

~~~GIFT BASKET IDEAS~~~

ADULT GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

scented candles ~ massage oil ~ lingerie ~ wine ~ wine glasses

ANNIVERSARY GIFT BASKET

wine or de-alcohol wine

register both couples in an activity class (rock climbing, scuba diving, something they can do together)

a movie that both spouses like

popcorn kernels with favorite spices

coupon book you make yourself for babysitting (if necessary)

an inspirational book about marriage

bubble bath

an afghan made for two

sweets and cookies

AQUARIUM LOVERS GIFT BASKET

Fill a gold fish bowl with:

fish food ~ aquarium gravel ~ net ~ gift certificate for fish from pet store ~ book about care of gold fish

ARTISTS GIFT BASKET

Include paintbrushes, different types of paints, markers, pencils, and sketch books.

ATHLETE'S GIFT BASKET

High energy bars

Sports drinks

Carbo loaded mix Pasta

Jar of pasta sauce

Sunscreen Lip balm

Moisturizer/shower soap

BABY GIFT BASKET

bibs bottles

baby soap

night light

receiving blanket

socks

pacifier

washcloths

rubber ducky

some underwear

soothing baby CD

little toy

baby spoon

baby frame

baby lotion

BACHELOR'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a laundry basket with:

laundry guide ~ cook book featuring easy meals like casseroles ~ roll of quarters and some laundry soap ~ take-out pizza coupons ~ an iron ~ room deodorizer ~ any other cleaning supplies ~ food staples like macaroni dinners, canned tuna, canned soup and, of course, beer!

BAGEL GIFT BASKET

assorted bagels, jams, cream cheese, cutting board, utensils.

BAKERS GIFT BASKET

use a cake pan as a "basket".

Fill the pan with:

pot holders ~ decorative frosting set ~ assorted sprinkles and nuts ~ baking recipes ~ cake server

BAKER'S GIFT BASKET 2

Use a cookie tin for a "basket".

Fill the tin with:

your favorite cookie recipes or a cook book ~ cookie cutters ~ chocolate chips ~ nuts ~ decorator icing set ~ assorted sprinkles

BARBEQUE LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

use an apron with pockets for a "basket".

Fill the apron pockets with:

marinade recipes ~BBQ sauce ~BBQ tools ~ packages of meat tenderizer ~ skewers ~ gift certificate for the local butcher

Beginner Cook Gift Basket

Use a Dish Drainer for the "Basket" and fill with your choice of the following items:

Wire Whisk

Rubber Spatula Set

Wooden Spoon Set

Ladle

Slotted Spoon

Long Fork

Tongs

Paring Knife

Slicing Knife

Vegetable Peeler

Package of Dishcloths

Two Dish Towels

Two Potholders

Two Oven Mitts

Placemats

Can Opener

Kitchen Scissors

Corkscrew

Small cutting board

Large Mixing Bowl

Medium Mixing Bowl

Cheese Grater

Measuring Cups

Measuring spoons

Small Kitchen Scales

Scrubbing Pads

Glass Mop

Rubber Gloves

Salt & Pepper Set

Canister Set

Wrap all items and tie with ribbons. Place smaller items in the "silverware compartment" of the dish drainer. Wrap the whole thing up in a tablecloth and gather at the top and tie with a big bow. You may choose to wrap it in cellophane instead if unsure of color preferences.

BINGO LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a plastic bag with a dabber, magnetic wand, bingo chips, markers, good luck charm and chewing gum

BOOK LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with

best-sellers or books and magazines related to the book lover's hobbies and interests.

large coffee mug,

flavored coffee,

a variety of teas,

comfy slippers,

an assortment of decorative bookmarks,

neck pillows (great to use while reading

bookends.

BREAKFAST GIFT BASKET

Fill a cast iron gift basket with

container of maple syrup, package of smoked bacon, ham or sausage from a local butcher shop (this is the best way to buy gourmet w/out the high cost), bag of pancake/biscuit mix (you can buy something gourmet, or put some Bisquick or jiffy mix in a clear bag and tie a pretty piece of material around it with a tag including directions on how to mix up), some tea and/or coffee and/or some juice boxes or bottles, jam/jelly/preserves, and small jar of honey.

BRIDAL SHOWER GIFT BASKET

book about easy cooking

two tall scented candles

a diary with fancy pen - so the bride can write down her wedding day experience

a book about babies (for a gag)

condoms (for a gag)

silk teddy or lingerie

register both bride and groom in a cooking class

"Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus" book

wine or de-alcohol wine

tall wine glasses

strawberries

BOY'S GIFT BASKET

his favorite cookies or candy

small package of inexpensive trucks or cars (take out of the package)

a bed - time story

book coloring book with washable markers

a small package of legos

a cowboy hat or any other kind of hat

little toy man with parachute

a paper plane they can assemble (dollar store)

bubble bath

stickers

his favorite cartoon video

puzzle

yo-yo

CAMPERS GIFT BASKET

Use a Backpack for the "Basket" and fill with your choice of the following

Flashlight

Water Bottle

Swiss Army Knife

Folded Poncho

Camping Tin Dish Set

Frying Pan

Trail Mix

Dried Fruits

Jerky

Lantern

Matches in a Waterproof Airtight Container

Compass

Guide to backpacking in the local area

Camping Book

CANDLE LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with

votives, tea lights, tapers, snuffer, glass holders, matches, tart burners

CAR BUFF GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with

premium quality auto wax;

buffing products;

treated dusting cloths;

assortment of magazines on cars;

books about classic, vintage or sports cars;

videos about maintaining cars;

a tire gauge;

a car-theme T-shirt;

a disposable camera to snap the freshly waxed car and its owner;

a frame for a photo of the car buff with the shiny car.

CAR LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket or a bag with:

tire gauge ~ liter (or gallon) of oil ~ wax ~ chamois ~ car wash coupons ~ squeegee for the windows ~ mileage log and pen ~ travel mug

CARPENTER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill the pockets of a tool belt or pouch with

work gloves, hammer, screws, nails, screwdriver, tape measure, duct tape.

CAT LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

use a cat basket as a "basket".

