1.

Day 2:

Trim the tree

To get more tree for your money, think about purchasing an artificial tree that will last for years. Dollar General has artificial trees in all sizes and colors. Tabletop trees start at \$5 and larger trees start at \$20. If you already have your main Christmas tree, consider decorating the kitchen or a bedroom with a smaller tree. Dollar General has ornaments, tree toppers, tree skirts and tinsel starting at just \$1.

Day 3:

Dress up wine

For holiday parties, a bottle of wine is ideal as a hostess gift. Dollar General has holiday wine bottle décor such as Santa hats and collars that will dress up an ordinary bottle of wine. In select stores, shoppers will also find wine from the Gallo Family Vineyards.

Day 4:

Wrapping a gift

Classic wrapping paper always does the trick for holiday gifts. Buy assorted, complementing patterns and colors to make the gifts look planned and polished under the Christmas tree. Dollar General gift wrap accessories start at \$1.

Day 5:

Give home-made goodies

For a gift that really comes from the heart, consider baking holiday cookies or treats. From ingredients to tins and goody bags Dollar General has everything you need to bake and package your goodies. Boxes, bags and tins in assorted styles and sizes are perfect for wrapping your treats.

Day 6:

Make your own stockings

A festive craft for the kids can be decorating their own stockings — or decorating stockings for mom and dad. Easily create your own stocking with a plain stocking and glitter glue.

Day 7:

Give to teachers and co-workers

Put together quick and easy goody bags for teachers and co-workers. Fill the bags with holiday treats such as candy canes, gum drops and chocolates.

Day 8:

Get crafty

Make your own gift wrap from old newspapers or brown wrapping paper, and dress the gift up with colorful ribbon and bows. Dollar General's festive ribbon assortment starts at just 50 cents per roll.

Day 9:

Create a gift basket

Gift baskets or care packages allow you to put an extra special touch on your gift. Build a creative gift package with candy, food or a gift card assortment for favorite restaurants or shops. Arrange your items in a basket, bowl or box, and adorn with ribbon, ornaments or candy to create a festive gift.

Day 10:

Stuff your stocking

Dollar General has stocking stuffers for kids of all ages. For the kids, grab some of this year's hottest toys including Hot Wheels and As Seen on TV's Happy Nappers. Also, check out the stocking stuffer aisle where all items are \$1 or less.

Day 11:

Give themed gifts

Build your gift around a theme. For example, give a movie lover a popcorn bucket filled with a bag of microwavable popcorn, a DVD and some candy for an easy gift under \$20. Or, for the baker in the family, fill a mixing bowl with brownie mix, frosting and a spatula, and you have a delicious gift for under \$10.

Day 12:

Set the table

Make Christmas dinner shine this year with a beautiful table at an affordable price. Get everything you need in one stop at Dollar General to make your table special, including holiday placemats, table runners and table cloths.

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