



**5. COMMENT ON YOUR FRIENDS' POSSESSIONS.** If one of your friends has what you want (if none have it, pretend), talk about it with your husband. Tell him how great it works (if it's a gadget) and how helpful it would be and how much so-and-so loves theirs. He should get the hint.

**4. BRING IN A FINANCING PLAN.** If the present you seek is expensive, the store probably offers financing options. Pick up a brochure and leave it in the mail pile or wherever you think he might look. If you don't think it's too obvious, you can even discuss it with him and ask him if he thinks it's a good finance plan.

**3. EMPLOY A SECRET AGENT.** Call up one of his buddies and let him know what you want. Then his buddy can subtly hint, "I was thinking of getting my wife [insert name of your gift] for Valentine's Day. What are thinking of for yours?" His buddy can hint he thinks it would be great for you as well. He'll never suspect you of tampering for an instant.

**2. LEAVE UP THE WEB PAGE.** If you and your hubby are Internet addicts, leave up a Web page for your desired item or maybe a site comparing prices. If there is a time when you know he uses the Internet, try to be on before he uses the computer. If you have it on multiple browser windows, you'll be more likely to be effective using this method.

**1. COMPLAIN.** If your ideal present would replace or upgrade something you already have, talk about how annoyed you are with a broken or obsolete appliance. You can even have him try it or attempt to fix it. When he fails, he will be sure to give you the item to make up for his shortcoming. After all, you are his queen. 