Fill it with:

food and water dishes ~ collar ~ brush ~ catnip ball ~ rubber ball, rubber mice or other cat toys ~ book on cat care

CHILDREN'S COLORING GIFT BASKET

Fill a rubber/plastic storage box with:

crayons (get the big package with tons of colors)~ non-toxic markers ~ assorted papers, include a variety of colors and textures ~ coloring books ~ assorted stickers ~a paint box and brushes

CHILI LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill A pot with:

assorted dried beans: kidney, black, white, navy, pinto, etc. ~ dried red chili peppers ~ chili powder, cayenne pepper, cumin, cilantro ~ chili recipes ~ ladle ~ oven mitts ~

CHINESE FOOD LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a wok with:

Chinese tea set ~ package of green tea ~ cook book ~ cleaver ~ chop sticks ~ package dried black mushrooms ~ bottle of soy sauce other sauces like plum sauce, Szechwan sauce, teriyaki sauce, etc.

CHOCOHOLIC GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with your choice of the following items

Chocolate Cookies
Chocolate Bon-Bons
Hot Chocolate Mix
Chocolate Kisses
Chocolate Ice Cream Topping
Chocolate Flavored Coffee
Chocolate Cake
Chocolate Pudding Mix
Tootsie Rolls
Chocolate Recipes

CHOCOLATE LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

chocolate cookies (home baked is best) ~ chocolate bonbons ~ chocolate sauces ~ chocolate syrup ~ chocolate dipped coffee spoons Hot chocolate mix ~ chocolate covered coffee beans ~ chocolate flavored coffee beans ~ chocolate recipes

CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET

Fill a decorative Christmas box or tin with:

assorted home-baked cookies ~ assorted chocolates ~ Christmas ornaments (better if you made them yourself)~ pre-recorded Christmas music ~ tuck in some candy canes or foil wrapped chocolate Santas for a finishing touch

CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET 2

hot apple cider mix

large mugs

home made christmas ornament

a letter saying why you love Christmas

matching mittens, hat and scarf

some mistletoe

Christmas music CD

home made Christmas cookies - with the recipe included

30) CHRISTMAS DECORATING GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

nativity set ~ assorted Christmas ornaments (store bought or hand-made by you)~ decorative lights ~ candles

COFFEE LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

gourmet coffees ~ coffee mugs ~ novels ~ chocolates ~ decorative bookmark (why not make one yourself)

COLLECTOR'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

reference books ~ items they collect ~ display cases, books, etc .~ cleaning supplies (special polishes, oils, brushes, etc.)~ tickets to a collectibles show

College Gift Basket

Get a huge laundry basket or hamper and fill it with any of the following:

candy

brownie mix

cookies

microwave popcorn

cup-a-soup type mixes or ramen noodles

soup mugs

wooden spoon set

drink mixes

tea bags

hot chocolate mix

fast food coupons

quarters for the washers/dryers

note pads/post-its

coasters for drinks (handmade is nice)

kleenex

air freshener

cleaners

disinfectant spray for the shower and bathroom

cards/envelopes (to write home)

laundry bags

paperback book

lottery tickets pens

paper

photos

shampoo

soap

conditioner

toothpaste

nice big fluffy towel

matching washcloth

paperclips

stapler

staples

binders 1/2" and 1"

desk organizer trays

pencil and pen caddy

mouse pad

double sided tape to hang

things on the wall

computer diskettes

picture frames

playing cards

calendar

Wrap the whole thing in Cellophane and tie with a big bow to match the basket!

COMEDIAN'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

deck of trick cards ~ whoopi cushion ~ chattering teeth ~ joke books ~ comedy movies, cassettes or CDs ~ tickets to a comedy club

COMPUTER BUFF GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

mouse pad ~ diskettes ~ novelty or personalized disk labels ~ anti-static wrist band ~ travel mug (so that things won't spill on the computer)~a list of your favorite Web sites ~

COMPUTER GAMER GIFT BASKET

Fill a decorative box with:

membership to an online gaming WWW site ~ computer game CDs ~ joy stick ~ mouse pad ~ shareware games on diskette

COUCH POTATO GIFT BASKET

fill a large basket or box with:

assorted bags of flavored popcorn ~ other snacks like chips, nuts, candy ~ pre-recorded movies ~TV Guide subscription ~TV Remote holder ~ Comfortable slippers ~ Cushion

COWBOY GIFT BASKET

Fill a cowboy hat with:

bolo tie ~ western belt buckle ~ boot protector ~ gift certificate for country dancing, horseback riding, rodeo, etc.

CRAFTER'S GIFT BASKET

Use a rubber storage container for a "basket"

Fill the container with:

glue gun and glue sticks ~ acrylic paints ~ assorted brushes ~ a craft knife ~ other craft supplies such as beads, pompoms, wood sticks, buttons, stickers, dried flowers, etc. ~ craft patterns or how-to books

CRAFTER'S GIFT BASKET 2

fill a rubber/plastic container with:

small terra cotta plant pots ~ flexible stencils ~ acrylic paints ~ stencil tape ~ brushes ~ spray polyurethane ~ seeds to plant when pots have been decorated

CROCHET OR KNITTER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

assorted needles or crochet hooks ~ assorted patterns ~ buttons ~ ribbons ~ personalized "made by" labels ~ wool

CYCLIST'S GIFT BASKET

use a cycling helmet as a "basket".

Fill it with:

cycling gloves ~ water bottle ~ reflectors ~ sunglasses ~ odometer ~ patch kit

DINNER AND A MOVIE GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with

A box of pasta (this looks really nice if you buy the colorful pasta and put it in a mason jar, put a small piece of material over the top with a ribbon on the lid), jar of sauce, a jar of shaker cheese, could also include a clove of garlic or a shaker of Italian seasoning, a pasta spoon or wooden spoon with a ribbon tied on the handle, a pair of candles for romantic lighting, two cupcakes or a bag of gourmet cookies, and a gift certificate from the local movie rental place.

DOG LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill the a large dog bowl with:
squeaky toy ~ rawhide bone ~ dog biscuits ~ dog brush ~ dog collar ~ leash ~

ELECTRONIC HOBBYIST GIFT BASKET

