

## No One Knows Why

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This article is for the ladies in our group. Here are some 'tongue-in-cheek,' perhaps even silly rules for buying clothing or other gifts for men, usually for their birthday. Some of these rules are my suggestions, others are from observing my male friends after opening their birthday gifts.

Rule #1. Do not buy men socks. Do not buy men ties. And never buy men bathrobes or Jockey shorts. If God had wanted men to wear bathrobes, he wouldn't have invented Jockey shorts! Besides, every man has dozens of Jockey shorts in his closet. No one knows why.

Rule #2. When in doubt, buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 12 of them and he never complains. As a man, one can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.

Rule # 3. If you cannot afford a drill, buy him anything with the words 'ratchet' or 'socket' on it. Men love saying the words, ratchet and socket. No one knows why.

Rule # 4. If you are really, really broke, instead of clothes, buy him anything for his car. A 99¢ ice-scraper, a small bottle of de-icer, or something to hang from his rear-view mirror, preferably a picture of a partially clad female. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.

Rule # 5. Do not buy a man any of those fancy liqueurs. If you do, it will sit in his cupboard, unopened, until he dies. Most men drink whiskey or beer. No one knows why.

Rule # 6. Buy men label makers. Almost as good as cordless drills. Within a few weeks, there will be labels everywhere. Socks. Jockey shorts. His favorite T-shirt that says, 'Go Broncos' on the front. Also, your cups, plates, doors, sinks, etc. will have labels on them. No one knows why.

Rule # 7. Never buy a man anything that says, 'Some Assembly Required.' He will always have parts left over that will inhabit the cupboard with his liqueurs. No one knows why.

Rule # 8. Tickets to a Rockies' game are a smart gift. But not tickets to 'A Retrospective of 18th Century Crocheting.' Everyone knows why.

Rule #9. It's really hard to beat an aluminum extension ladder. Never buy a man a simple step-ladder. He will never use it. It must be an extension ladder. No one knows why.

If you need more suggestions on gift buying for men, clothing or otherwise, give me a call. I don't know why.