

HOLIDAY STOCKING-STUFFER PICKS FOR PICKERS

Recently we ran a survey on FaceBook to see what guitar pickers wanted for Christmas this year. There was only one rule - the gift had to cost \$100 or less. After setting aside some of the suggestions like down payments on pre-paid burial plans and Walmart gift cards, these were the most popular items on Santa's list this year.



Ben Franklin Wins!

The number one Santa request came as no surprise - the most popular choice was a \$100 bill.

Perfect Practice

A small practice guitar amp. The Fender Champ 20 is a great choice at \$99.



Play That Tune - In Tune

Nothing will make your teeth itch worse than an out-of-tune instrument. There is no excuse for being out of pitch these days with a wide range of tuners in the traditional stomp box format or the newly popular clip on variety. Tuning up is quick and easy and most tuners will also support alternative tunings for a bit of sonic experimentation. From \$14.99 - \$125.



Pick Your Strings

No doubt about it, \$100 will buy a lot of guitar strings and picks. Depending on the budget you're working with \$100 might buy enough to last until next Christmas. Custom designed picks are quite affordable too if you are looking for a little branding.



Necessities not Accessories

A gig bag should have a few other tools of the trade that won't break the bank this holiday season. Capos, guitar straps and cords are all within a frugal holiday budget. A set of guitar strings might not seem to be a big deal until you break one in the middle of the second set.



Time to Make A Stand

New mic and music stands make a great gift that will grace any stage or project studio. With a decent music stand, you won't have to tape your lyrics to the mic stand. Speaking of stands, a good mic stand is a performer's best friend. You can get a boom style mic stand for around \$30 but a few more bucks will get you something of better quality and more durable. \$30-\$100.

