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6 Occasions When a Handmade Custom Clock Is the Perfect Gift

From time immemorial, exquisite timepieces have defined noteworthy spaces and the people who pass time in their shadows. Even before Galileo imagined the mechanism of pendulum timing, master craftsmen fashioned custom clocks as elaborate works of art for the most powerful and beloved figures of their time. As centuries of discovery have refined clockworks to the precision instruments of today, a special place remains in our hearts for the beautiful, timeless craftsmanship of handmade clocks.

Today, handmade Amish clocks are the pinnacle of quality and artistry, boasting exquisite detail, custom finishes, and near limitless personalization, all with the best modern movements available. Modern-day custom clocks are every bit as stunning and commanding as clocks of antiquity – an unexpected feature in any space.

It's no wonder we turn to clocks as discerning gifts, marking life's most remarkable moments and proud accomplishments. There can be no more precious gift than time itself – memories of moments shared, promises of the future ahead, and a reminder to cherish every moment as it comes.



Wedding Gift

A handmade, custom clock is a wish for the future – the start of a new legacy as the newlyweds embark on a new life together. As their family grows at the skirts of their timepiece, cherished moments will transform this thoughtful wedding gift into an heirloom to pass down to future generations.



Anniversary Gift

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Graduation Gift

The natural function of a clock, marking moments, makes it a wonderful way to mark special moments of pride and accomplishment. When you give a new graduate an heirloom-quality clock, more than congratulations, you welcome a newly minted scholar into the world that lies ahead. Throughout their life it will serve as a constant reminder of their accomplishments and your pride in them.

New Business Gift

If you have an enterprising new business owner in your life with a new public office, reception area, or gathering space, cast a vote of confidence and elevate their new space with a practical, personal gift of a custom clock. Time, for a new business owner, carries with it wishes for

reliable action and a steady ascent, as well as a reminder of the importance of craftsmanship in their own endeavors.

Housewarming Gift

A beautiful appointment for a new home, a custom Amish clock will set the tone for a new space with style and sentiment. Choose the style, wood, hardware, and all the details to perfectly suit your new homeowners. Adding heartfelt details with inscriptions and reliefs will ensure their new house feels like a home.

In Memoriam

Although time passes on us all, love is eternal. Many stunning clocks in history have been erected in memory of a respected and beloved figure. As we are reminded of the mortality of all life, we also remember the moments and love shared, and the legacies built. They say time heals all wounds – perhaps, but we never need forget the marks our loved ones have left on us. A custom clock is a lovely reminder of loved ones past, a symbol of a life worth remembering, an heirloom connecting generations past, present, and future.

There's a quality of treasure and legacy – almost magic – in a stunning, heirloom clock, specially made for your loved one with time, attention, and mastery. No matter your tastes, celebrate and commemorate life's milestones. For beautiful [clock gift ideas](#), browse our handmade Amish [wall clocks](#), [shelf and mantel clocks](#), and our custom [grandfather clocks](#).

Handmade Amish Clocks: The Perfect Graduation Gift



Why an Amish clock makes a meaningful gift for graduation

As your graduate stands poised to turn the page between college and the next chapter of their lives, you may be searching for the perfect graduation gift to show them how proud you are. This rite of passage comes loaded with emotions ranging from sadness in leaving behind such a formative time in their lives, to joy and excitement as they explore new opportunities on the horizon, to pride and a sense of hard-earned accomplishment, and everything in between. You want your gift to say more than just “Congratulations!” A handmade Amish clock is a perfect gift to carry those sentiments and mark the occasion for years to come.

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While any beautiful, custom clock is an excellent choice, the [shelf clock](#) is particularly well-suited as a graduation gift. A handmade Amish clock from our collection will make a handsome addition to their home office or library, or at work once they take up their first real office in their new career.

Memories to last a lifetime

For many, college is a defining time in their lives; a time of broadening their horizons, exploring their interests, and learning what they're capable of. Many choose their vocation during college, find their passions, and make friendships that will last their whole lives. They'll be reminded of their experiences, how they've grown, their accomplishments, and even the hardships they've overcome every time they look at their special handmade clock.



A vote of confidence

From you though, it means even more.

From you, this handmade clock is a prestigious gift, a vote of confidence, and an unwavering statement of pride and tradition. For a young adult, a quality handmade clock is a gift of maturity, an acknowledgment they have crossed a threshold and are welcomed into this next chapter with open arms. They'll remember how proud you are of them every time they check the time.

A high-quality custom-made Amish clock is more than a gift of memory, it's a gift of confidence and success. Displaying a gift like this will bring your graduate a sense of pride in their space, and in themselves. Your encouragement can be a powerful catalyst, bringing them the confidence to aim higher, do their best work, and aspire to greatness throughout their career.

Make an impression



Although it's never the primary intent, a high-quality Amish clock on the shelf will help shape an image of your graduate as a highly capable, professional, skilled, hard-working person. As a conversation starter, it can help with networking and give them opportunities to show off their education and personality; and as a beautiful piece of

décor, it can lend a hint of quality, good taste, and tradition to their reputation.

