

Top 5 Most Gut-Wrenchingly Un-Fun Purchases

Yes, I see the irony: after [last posting about having too much stuff](#), I'm promptly addressing the issue of making purchases. Calm down and allow me to explain:



Our dishwasher is working about as hard as a one-armed five-year-old on those tough yolk splatters, our front door resembles something [Norman Bates](#) would knock on at midnight, and I'm pretty sure our refrigerator's ice machine has concluded that dripping water into a gigantic frozen puddle is somehow more worthwhile than actually *doing its job*.

{sigh}. Life's tough, right?

Well, at a time when I'd like to spruce up more than one or two things at home with a *fun* purchase like [this](#), instead, it seems our destiny to make supremely BORING, adult purchases such as:

Jane's Top 5 Most Un-Fun Purchases:

- 1. Buying new license plate tags.** {SNORE} Ok, it's great that in Michigan I can add my State Parks Pass to this purchase for a one-and-done transaction, but please: \$140?! I'm gagging.
- 2. Replacing parts on our Norman Bates front door.** Excuse me while I have a cow. What a dumb thing to have to spend our [Crate & Barrel] money on after only a decade of use.
- 3. Upgrading a mattress.** While it did make my heart spring for joy for 10 minutes to do this for one of our kids, I almost puked in my own mouth when I heard the total price. In fact, after her fatal words were spoken, I put back the mattress pad cover and told the saleslady I already had one at home. Which was...kind of ...true. Hey. It would have been another UNFUN \$65!
- 4. Installing a new garbage disposal.** Aside from those few seconds when lime peel and cilantro

stems collide, there is nothing enjoyable about shelling out \$145 for a black cylinder bolted to the underside of one's sink. Useful, yes. *Fun, decidedly, NO.*

5. Paying for lawn fertilizer. This is practically my husband's love language, but to me it's \$58 that could be better spent on something *fun* like a concert ticket or ingredients to an irresistible recipe, rather than on ensuring the blades of our grass stay a perfect shade of green and devoid of weeds.

I'd love your thoughts! What would you add to my list? What are a few of your most gut-wrenchingly un-fun purchases to make?

NOTE: It has to be a tangible THING---otherwise we'd all say car insurance and getting our carpets cleaned!