

Personalised Gift Ideas with Cornish Whispers (a review)

Are you stuck for Christmas Gift Ideas?

I know I am. Each year that passes by, it seems to get more and more difficult to 'think outside the box' and find that special something for those you love. I trawl the shops, staring at the rows and rows of 'things' and I am usually left pretty uninspired.

Until now that is...

If you're looking for something that little bit different, and that is guaranteed to win you a few brownie points with loved ones, look no further than Cornish Whispers!

I was contacted by the lovely folks from this company a few weeks ago and I was offered a chance to review one of their hand-made Family Tree Frames. Seen as my husband is a bit of a Scrooge when it comes to home knickknacks and rolls his eyes if I so much as look at a fluffy cushion or copper photo frame, I took the opportunity to get one and have a guilt free knickknack made for me.

So, who are Cornish Whispers?

**A bit of background
information on Cornish**

Whispers



Who are Cornish Whispers?

With a passion for all things hand made, and a love of Cornwall, Husband and Wife team Adam & Emily decided to start their own business where everything is designed and made in Cornwall, and thus Cornish Whispers was born.

Adam's background in carpentry tends to favour wood and chunks of timber as his material of choice, although he also likes to play with acrylics, cardboard, leather, ceramics and glass and likes to mix traditional and rustic designs with a modern style. Emily's addiction to beads and jewellery making was getting quite out of hand, and after running out of family members to make for, she had to find some new customers to appreciate her jewellery, all one-off unique designs. Both like to help each other and get involved with the design of every Cornish Whispers make. Their son Blake has also got the crafting bug, and has set up a stall with his own makes.

What do they make?

Their website features a range of Cornish Whispers gifts, most of which can be personalised with special dates, names and places, which are perfect for wedding presents, Christening gifts, unique Christmas or birthday presents, or perfect for treating yourself to a finishing touch for your home. They aim to make all of our gifts totally unique and personal, so you can be confident that your recipient will truly love the originality of their gift.

Bespoke Work

They are also happy to undertake bespoke projects and will be happy to work with you on creating a product. Whether you would like some unusual wedding invitations or party favours, or an exclusive product line for your shop, they can take your idea's and help you to make them into a reality. They really enjoy making a wide variety of custom pieces, whether it's some simple engraving, to complex machine parts, they love to help with such a challenge.

I ordered my Wooden Family tree on their website which was really hassle free and I was able to choose what colour wood I would like. I went for Walnut as we have a lot of it in our house already. Depending on the size of family tree you go for, this dictates how many names you can have on the tree. My small one could fit 6 names, the larger ones can fit up to 12.

A few days later, it was delivered safely wrapped in Bubble Wrap and it had been waxed to give it a lovely sheen. It also has a rustic string to hang it from which I loved and it fits in with our home decor perfectly.



The way the frame is made is amazing to be honest. The wood is all interconnected and the names and branches all flow into each other. It's a work of art as well as being something that has a very personal connection. The way the names are written is exquisite and even my Scrooge of a husband thought it was wonderful.

I have hung it in our little hallway and it is the first thing you see as you come in the front door.

A sign (literally) that we are home.



I really do love the work the guys at Cornish Whispers are doing.

I love that they are a small, British family business, I love their unique products and they really are a very talented bunch.

They have a range of gorgeous Christmas decorations which would make an amazing keepsake for a baby's first Christmas ([such as wooden baubles with a name inscribed](#)) as well as [photo frames](#) made in much the same way as my Family Tree (which I might have my beady eye on as a festive treat to myself...hint, hint Mr Knutts)

For me, this is the sort of gift I love to receive. Thoughtful, sentimental, personal and beautiful. I am certain that anyone receiving something from them would be over the moon with it.

Do your bit this Christmas by supporting a small British family-run business.

[You can visit the Cornish Whispers website here. Do stop by and browse their amazing creations!](#)



Disclosure: I was sent this Family Tree art by Cornish Whispers for the purpose of this review but all words, thoughts and images are my own.

[Time flies... \(With Jord Wooden Watches\)](#)

Time you enjoy wasting, is not time wasted...

I find myself saying this *all the time* nowadays but, “*where is the time going?!*”

I bumped into an old family friend who asked me how old Luke was the other day. She assumed he was coming up to 2. When I told her he was 8, soon to be 9 in February, she almost keeled over in astonishment.

It is a cliché, but time really is going so fast.

This year seems to have whizzed by, I almost cannot stomach getting into the festive spirit because in my head, it still feels like September. Sadly the songs being played in the local shops and the merchandise they are now stocking tell me otherwise and I suppose I can't bury my head in the sand forever. I had better start Christmas shopping soon. Online shopping, you are my new best friend!

I always struggle with buying gifts for the men in my life. My Dad, my brother, my husband. Truth be told, if they want something, they normally just go and buy it. They don't wait for a special occasion, and this makes Christmas and Birthday gift buying really tricky. Couple this with the fact my husband has EXTREMELY expensive taste (#delusionsofgrandeur) I can often feel completely bamboozled with gift ideas.

This year however, at least one of the men in my life is sorted for a gift, and that lucky person is my brother.

We are really close, always have been in fact, and he is a super Uncle to my 3 boys. He takes them out to places, he sometimes helps look after them if I need to pop out, he's fun and the boys just generally love him.

As a little thank you, when I was approached by Jord Watches to review one of their gorgeous wooden timepieces, I instantly thought, “my brother would love one of these!”

So, that’s what I did. I ordered a watch that I loved the look of in the hopes he would love it too and it could double up as his Christmas gift from me. One gift down, many more to go!

Jord have an absolutely stunning range of [Men’s](#) and [Women’s](#) watches available on their website so I was pretty spoilt for choice when looking. In the end, I settled for this one, the [Dover watch in Ebony and Copper](#) (those that have seen my house know I have a bit of a copper fetish so this one was an instant hit with me!)



When it arrived, I was overwhelmed with how stunning it was. I know that sounds silly when talking about a watch, but the

craftsmanship that has gone into making these unique timepieces is astounding. As soon as I opened the beautiful polished wood box, the first thing that hit me was the smell. It smelt of a forest, of wood and nature and I loved that about it. The packaging was lovely, the watch was sat upon a little hessian-like cushion and the watch itself glinted at me in the light...got to love that copper!





When I took the watch out of the box to look at it, I was struck by how light and smooth it was. It was too big for me but when I did put it on my wrist, it felt lovely and my husband tried it on and said it looked great. The back of this particular watch is transparent so you can see all the inner workings of it. This is probably my favourite feature of the watch to be honest. I am sure my husband thought I had gone crackers when I was just sat there staring at the watch ticking away! Simple things, eh!?



The watch is splash proof but shouldn't be immersed under water for any length of time in order to keep it looking tip-

top.

If you're looking for a gift this Christmas that is both unique and thoughtful, I truly wouldn't hesitate to recommend something from Jord wooden watches. I would happily receive one myself and I hope that my brother loves his present as much as I hope he will.

What do you guys think?

Would you wear a wooden watch?

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Luxury Wood Watch