



5 Tips



*Buying Art for someone
you love!*



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Determine Your Budget

If you're on a tight budget, it may be good idea to start saving early; especially if you are purchasing art for a special occasion. i.e. birthdays, weddings, baby showers etc. You should start saving 3-6 months in advance. Whether its \$50 or \$500, it's important to know how much you are willing to spend before you shop. Many artists determine the price of their art according to its size. The smaller the piece of art, the less the price.

Consider the Recipient's Taste

This may be the most overlooked step. You can simply ask if they have a favorite artist, or if they love a specific type of art. Examples include animal paintings, colorful abstract paintings, sculptures, or black and white prints. You can also ask a third party for help! Enlist the help of their mom, best friend or other family member.

Consider the Space

It's important to know where the art will be displayed. Take note of whether or not the space has built-in storage or bookcases. The size of the room can also help you decide what type of art to buy. For example, if the home is a loft space, you may have larger walls to cover compared do a small one bedroom apartment.

Places to Purchase Art.

These days, there are many ways to purchase art. I have listed a few below:

Museums - Buying from museums could be costly. However, if you're bent on this, you might want to if try purchasing from local museums.

Online - Many artists have their own personal websites. You can skip the middle man and purchase directly from the artist via the internet.

Here are a few websites to get you started:

Fineartamerica.com

Imagekind.com

Etsy Art.com

Ebay

Additionally, you could attend art festivals and walks. That way, you get to know the artist while purchasing a great piece of original art.

You may also want to pay attention to art sold in local coffee shops and restaurants.

Art That Makes the World a Better Place

You could also try researching organizations where you can purchase art while supporting charity.

Here are 3 websites to get you started:

Artify Studio

<https://www.artifystudio.com/social-causes/>

Painting for good causes

<https://paintingforgoodcauses.com/about/>

Art4Charities

<http://www.art4charities.net/about-us.html>

I'm sure your significant other will love their gift!

HAPPY SHOPPING!!

Buying Art Checklist

☐ *Amount you wish to spend*

Date you wish to purchase art

☐ *Notes on the recipient's personality and tastes*

☐ *Where will the art be displayed?*

Size of art needed

☐ *List of places to shop*

