



GIFTS FOR CYCLISTS

Picking presents for cyclists isn't easy: if they need it, they probably own it already. Editor **Dan Joyce** offers up a small Christmas assortment with something for cyclists of all ages

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1. BIKE MUG £8

Practical, bike-related, and tasteful, these mugs are £8 each or four for £30. Similarly styled greetings cards, posters, and wallpaper are also available.

gingerandfrench.com

2. ISLABIKES ROTHAN £129.99

Balance bikes are brilliant for getting 2-4 year olds riding. There are lots about nowadays, but this one weighs just 3.6kg, has proper wheels and pneumatic tyres, and even a rear brake (with a lever specially made for tiny hands) to keep speed under control.

islabikes.co.uk

3. SPA CYCLES LEATHER BAR TAPE £22

New bar tape is the easiest way to smarten up a well-used bike. This hard-wearing leather tape comes in black, brown or honey, and includes end-plugs.

spacycles.co.uk

4. GIRO MERINO WOOL HIGH TOWER SOCKS £19.99

Christmas socks don't have to be a disappointment. These knee-length ones are ideal for winter riding – or for nettle-choked tracks in summer. Sizes S (36-39), M (40-42), L (43-45), XL (46-48).

zyro.co.uk

5. AXIOM TWEAK 8-FUNCTION MULTITOOL £10

This tiny multitool (28×13.5×30mm) comes with a keyring loop, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6mm Allen keys, a T25 Torx, plus flat and Philips head screwdrivers. Torque is limited but you'll always have it handy.

paligap.cc

6. STAGE CHASER £24.95

Forget the usual family boardgames: have a tabletop bike race, using action cards and energy tokens to get your racer to the finish first. It's tactical enough for cyclists but easy enough for anyone aged seven plus.

stagechaser.com

7. BICYCLE 6-INCH KINDLE CASE £5.80

Protect your e-reader with this lightly padded 'I love to ride my bicycle' case. It measures 135×175×15mm, and there's an elastic strap to keep it closed.

cyclেমiles.co.uk

8. DARK WATERS BY JASON LEWIS £13.50

The first in a trilogy from Jason Lewis, who circumnavigated the world by human power alone, pedalling not just across continents but oceans. ISBN 9780984915507

billyfishbooks.com