Fill a plastic box with:
resistors ~ capacitors ~ wire pliers ~ soldering iron and solder ~ light bulbs ~LED lights ~ printed circuit boards ~
project books ~ wire cutters ~ electrical tape

ENGAGEMENT GIFT BASKET

fill a basket with:
wedding planner ~ unity candle ~ garter ~ cake knife ~ honeymoon travel information or tickets ~ wedding
decorations ~ wedding album

EXECUTIVE'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a briefcase with:
daytime r~ business card holder (one for the wallet, one for the desktop)~ pen and pencil set ~ newspaper
subscription ~ shoe polish ~ reference books ~ desk calendar ~ coffee mug

EXERCISER'S GIFT BASKET

fill a tote bag :
towel ~ water bottle ~ workout tapes or magazines ~ power bars ~ sports drinks ~ sports socks ~ gym
membership

EXPECTANT PARENTS GIFT BASKET

Fill a baby's bath tub with:
hooded towel ~ wash cloth ~ rubber ducky ~ baby shampoo ~ baby powder ~ baby lotion ~ terry sleeper

FAMILY GAME NIGHT GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with :

cards, checkers, dice, pads, pens, microwave popcorn, dominoes, puzzles.

FATHER'S DAY GIFT BASKET

subscription to his favorite magazine

his favorite cologne

comfy, warm slippers

coupon book you make (take the day off ,dad, or I'll mow the lawn this time, dad!)

a gift certificate to his favorite sports shop

his favorite cookies or treat

a personal letter (in your own handwriting) telling him why you love him and what you admire about him

his favorite popcorn spices

his favorite action movie

a nice picture frame (with the picture of the family in it)

FARWAY GRANDPARENT GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

children's artwork ~ gifts made by the kids frames family pictures (let the kids buy plain wooden frames and decorate them with stickers)~ videos of the family ~a long-distance calling card ~ Extras: fill out the basket with candy, coffee, tea, biscuits, Christmas ornaments, candles, etc.

FEMALE BABY BOOMER GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with

books and magazines on women's health issues;

a variety of herbal teas;

skin care lotions for maturing skin;

gentle hair care products with herbal scents;

skin care accessories, such as sponges, brushes and loofahs;

humorous coffee mugs;

Beatles CDs, for the memories.

FIESTA GIFT BASKET

Fill a Southwestern-style clay or terra cotta bowl with

spicy treats like domestic Salsa Jack cheese,

fresh jalapeño peppers,

gourmet salsa and blue corn chips.

Toss in a pair of traditional Mexican maracas for color and pizzazz.

FONDUE GIFT BASKET

Stuff an enamel fondue pot with

blue cheese,

Swiss cheese,

crusty breads,

nuts,

figs,

apples

apricots.

Outfit each fondue set with matching plates or bowls, color-tipped fondue forks and candles or burners.

FISHERMAN'S GIFT BASKET

use a tackle box as a "basket". Fill it with:
assorted lures ~ leaders ~ pliers ~ gloves ~ guide to local fishing

FOOTBALL FAN GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket

a month-at-a-glance calendar,

microwave popcorn,

a football theme mouse pad,

a sweatshirt with a favorite team's logo,

a hat with a favorite team's logo,

a mini AM/FM radio and binoculars (both for seats in a stadium's nosebleed section),

plastic raingear,

a VCR tape (for emergencies, like attending weddings).

GAMBLER'S GIFT BASKET

fill a basket with:

decks of cards ~ dice ~ poker chips ~ poker rule book ~ pocket electronic games ~ plane tickets to Vegas

GARDENERS GIFT BASKET

Use a large terra cotta plant pot for a "basket". If you like, you can personalize the pot by painting it with acrylic paints. When the paint is dry, spray a light coat of polyurethane over the pot to add a shine.

Fill the pot with:

gardening gloves ~ hand trowel ~ hand rake ~ a selection of vegetable and/or flower seeds (go for something unusual) ~ bottle of liquid fertilizer ~ a gardening book ~ a subscription for a gardening magazine

GET WELL GIFT BASKET

FILL A GIFT BASKET WITH

a cuddly teady bear

candy or sweets

relaxing CD

a humorous book or a book about poems

a deck of cards

puzzles or games

cozy warm slippers

a funny movie

GET WELL BASKET 2

Use to cheer up a friend at home in bed with the flu or other illness -- Find an unusual shaped basket and fill with any of the items below:

Non-alcoholic sparkling cider
Flavored Tea Bags
Assorted Magazines
Find-A-Word Puzzle Book
Crossword Puzzle Book
Books on Audio Cassette
Favorite Movie Video
Stuffed Teddy Bear for Comfort
Nice Warm Throw in Favorite Colors
Pretty Box of Kleenex
Can of Chicken Noodle Soup
Saltine Crackers
Bowl and spoon
Be Sure to include a Get Well Card

60) GIFT BASKET FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Fill a basket with:

coupons for your babysitting time ~ cook book featuring meals in 30 minutes or less ~ day timer to help them organize their time more efficiently ~ watch ~ information about or coupons for a shopping service which will do their shopping for them ~ coupons for other time saving services like dry-cleaning, tailoring, take-out food, car washes, etc.

GIRL'S GIFT BASKET

FILL A BASKET WITH

her favorite cookies or candy

cheap make-up (so she can dress up)

junk jewelry

small inexpensive doll, or make one that is simple

a bed-time story book

a grown-up plain straw hat

that you decorate with fake roses, ribbon and lace

fancy grown-up dress shoes

ladies gloves

coloring book with washable markers

plastic tea set

bubble bath stickers

her favorite cartoon video

GOLF LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

For the golfer, fill a basket or a golf bag with:

golf tees ~ golf balls ~a baseball cap ~ sunscreen ~ score cards ~a small towel ~a can cooler to keep a can of pop or beer cold ~ Of course, don't forget to personalize the towel or baseball cap - you can stitch on them, use fabric paints, etc.

GRANDFATHER'S GIFT BASKET

FILL A BASKET WITH

a nice inspirational book about being a grandfather

his favorite sweets

cozy, warm slippers

a gift certificate to his favorite sports or outdoor store

a letter (in your own handwriting) telling him why you love him and what you admire about him

a sports or outdoor magazine

his favorite cologne