Whether your graduate has been working in their field throughout college or is just ready to find their first big job, this is a moment to remember and feel proud of. They'll carry the degrees and titles they've earned their whole lives. Mark this moment with a timeless gift – a gift of memory, tradition, accomplishment, and pride.

A custom-made Amish clock is the perfect graduation gift, it will stay with your graduate their whole lives and become a treasured heirloom to hand down someday as their legacy continues. And with a shelf clock from our collection, you can make it all the more special with personalized styles, finishes, and engraving, we even have a [picture frame clock](#) that allows you to include a special photograph.

An Amish Grandfather Clock as a Perfect Housewarming Gift

A gift with meaning

A custom-made Amish grandfather clock is a beautiful appointment for a new home, setting the tone for the new space with style and sentiment. It's a handsome way to elevate the space that conveys the authority of your new homeowners' good taste and the beginning of a new tradition.

A new house and an heirloom quality clock complement one another beautifully – both an investment in the future, both bestowing a sense of stability and reliability, and both foundational pieces in building a life.

A grandfather clock represents the importance of using your time wisely, living in the moments you can, and taking every opportunity to live well. For the fortunate, life happens at the feet of a grandfather clock – gentle chimes narrating the days, a witness to life, writing your story as you live it.

Every home has a place where we might say the spirit of the house lives, a place where we gather above the others. In some houses it's in the kitchen, in some, it's around a cozy fireplace or in a grand parlor, in some it's around a standout timepiece like one of our heirloom quality Amish grandfather clocks. Honor these spaces with beauty, meaning, and tradition.



Who can give an Amish grandfather clock?

An Amish grandfather clock is a prestigious housewarming gift, often given by parents or grandparents of a first-time homeowner, a sharing of family



tradition, a wish for the future, or a first step in decorating a new space. That's not a rule though. A grandfather clock, custom designed for your new space can be a deeply appreciated gift from a husband or wife, or even to and from yourself. There's no reason not to honor your new space with an exquisite, high-quality piece of furniture that will show off your style and good taste, and last your whole life. An Amish grandfather clock is a wonderful tradition to start for yourself or your loved ones.

One customer from North Las Vegas did just that. She had long kept a grandfather clock in her home, some fifty years, and found herself leaving it behind as she sold her home before moving to Nevada. By that time, it hadn't worked for years, but settling into her new house didn't feel complete without the company of a grandfather clock.

Amish-made, Heirloom Quality

Having loved her old clock, she spent a good deal of time searching the internet for another. When she came across Old Time Chimes, she was drawn in by the quality Amish craftsmanship of our clocks and our beautiful designs. She settled on a

grandmother clock remarkably like the one she left behind. She loved the customization options, choosing the wood, the stain, the glass, the accents, and the chimes piece by piece. The final result: the perfect clock for her home, even better quality than she had hoped, skillfully delivered, and suits her style perfectly.

The grandmother clock, slightly smaller than a grandfather clock, is a perfect fit for her and her new home. The detail and the quality were nicer even than the old clock she had kept for so long. Her new heirloom is sure to grace homes and lives for years to come.

It's no wonder we love to give the gift of time, tradition, style, and prestige to warm a new house. An heirloom quality Amish grandfather clock is a beautiful complement to a new home and a blessing for the new homeowner.

A custom-made Amish [grandfather clock or grandmother clock](#) is the perfect housewarming gift. It will grace a new home and elevate the space for years to come. Our customer was so pleased with the quality of the work from our Amish craftsmen and the customized choices she was able to make to match her unique taste and style. We were able to work closely with her, answering every question and explaining every option and process as we went, and we're proud to see how happy she is with her new timepiece. We'd love to help make your new home feel special as well, [browse our collections](#) and request a quote today.

A Quality Amish Wall Clock: A Perfect Anniversary Gift

Why a Wall Clock is the Perfect Anniversary Gift

Between husband and wife, an heirloom quality wall clock is a defining gift. Reflecting the investment of time spent and dearly awaited, a quality Amish wall clock makes a perfect anniversary gift. So perfect in fact that in 1937 the American National Retail Jewelers Association listed clocks on their modern list of anniversary gifts, where it's remained ever since.



While anyone would do well to gift a quality timepiece to a couple on their anniversary, a beautiful clock with a special inscription is the hallmark of a wife's first-anniversary gift to her husband. A refined appreciation of the time that's past and a reaffirmation of forever to come, a custom clock is a treasured gift meant to last a lifetime.

An heirloom quality clock allows you to say both, "I appreciate the time we've had together, what we've been through together, and the life we've shared," and "I'm looking forward to the future we continue to build and the time ahead." A clock can look back with reverence and love and forward with joy and anticipation. A clock can bring back memories, carry tradition, conjure

visions of the future, appreciate the present, and even hint at the legacy ahead.

