

30 Cool Gifts for Graphic Designers — Buyer's Guide

Grouped by Budget: Under \$50 | \$50–\$200 | \$200+

Have you ever wondered what to give a graphic designer who already seems to have everything? This practical gift guide groups 30 designer-approved items by budget, explains why each gift matters, and links to related resources for deeper context. Use digital gift options for last-minute shopping.

UNDER \$50 — Thoughtful, practical, and budget-friendly

- Sketchbook & Archival Pens — Analog sketching fuels ideas; great for quick concepts.
- Designer Joke Mug or Poster — A light, inside-industry token that fits any desk.
- Typography Socks or T-shirt — Fun apparel that speaks to a designer's personality.
- Novelty USB Gadgets — Stylized USB drives or pixel lights — small and useful.
- Pantone Color Guide (mini) — Portable color reference for on-the-go color checks.
- Curated Book (paperback) — Choice coffee-table or reference book for inspiration.
- Specialty Teas or Coffees (Gift Box) — Comforts for focused work sessions.

\$50–\$200 — Upgrade their workflow and comfort

- High-quality Desk Lamp (CRI 95+) — Improves color perception and reduces eye strain.
- Premium Keyboard or Programmable Keypad (Stream Deck) — Speeds repetitive tasks and macros.
- Noise-canceling Headphones (mid-range) — Blocks distractions for deep creative work.
- Custom Leather Sketchbook or Laptop Sleeve — Classy, personal, and practical.
- Online Course Subscription (3–6 months) — Skill growth via Skillshare, Domestika, or similar.
- Subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud (monthly) — Industry-standard tool access.
- Typography or Design Coffee-table Book (hardcover) — Inspires ideas and elevates workspace.

\$200+ — Premium tools and long-term investments

- Professional Drawing Tablet (Wacom/XP-Pen) — Essential for illustrators and precision work.
- 27" 4K High-resolution Monitor — Large screen and color accuracy for detailed layouts.
- Calibrated Colorimeter (X-Rite) — Ensures consistent color across devices.
- Ergonomic Chair or Seat Cushion — Improves posture and long-term comfort.
- Wacom Cintiq or Display Tablet (entry pro) — Direct-draw display for pro workflows.
- Commissioned Logo Refresh or Brand Project — A meaningful, high-impact creative gift.
- Membership to Makerspace or Print Studio — Access to costly print and fabrication tools.