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Mother's Day Gift Guide: Hollywood Wax

Mother's Day is just days away and I'm guessing you're thinking of showing up at mom's with yet another potted plant. Being mom-like, yours will stifle the urge to brain you with the hundredth hydrangea and instead smile and thank you for being such a thoughtful child. But this year you can avoid that sad scene by showing mom how much you truly appreciate all of the needless heartache and premature aging you've caused her by giving a gift that speaks from the heart.

Imagine the utter joy mom will experience when you surprise her with a life-sized [wax figure of Robin Williams](#) in his seminal role as mom-friendly, spinach-pushing sailor Popeye. You can thank me later for clueing you in to the [Hollywood Wax Museum's auction of more than 160 wax figures](#). The actual auction begins on Thursday, but you can start placing your bids now for Popeye and these other priceless Hollywood artifacts:

[Henry Winkler as the Fonz](#): Your mom may be all alone now that you and the rest of your selfish siblings have fled the nest and moved too far away to return for most holidays, but with the Fonz around she'll never be alone again. Aayyyy! (*Estimated selling price: \$3,000 - \$5,000*)

[Johnny Carson](#): Leno Shmeno. Mom remembers when quality late night TV meant double entendres and a florid co-host. And, if you squint, this figure could also double as Lloyd Bridges. Bonus! (*Estimated selling price: \$2,000 - \$3,000*)



Penny Marshall as Laverne from 'Laverne & Shirley.' Yes, Shirley is also available. (Image courtesy [Profiles in History](#))

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[Jerry Lewis](#): If your mom is a) French or, b) Possessed of particularly bad eyesight she'll be delighted to welcome this jaunty figure of Lewis, dressed for his role in 1952's "Sailor Beware" to her home. *(Estimated selling price: \$2,000 - \$3,000)*

[Charlton Heston from 'The Ten Commandments'](#): Honor your mom's devout Christian beliefs with a detailed figure of a 6 ft. 4 in. bearded Heston hefting two stone tablets. It's miraculously unremarkable! *(Estimated selling price: \$3,000 - \$5,000)*

[The Alien from 'Aliens'](#): You don't like your mom much, do you? Let her know with this not-so-subtle hint. *(Estimated selling price: \$2,000 - \$3,000)*

[Oprah](#) and [Whoopi](#): Your mom wastes her days watching TV talk. You may not like it, but show her you respect her TV habits by filling her living room with creepy wax likenesses of TV talking heads Oprah and Whoopi Goldberg. *(Estimated selling price for each: \$2,000 - \$3,000)*

[Nicole Kidman](#) and [Tom Cruise](#): Mom always thought they were such a nice couple. Now they can be reunited forever -- perhaps seated in the den to watch "Eyes Wide Shut" with mom again and again? *(Estimated selling price: Kidman \$1,000 - \$1,500, Cruise \$3,000 - \$5,000)*

[Crockett and Tubbs from "Miami Vice"](#): Mom knows the '80s were the coolest era ever. That's why she's still rocking shoulder pads and a perm. Now she won't look so out of place when surrounded by TV's coolest detectives ever, played by Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas. Look ma, no socks! *(Estimated selling price per figure, \$3,000 - \$5,000)*

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