A Special Gift for Rosemary

Of course, every day is the perfect day to celebrate a beautiful marriage, you don't have to wait for anniversaries. After losing their home in Hurricane Michael in 2018, Jim wanted something special to help make their new house a home. Rosemary had always wanted a handsome wall clock like the one



from her childhood, and even though Jim had resisted in the past, he couldn't help wanting to do something special for his wife, something she would love.

Jim searched for a month before he found Old Time Chimes and was instantly drawn in by the high-quality Amish craftsmanship of our clocks. When he realized he could choose a quiet, pleasant chime, and even silence the chimes at night, he was convinced. We walked him through the process of creating the perfect wall clock for his wife. He browsed styles and woods and finishes, choosing a beautiful walnut wood, a real showpiece for their home.

It seemed a long wait while our Amish craftsmen [custom-built his clock](#) for Rosemary, he couldn't possibly keep it a secret all that time. He had her guessing when he gave her the wood sample he had chosen, and she was overjoyed when he told her about the clock he was having made especially for her.

Rosemary is delighted! This beautiful, unique timepiece hangs prominently on the wall of their den. It's a true showpiece, situated in

perfect view – everyone who visits the house comments on her beautiful clock – and she has a beautiful story to tell about this treasured timepiece.

A New Heirloom Carrying an Old Tradition

The grandkids love it too! They love listening to the chimes, just like she had as a child. And one day, they'll hand this clock down through the family, carrying on a family tradition with this new heirloom piece. Maybe their grandkids will gather around and marvel as the gentle melodies play, awestruck even before they understand why it's so special. And by then, the story will have grown into a legacy.

An heirloom quality [Amish-made wall clock](#) is the perfect gift between couples, for anniversaries, or anytime. We're grateful to be a small part of Jim and Rosemary's love story. We were able to work closely with Jim to choose the perfect options to suit their unique style and home and we're proud to see another beautiful heirloom timepiece carrying on a beautiful story. We'd love to help you give a heartfelt gift of time, memory, and hope to your special someone as well, browse [our collections](#) and request a quote today.

The Magic of Clockworks

It is a discerning and precious few who linger in awestruck wonder at the skirts of a clockwork and cabinet. Not everyone hears the echo of the cosmos in the mechanisms. Not everyone feels their heart beat in unison with the pendulum. Those who do are in excellent company, perhaps most famously, King George III was a great lover of clocks and technologies of the 18th century and outfitted the royal properties handsomely with clockworks. A



true clock lover feels drawn to clockworks and the rich tradition and history surrounding clocks – it's a fascination rarely put to words.

What's So Special About Clocks?

"I don't know, I just like clocks."

What they meant to say was, "How are you not in awe of the skill and expertise that made this intricate, precise mechanism? These clockworks were once lumps of metal in a hill and now, by human hand and imagination, they're a masterpiece of gears and weights and levers. How are you not moved by this mystery, this magic, this mastery over time itself? How do you deny the miracle of chaos sorted into order before you

eyes? The clock is an instrument of pure alchemy, converting the rotation of the Earth itself into possibilities – into dreams. It upholds the border between infinity and purpose.”

Even if we can't always find the words, clocks are a universal metaphor for life and the complexities of humanity. They connect us through generations, the past tied to the future. Our libraries and theaters are filled with stories about the memories we struggle not to leave behind, the hopes and regrets of the precious moments we get, lessons of purpose, opportunity, and regret, and even about traveling through time itself. Clockworks remind us of time past, of the people who came before us, and the alchemists and philosophers of old – and the idea that we too are witnessed by time as it ticks on.

A Gift for a True Clock Lover

Jean may not have fully understood her husband's love of clocks, but she did understand just how much he would appreciate a truly special timepiece.

Quality and customization were the most important things to her as she wanted this timepiece to live up to the role – to be the unchanging, silent witness on the wall as life unfolds. Our custom-made Amish clocks were the perfect fit. Old-world craftsmanship with a choice of wood, finishes, hardware, lighting, glass, and personalization, paired with a high-quality German-made clockwork movement – our clocks are true heirloom quality.

To make sure this clock would really suit him, Jean made up a little story to get him on the phone and he unknowingly designed his own perfect clock. It must have been a good story because he didn't put it together until she had already made payments. Both Jean and her husband are active-duty military, which necessitates a lot of moving around. She appreciated how easy it was to customize a design with us, we were even able to adjust the dimensions to exactly suit the size requirements. His custom clock was built to his design



while he's been deployed overseas, and it's ready and waiting for him to hang in the perfect place when he returns home.

As time marches on, his new clock will be there for all the memories he'll make, marking moments and building his legacy. If someone in your life lingers in awe, noticing how the pendulum keeps time with their heartbeat, a beautiful handmade Amish clock will be a gift they'll treasure forever. [Browse our collection](#) to find an heirloom-quality clock full of meaning and history.