a nice frame with the family or children's portrait in it

a coupon to his favorite restaurant

his favorite movie

his favorite popcorn spices

hot/cold bag (you heat up or cool down, and wrap around your neck)

GRANDMOTHER'S GIFT BASKET

FILL A BASKET WITH

bath salts or aromatherapy bath powder

an inspirational book about being a grandmother

a nice picture frame with the family or the grandchildren already in it

her favorite flowers

her favorite sweets

cozy, warm slippers

a gift certificate to her favorite clothing store or craft store

a letter (in your own handwriting) telling her why you love her and what you admire about her

some yummy cookie recipes

her favorite perfume

GRADUATION GIFT BASKET

FILL A BASKET WITH

a letter of why you appreciate them and what you admire about them (in your own handwriting)

a small book about house cleaning

a book about how to cook easy meals

a large bag of popcorn kernals with their favorite spices

stationary, with self addressed envelopes already stamped

fancy pen to write home with

a phone card for calling home

their favorite sweets

GUITAR PLAYER GIFT BASKET

Fill the basket with:

assorted picks ~ tuning fork ~ sheet music ~ CDs or cassettes of great guitar players ~ guitar strings ~ electronic tuner ~ lesson books

HEALTH FOOD GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket or a mixing bowl:

brown rice (in a bag tied with a ribbon or in a glass jar)~ other grains like quinoa, spelt, bulgur, etc. ~ all-natural candy bars ~ tofu in aseptic packages (so it doesn't need refrigeration)~ assorted dried beans (black, black-eyed peas, chick peas, lima beans, Java beans, etc.)~ assorted spices ~ all natural skin and body care products (find them at your local health food store)

HIKER'S GIFT BASKET

use hiking boots as a "basket". Fill with:

maps ~ rain poncho ~ bear bells or repellant ~ trail mix ~ compass ~ first aid kit for hikers

HOME OFFICE GIFT BASKET

Use a rubber garbage can as a "basket".

Fill the can with:

stapler ~ tacks, paper clips, pens, pencils ~ note pads ~ hole punch ~ desk lamp ~ desk calendar

HOUSEWARMING GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with

a board game

popcorn kernals with spices

a crafty welcome sign or a wreath they can put on their door

a healthy house plant

a plug in room freshener

bag of potpourri

a business card you make yourself - put your name address and phone number on it, so they can call you any time soothing flavored tea

HOUSE WARMING GIFT BASKET 2

Use a recycling bin, fill with

Light bulbs

batteries

toilet paper and paper towels

cleaners

some cans of soup

small bag of flour and sugar

cook book of easy and fast recipes

small bag of dry pasta

potpourri

scented candles

a book about recycling

ICE CREAM SUNDAE GIFT BASKET

Fill A Basket With Your Choice of the following

Ice Cream Scoop

Homemade Brownies

Can of Chocolate Syrup

Jars of Pineapple, Butterscotch and Strawberry Toppings

Sprinkles

Cones

2-Liter Bottle of Cola, Rootbeer or Cherry 7-Up for Floats

Maraschino Cherries

Assorted Nuts

Sundae Dishes

Float Glasses

Spoons

Coupons For Gourmet Ice Cream

Coupons for Ice Cream Parlor

ITALIAN FEAST GIFT BASKET

In an oversized breadbasket PLACE

olive oil,

gourmet Alfredo or red sauce,

breadsticks

domestic, Italian-style cheeses like mozzarella, Asiago and Parmesan.

For the finishing touch, drop in a cheese grater, pasta rake and red and white checkered napkins.

JIGSAW PUZZLE GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

jigsaw puzzle ~ puzzle mat ~ coffee mug ~ magnifying glass ~ gourmet coffee

JOGGER'S GIFT BASKET

fill a tote bag with:

pedometer ~ sweat band ~ tapes and batteries for the Walkman ~ shoe laces ~ sport socks ~ personal alarm ~ t-shirt ~ water bottle in a shoulder or waist holder

JUNK FOOD JUNKIE GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with

pretzels,

oreo cookies,

popcorn,

peanuts,

chocolate bar,

M&M's,

jelly beans

KID'S BATH GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

bubble bath ~ no-tears shampoo and conditioner ~ bath crayons (they let kids write on the tub or the wall, then they wash off)~ bath toys ~ bath mitt or decorative face cloth ~ printed towel ~ robe ~ slippers

KID'S BEACH GIFT BASKET

Fill a plastic pail with:

plastic shovel ~ sand molds ~ beach ball or plastic floatation device (deflated)~ beach towel ~ flip-flops ~ sunglasses ~ sunscreen for kids ~ bathing suit

Kids Artist Gift Basket

Decorate a canvas tote with puffy paints or fabric paints to personalize for the child. Fill with several of the following items:

Puffy paints
 Fabric paints
 Paint Brushes
 Fabric crayons
 Colored pens and pencils
 Cotton t-shirt to paint
 Cotton hat to paint
 Stencils
 Large tablet of newsprint paper
 Glue
 Safety Scissors
 Watercolors
 Crayons
 Art Smock (can be a regular apron)
 Stickers
 Coloring Book

Kids Traveling Gift Basket

Use a Book Bag for the "Basket" and fill it with your choice of the following items:

Traveling Bingo Game
 Other Travel Size Games
 Coloring Book
 Crayons
 Doodle Pad of Paper
 Pencils or Pens
 Magnetic Doodle Board
 Travel Size Etch-A-Sketch
 Small Portable Radio/Cassette Player w/ Headset :-)
 Don't Forget the Batteries
 Disposable Camera
 Snack Crackers
 Raisins
 Soft blanket to nap with
 Stuffed Animal

KINDERGARDENER'S GIFT BASKET

fill a children's lunchbox with:

pencil toppers ~ decorated pencils ~ colored pencils ~ rulers ~ plastic stencils which let them draw stars, circles, etc. ~ stapler ~ children's scissors ~ water bottle in a shoulder or waist holder

KITCHEN GADGET GIFT BASKET

Fill a canvas onion bag with:

garlic press ~ can opener ~ jar opener ~ paring knife (carefully wrapped)~ strawberry huller ~ egg slicer ~ cheese slicer ~ mixing spoons ~ measuring spoons and cups ~ egg timer ~ grater

Laundry Gift Basket- for those that bring home 10 loads of laundry every time they visit!!

Use a laundry basket (or two stacked inside of each other) for the "Basket" and fill with your choice of the following:

Laundry Detergent
Fabric Softener
Bleach (with instructions on use !)
Stain Remover
2 dozen or more Plastic Hangers
Laundry Bag
Ironing Board (tabletop size)
Travel Size Iron
A Roll of Quarters
