Christmas Gift Guide



1.

Emerger Fly Fishing: handmade fishing bags £255

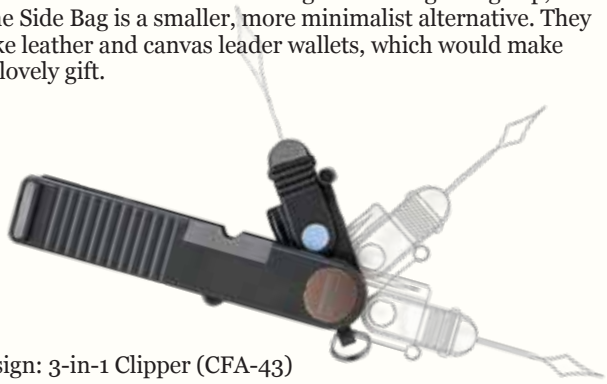
Emerger is a small independent maker producing fly fishing bags in traditional Scottish waxed canvas, English bridle leather and solid brass fittings. They are built to last and gain character with use. Marcus has owned one for a couple of years and was blown away when it arrived. The Cameron Side Bag is their larger flagship, and the Cache Side Bag is a smaller, more minimalist alternative. They also make leather and canvas leader wallets, which would make another lovely gift.



2.

Feathersmith: premium fly tying kits - around £30

Feathersmith is a father-and-son business in the UK, making pattern-specific fly tying kits. Pick a proven pattern and the kit contains premium materials, the correct hooks in three sizes, and enough material to tie up to 30 flies. Every kit comes with step-by-step videos showing how to tie the fly and how best to fish it. According to Feathersmith, that works out at under £1 per fly. We have known the people behind it for some time, and it suits beginners and experienced tyers alike.



3.

C&F Design: 3-in-1 Clipper (CFA-43)

This Japanese-made clipper combines a sharp line clipper with replaceable blades, a hook-eye cleaner and a retractable threader. It comes with standard and midge-sized threaders and three spare blades. It is especially useful with small flies, in poor light, or if you struggle to thread tiny hook eyes. At around £27, it is a clever, practical gift that will not break the bank. Stocked by farlows.co.uk



4.

Moggans: Mid-weight Merino Hiking Crew Socks £17.99

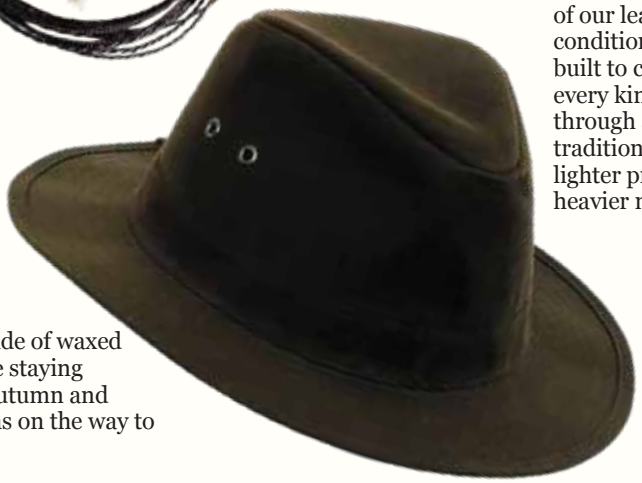
Sometimes the best gifts are simply the things that make time outdoors better. Marcus rates these merino hiking socks highly. Merino regulates temperature and manages moisture, which helps on a cold day in waders or on the walk to the river. *Always have a spare pair too - because, is there anything better than sliding cold toes into a fresh pair of warm dry socks?*



5.

All Season Furled Leader Kit - The Furled Leader Co. £75

NEW to the range, Marcus has built an All Season Kit. All that a fly fisher needs, for one year, in one box. It brings the complete range of specialist hand-furled UK made leaders together in one package, giving anglers the versatility and flexibility to adapt to changing conditions and fishing situations. It brings together the full Elite Furled Leader Set (4ft, 6ft and 8ft), our two Pure Nymph Furled Leaders, and a tin of our leader conditioning balm. It is built to cover virtually every kind of fishing through all seasons, from traditional dry fly to lighter presentations and heavier nymphing.



6.

New Forest Clothing: Harrison Waxed Hat £37.50

Doff your hat to your fellow river wanderers! It's a superb hat made of waxed cotton with a wide brim to keep rain off your face and neck, while staying breathable. It is not expensive & it is very useful on changeable autumn and spring days. Marcus keeps one in the car in case the weather turns on the way to the river {He also wears it when cleaning the gutters!}

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