A thank you to Dad, your way

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Father's Day is June 21, and dad has already begun dropping hints that he doesn't want another tie rack. That's all well and good, but he's notoriously tricky to shop for. And it's especially tough if he's not into golf. But even if he's told you he really, really doesn't want anything and that you shouldn't make a fuss, you still might want to get him something to show him that you appreciate all the times he picked you up when you were stranded and then gave you $20 "just in case."

SOLID AS A ROCK
Maybe dad's not into Facebook. Make sure he still gets to see the best shots of the two of you with this Fotobrick Frame by Umbra. Made of concrete and glass, the weighty picture frame comes in either a 2-pound, double-image size or a 1.35-pound single-image size. Both sizes are 4 ¼ inches high. $15 or $20 at in Home, 132 Main St, Sag Harbor and umbra.com

DOG DAYS
You may be trying to get him to eat more kale, but he's always going to prefer a wiener. Nostalgia's Vintage-Style Hot Dog Roller is a stainless steel and plastic device that features removable rollers, a drip tray and a built-in bun warmer. $49.99 at Bloomingdale's Roosevelt Field and bloomingdales.com

SIGN LANGUAGE
Show Dad he's got the place to himself anytime he wants it with this Men's Plaque from Rocky Mountain Hardware. Shown in silicon bronze with a dark patina and available in nine other combinations, this 6-by-3-inch plaque is sure to bring a smile (and a little peace and quiet) to any dad. $154 at Finishing Touches, 16 W. Carver St., Huntington and rockymountainhardware.com

CORD-CUTTING
If he's always losing his charging cord, or he just doesn't like the tangled mess, maybe it's time to introduce him to the latest wireless chargers. This 17-inch-high Rigged work lamp is Qi-certified and compatible with all Qi-certified smartphones and devices. $79 at Ikea, 1100 Broadway Mall, Hicksville and ikea.com

PLAY BALL
He's no run-of-the-mill dad, so why should he have to put up with run-of-the-mill ice? Satisfy his love of gadgets and his taste for cool drinks with a set of Sphere Ice Molds by Sur La Table by Tovolo. The plastic-and-silicone dishwasher-safe molds create slow-melting ice spheres designed to chill beverages without watering them down, and the simple-to-fill molds stack easily to conserve freezer space. $10.95 at Sur La Table in Roosevelt Field and manhasset and surlatable.com

TURN IT UP
Dad loves his tunes more than almost anything (except his family). The three-speed Vintage Trunk Digital Conversion Turntable by Crosley features adjustable tone and volume, built-in speakers and a diamond stylus. Plus, it has built-in technology that lets you convert your records to digital files as they play, ensuring you'll never lose a single song. $249 by special order at Restoration Hardware, 69 Main St., East Hampton and at rh.com

STUFFED LOVE
That ratty old chair he won't throw out is his favorite spot in the house. Dress it up a little (and give his lower back a break) with this Best Dad Ever pillow from Long Island-based designer Alexandra Ferguson. The 16-by-16-inch pillow features felt made from 100 percent post-consumer-recycled water bottles, and the removable cover has a nylon zipper closure. Available in multiple colors. Insert included. $97 at Girlfriends, 6249 Northern Blvd., East Norwich and alexandraferguson.com

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JAWS BREAKER
Does he know the entire Quint monologue from "Jaws" by heart? Give him this 20-ounce Shark Cocktail Shaker and let him know he'll always be the captain of your heart. Made with an aluminum exterior and a stainless steel shaker, the hand-washable bartending tool is 16 inches long. $79 at all Long Island Pottery Barn stores and potterybarn.com