An Instruction Booklet You've Made Giving the Proper Procedures
For Doing Laundry (this is because if you don't they usually end up with all pink underclothes!)
A Bottle of Woolite

LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Include several scented candles,
a cassette tape with romantic music,
a good bottle of wine or brandy,
two glasses,
a bottle of massage oil,
some good chocolates,
and a cardboard note to hang on the door that says "Do Not Disturb".
Include a card with instructions to read "Close the door, turn off the phone.
Enjoy together your precious time alone."

LOW INCOME GIFT BASKET

For anyone you know who's out of work or living on a very low income - fill your basket with the little things everybody needs,

like soap, stamps, matches, pens, paper towels, hand towels, etc.

Add a few more luxurious items to give it a more festive air.

another good idea is to add a pocket-sized puzzle or crossword book. If you have some free samples of shampoo, toothpaste, etc, lying around, add them too!

MALE BABY BOOMER GIFT BASKET

Pick accessories for the outdoor or indoor middle-aged sports enthusiast:

sunscreen, sun visor, shoe and wrist reflectors, odorless pain-relieving gel, sports books on tape, a tape player with waistband attachment, blank VCR tapes, and spare batteries for the TV remote control. Include his favorite '60s and '70s music, in CD format. Select an appropriate, humorous T-shirt with a middle-age theme.

MEN'S ACCESSORIES GIFT BASKET

Fill an overnight bag with:

socks ~ underwear ~ belt ~ tie ~ tie clip ~ handkerchiefs ~ wallet ~ watch

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BASKET

subscription to her favorite magazine

bath salts or aroma therapy bath powder

her favorite scented candles

her favorite chocolate

coupon book you make (nights that you cook, or leave mom alone for a day or an hour)

a soft back romance novel or romance movie

comfy, warm slippers

a coupon to visit a spa for the day

a gift certificate to her favorite clothing store

a personal letter (in your own handwriting) telling her why you love her and what you admire about her

her favorite flowers

MOVIE BUFF GIFT BASKET

fill a basket with:

pre-recorded movies ~ movie soundtracks on CD or cassette ~ batteries for the remote control ~ head cleaner for the VCR ~ movie tickets or gift certificates ~ popcorn

90) MUSIC LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

fan club membership (look for their favorite musician on the Web, many bands now have online fan clubs which also sell tickets, posters, t-shirts and more)~ CDs , cassettes of their favorite group ~ posters of their favorite

group ~ biographies ~ sheet music ~ tickets to a concert ~ band t-shirts

MUSICIAN'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a decorative can with:

reeds/strings/drum sticks/mouthpiece - appropriate for the instrument they play ~ sheet music ~ valve oils for brass instrument players ~ Instrument strap ~ electronic tuner ~ metronome ~ recorded music of their favorite artists

MYSTERY LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a deer stalker hat with:

mystery novels ~ mystery game for computer ~ magnifying glass ~ puzzles or brain teaser books ~ how-to-host a mystery game

NAIL MANICURE GIFT BASKET

Use a cosmetic bag for a "basket".

Fill the bag with:

nail polish ~ emery boards ~ nail clippers ~ nail brush ~ cuticle remover ~ nail file ~ nail polish remover ~ cotton balls

NATURALIST'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a knapsack with:

binoculars ~ bird watching guide or wildlife or wildflower guide ~ log book and pen ~ maps ~ trail mix

NEEDLEPOINT LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

fill a basket with:

patterns ~ canvas ~ assorted thread ~ needles ~ thimble ~ frames for finished work

NEW AGE GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

tarot cards ~ crystals ~ scented candles ~ incense ~ new age music on CD or cassette ~ certificates for palm reading, psychic reading, etc. ~ books

NEW FATHER GIFT BASKET

FILL A BASKET WITH

large Dad mug,
bags of ground coffee,
a double photo frame for the office,
a new Dad T-shirt,
books on fatherhood,
disposable cameras,
high-energy snacks (to double as breakfast),
and a mini photo album for the office.

NEW HOMEOWNER GIFT BASKET

Use a tool box as a "basket". Fill the box with:
screw drivers ~ wrench ~ hammer ~ pliers ~ assorted nails, screws, washers ~ gift certificate for the local hardware store ~ do-it-yourself book ~ assorted odds and ends like: light switch covers, light bulbs, duct tape, paint brushes, knobs and handles, etc.

NEW MOTHER GIFT BASKET

ear plugs
small book about babies
cute picture frame to keep babies picture in
hot/cold muscle relaxing bag
lotion
bath salts or aroma therapy bath powder
her favorite scented candles
hot chocolate packets
large mug
relaxing music CD
coupons you make yourself for babysitting
baby food recipes
easy recipes you make in 20 minutes or less

NEW YEAR'S EVE GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

champagne ~ glasses ~ party hats ~ noise makers ~ sparklers ~ confetti ~ balloons ~ party invitations

NIGHT IN GIFT BASKET

Fill the basket with:

wine ~ wine glasses ~ pre-recorded movie ~ candle ~ candle holder ~ romantic pre-recorded music ~ appetizers: cheese and crackers, olives, something you've made yourself

NIGHT OUT GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

list of babysitters or coupons for babysitting ~ restaurant guide and/or gift certificates ~ movie reviews and/or tickets or, tickets to a show or a concert ~ cab fare ~ lighted key chain

OVER THE HILL GIFT BASKET

FILL A BASKET WITH:

hearing aid, laxative, joint ointment, hair replacement kit, bran flakes, batteries (to re-charge), doodle pad, decision maker.

OVER THE HILL GIFT BASKET 2

Fill a basket with

Depends adult diaper, corn pads, hemorrhoid ointment, a can of Ensure (aged nutritional supplement), denture paste, muscle rub, a bottle of Mylanta antacid-anti-gas, and a magnifying glass

PAINTER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a decorative tin with:

paints (acrylic, water color or oil)~ brushes ~ paper or canvas ~ charcoal

PAMPER YOURSELF GIFT BASKET

Fill a gift basket

