



# The Gift That Really Keeps On Giving

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Anna Staal with dad Andrew, mum Charlotte and sister Natalie (Image: SevenYays)

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## Girl, 17, earns £17,000 in two months after turning GCSE project into a business

EXCLUSIVE: Anna Staal was doing her GCSEs when she came up with the idea of creating a customisable advent calendar for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions

By Levi Winchester, Money Reporter

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A teenager who transformed a GCSE project into a real-life business has already turned over £17,000 in sales after launching only last month.

Anna Staal, 17, from Manchester, came up with the idea of creating a customisable advent calendar for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

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Seven Yays seven days of beardy brilliance



Best: For variety

Rating: 8/10

If your man is the kind of man that has a beard, and is a little preoccupied with said facial hair, then this is a lovely gift. Inside you'll find balms, oil, shampoos, wooden combs and more which are all well designed and of good quality. However, there's also a few other treats that'll provide a reminder that there's life beyond maintaining their bristles.

If the man in your life doesn't have a beard, there are other options that will be equally well-rounded and suited, including one with some eco socks inside (£43, [Sevenyays.com](http://Sevenyays.com)). The packaging isn't very Christmassy which is a shame, but this might mean these also work well for birthdays. The real benefit is this gift has a good variety of items inside that men will actually want and enjoy. Give the gift of well-made usability this Christmas.

Buy now £65, [Sevenyays.com](http://Sevenyays.com)



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### 6 best gin advent calendars to get you in the festive spirit

Because booze is the only thing as fun as chocolate at Christmas

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The nostalgic among us may still nibble a daily cube of plasticly choc, but perhaps your sophisticated adult tastes crave more (click/The Independent)

Advent calendars: you might say that December isn't December without one. But while the most classic amongst us may still nibble a daily cube of

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Technically these Seven Yays calendars aren't just for Christmas, they're a great gift for anything from birthdays to anniversaries. The idea is that you get to celebrate for a week with one gift per day. Meaning, these are perfect as a mini advent calendar, or you know, you could buy four.

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