loofa, bubble bath, bath crystals, sponge, scented candle, sparkling cider, relaxation eye mask, massage cream.

PASTA LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Use a large pasta bowl for a "basket".

Fill the bowl with:

a package or two of gourmet pasta ~ tongs ~ a package of sun-dried tomatoes ~ extra -virgin olive oil ~ spices : oregano, basil, garlic powder ~ a collection of your favorite pasta recipes hand-printed on recipe cards ~ and /or a pasta cookbook

PERSONAL CARE GIFT BASKET

Fill a gift basket with

body cream, hand lotion, nail brushes, bubble bath, back massager, glycerin soap.

PIZZA PARTY GIFT BASKET

On a pizza stone or board,

arrange a variety of delicious domestic cheeses such as Parmesan, mozzarella and feta.

Add a pizza cutter,

homemade pizza sauce

and gourmet ingredients, like sun-dried tomatoes, olives and fresh herbs,

PUZZLE LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

Rubic's cube ~ 3D puzzle ~ jigsaw puzzle ~ word-search book ~ crossword puzzle book ~ slider puzzles ~ and any other puzzles you can find

110) RAINY DAY GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

deck of cards ~ cribbage board ~ find-a-word and/or crossword books and pencil ~ herbal tea ~ tea cup

RELAXATION GIFT BASKET

Fill the basket with:

a gel eye-pack ~ Epsom salts or bubble bath ~ aroma therapy oils ~ scented candles ~ books on tape (to listen to in the bath)~ a hand-held massager ~ relaxing music on CD or cassette

RETIREMENT GIFT BASKET

a book about travel

their favorite sweets

coupon to their favorite activity store

a book about outdoor activities

a beginners how-to scrapbook book

crossword puzzle book with fancy pen

playing cards

a computers for beginners book

ROAD TRIP GIFT BASKET

Fill a tote bag with.

Maps ~ travel mug ~ sunglasses ~ hotel coupons ~ tire gauge ~ beaded seat cover ~ travel games ~ recorded music on cassette or CD ~ car air freshener

SALON GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

salon shampoo and conditioner ~ hair brush and/or combs ~ barrettes ~ combs ~ scrunchies ~ clips, bows, pins, twists, etc. ~ book on hair styles ~

SCI-FI FAN GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

Science fiction novels ~ sci-fi movies ~ collectible figures (you know, the plastic ones modeled after TV and movie sci-fi characters)~ Spock ears ~ books about their favorite shows or authors ~ tickets to a sci-fi convention

SECRETARY'S GIFT BASKET

favorite flavored tea

fancy mug

favorite sweets

favorite flowers

a letter (in your handwriting) telling them why they are important and why you appreciate them

hot/cold bag

foot lotion or foot aroma therapy bath powder

a coupon for an extra day off

coupon to her favorite restaurant

SEWING LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

fill a sewing basket with:

needles ~ assorted threads (stick to basic colors: black, white, navy, cream)~ pins ~ thimble ~ pin cushion ~ measuring tape ~ tracing wheel and paper ~ sewing club membership

SHOPPER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

cushioned insoles ~ directories for local malls ~ gift certificates (get a lot of small ones for different stores)~ tote bag to carry home purchases ~ parking pass ~ list of babysitters or volunteer to baby sit ~ coupons

SHUTTERBUG GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket or a camera bag with:

assorted film ~ coupons for picture developing ~ filters for his/her camera ~ lens cleaning solution and cloth ~ assorted picture frames and/or albums

SKIER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a tote bag with:

lip balm ~ sunscreen ~ goggles ~ gloves ~ scarf ~ ski pass ~ wax

SOAP OPERA FAN GIFT BASKET

Fill the basket with:

tissues ~ bonbons ~ soap opera magazines ~ biographies of their favorite stars ~ pictures of their favorite stars ~ blank video tapes ~ fan club membership

SOUP AND SANDWICH GIFT BASKET

In oversized soup cups or bowls, pack

assorted domestic cheeses,

cans or box mixes of gourmet specialty soups,

sandwich rolls or crispy crackers.

Round off the gift with matching sandwich platters, soup spoons, recipe cards or a cookbook.

SPECIAL FRIEND GIFT BASKET

a letter telling them why you appreciate them (leave it unsigned)

flowers

candies, sweets and cookies

a book that only you would know they would like

scented candles

a book about friendship or poems about friendship

a movie only you would know they would like

popcorn kernals with their favorite spices

anything else that is personal between you and your friend that they would like

SPICY FOOD LOVER GIFT BASKET

use a chili pot as a "basket". Fill it with:

spices: cayenne pepper, black pepper, white pepper, dried red peppers, chili powder, paprika ~ hot sauces like chili sauce ~ salsas ~ hot pickles (pick them up from an Asian food store)~ fresh peppers ~ pepto bismal ~ recipes

SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS GIFT BASKET

Fill the helmet or hat with:

sports cards ~ baseball, puck, etc .~ shoe , boot or skate laces ~ for the hockey player, add: lace tightener and some tape ~ for the baseball player, add: mineral oil, batting glove and gum ~a sports video ~a subscription to a sports magazine ~ a poster of their favorite player

STATIONARY GIFT BASKET

Fill a pretty gift tin

writing paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, note cards, post cards, glue, sealing stickers, personalized address labels.

STOCK UP THE BAR GIFT BASKET

Fill an ice bucket with:
shot glasses ~ bottle opener ~ cork screw ~ maraschino cherries ~ cocktail napkins ~ jar of olives ~ fancy toothpicks or cocktail umbrellas ~ bar guide

SUMMERTIME GIFT BASKET

Use a Beach Bag for the "Basket" and fill with any of the following items

Beach Towel
Folding Beach Mat
Suntan Lotion
Sunglasses
Visor
Mask and Snorkel
Inflatable Float
Inflatable Beach Ball
Smash Ball Set
Frisbee
Compact radio/cassette player
Travel-Sized Games
Water Bottles
Misting Bottle
Sun Block
Flip-Flops
Water Gun

SYMPATHY GIFT BASKET

a cuddly teady bear

candy or sweets

fruit

crackers cheeses

flowers

some soothing flavored tea

SUNLOVER'S GIFT BASKET

use a sun hat as a "basket".
Fill the hat with:
sunscreen ~ sunglasses ~ lemonade mix ~ novel

130) TEA LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with

Loose tea,
tea bags,
infuser,
oversized mug,
spoon,
cup warmer,
decorative teapot,
miniature teapot,
porcelain teabag holder,
tins for holding tea

TEACHER'S GIFT BASKET

favorite flavored tea fancy
mug
a few red apples
chalk and brush
a certificate you make yourself saying "Number One Teacher" and put a gold star on it, frame it
favorite chocolate or sweets
a nice frame with the class picture inside
hot/cold bag
foot lotion or foot aroma therapy bath powder

TEACHERS GIFT BASKET 2

Fill a basket with fun pencils,

"reward" toys,

erasers,

Post-It notepads,

Award pads, etc.

Decorate the basket with a "school" theme - instead of ribbon around the rim, glue on a row of pink erasers, alternating with some cute large plastic clips.

TEACHERS GIFT BASKET 3

Use a file tray for the basket and fill with any of the following

Red and Green Pencils
Red Ink Pens
Black Ink Pens
Cute Rubber Stamps
Ink Stamp Pad
Bag of Apple Chips
Jar of Apple Jelly
2 Large Red Apples
Mug Decorated with Apples
Cinnamon Apple Tea Bags
Note Pads
Post-It-Notes
Paper Clips

TEEN BOY GIFT BASKET

put in hat or packsack

subscription to his favorite teen magazine

movie pass

gift certificate to his favorite sports store or clothing store

his favorite cookies

his favorite music CD

pass to his favorite gym or sport activity

gel or cologne

a letter from you (in your own handwriting) why you love him and what you admire about him

TEEN GIRL GIFT BASKET

put contents in a large purse or cosmetic bag

subscription to her favorite teen magazine

movie pass

gift certificate to her favorite clothes store

gift certificate to a day at a spa

her favorite cookies

her favorite music CD

her favorite nail polish - with remover

a letter from you (in your own handwriting) why you love her and what you admire about her

TEX MEX GIFT BASKET

Fill the basket with the makings for a great Mexican meal.

Add salsa, peppers, tortillas, and a variety of seasonings.

Add a couple of Coronas or Dos Equis (for adults only).

Line the basket with a bright checked napkin, and finish with a raffia bow.

THANK YOU GIFT BASKET

thank you card, explain in detail what you are thanking them for

flowers

scented candles

soothing flavored tea

candies, sweets and cookies

fruit

TRAVELER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a travel bag with:

travel pillow ~ travel alarm ~ flight schedules ~ gum ~ magazines or novels ~toothbrush

VACATION GIFT BASKET

album, disposable camera, travel size shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, tums, shaving cream.

VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT BASKET

put into large decorated

cardboard heart box

pink sugar cookies you've made yourself

their favorite sappy movie

wine or de-alcohol wine

scented candles

heart candies or chocolates

a coupon for a free back rub you will be giving

a romantic music CD

bubble bath

VEGETARIAN GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket, pot or large bowl with:

your favorite recipes hand-printed on recipe cards ~ assorted dried beans ~ brown rice ~ sun dried tomatoes ~ spices: oregano, thyme, basil, garlic powder, etc. ~ mixing spoons ~pot holders

WARM YOU UP GIFT BASKET

mug, assorted cocoa mixes, peppermint sticks, hershey kisses, mini marshmallows all inside the basket.

WEARY FEET GIFT BASKET

use a rubber tub as a "basket". Fill the tub with:
epsom salts or bubble bath ~ towel ~ pumice stone ~ foot lotion or foot powder ~ comfortable slippers ~ nail clippers

WELCOME GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with

stamps, phone book and an address book complete with personalized information of everyone in the neighborhood!

WINE LOVER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

two bottles of quality wine, one red, one white ~ corkscrew ~ 2 or more wine glasses ~ wine appreciation book ~ tickets or an invitation to a wine tasting (often held at wine specialty shops or wineries)~ Extras : add snacks to go with the wine - fine cheese, fruit, crackers, etc.

WINE OR BEER MAKING GIFT BASKET

Fill a box with:

wine or beer kit ~ empty bottles ~ personalized or novelty wine/beer labels ~ beer caps or wine corks ~ caper ~ recipes ~

WINTER FUN GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

lip balm ~ moisturizer ~ mittens ~ hot packs ~a pass to the local ski hill ~ hot chocolate ~ Extras: add a crazy carpet or a sled (although it won't actually fit inside the "basket", you can present it on the side).

WOMEN'S ACCESSORIES GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

a silk scarf ~ scarf clip ~ earrings ~ belt ~ broach ~ necklace ~ perfume ~ evening purse

WOODWORKER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket or rubber/plastic box with:

assorted sand papers ~ chisels ~ router bits ~ saw blades ~ files ~ varnishes ~ brushes ~ paints ~ patterns and/or instructions

150) "Wishing for Spring" Basket.

fill a plastic sand bucket with a couple of packets of herb seeds, a pair of garden gloves and add some

homebaked cookies in the shape of flowers. Include some silk flowers.

WREATH MAKING GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket or a rubber/plastic box with:

grape vine wreath ~ dried flowers ~ pine cones ~ hot glue gun and glue sticks ~ wreath hanger ~ ribbon

WRITER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket with:

lined note pads ~ an engraved pen ~ reference books (dictionary, thesaurus, quotes, how-to books)~ pocket tape recorder and tapes ~ style guide newsletter or magazine subscription ~ books about how to get published

YOUNGSTER'S GIFT BASKET

Fill a basket or a small toy box with:

silly putty ~ assorted magnets ~ magnifying glass ~ yo-yo ~ paper airplane kit ~ kite ~ kaleidoscope ~ puzzles

Package Ideas

Ladies purse

Crockpot

Pasta bowl

Tera cotta pot

Large mug

Toy dump truck

Serving tray

Lunch box

Ice cream bucket

large picnic basket

baby bath tub

large salad bowl

medium sized cooler

large casserole dish

cowboy hat

laundry basket

sewing box – basket

tackle box

large cosmetic bag

backpack

large wok

storage container

gold fish bowl

cookie jar

Fillers

colored grass

straw

raffia

fabric

colored, crumpled tissue paper

~~~SURVIVAL KIT IDEAS~~~

Here is a variety of things you can add to a survival kit. Choose the items that seem appropriate to the moment, package in a pretty container, wrap with tissue and tie with ribbon. Add a card with the name of the survival kit and the meaning of the contents.

SWEET & SOUR CANDY

To help you appreciate the differences in others.

A STICK OF GUM

To remind you to stick with it
To remind you to "chews" the right thing

A CHOCOLATE KISS

To remind you that someone loves you.

A TOOTSIE ROLL

To remind you not bite off more than you can chew.

SMARTIES

To remind you that you are smart.

STARBURST

To give you a burst of energy on the days you don't have any

A PAPER CLIP

To help keep things together when they seem to be getting out of control.

PENCIL

For the next time somebody says "get the lead out"

BALLOON

To remind you not to blow up

A TISSUE

To wipe away a tear-- your own or someone else's.

A CANDY KISS

To say "I love you" in a sweet way.

ERASER

To remind you that everyday you can start with a clean slate.

A POEM

To share the beauty of words.

A PENNY

So that you will never have to say, "I'm broke."

A MARBLE

In case someone says "You've lost all your marbles!"

EYES (googly ones)

To help you see the good in others

PACKET OF SEEDS

To remind you that you are always growing!

CONFETTI

To celebrate your joys of life.

QUARTER

If you need a friend, call me

SPOON

(plastic) - Sometimes you have to stir things up a bit.

PIECE OF STRING

For when you reach the end of your rope - this will keep you going a bit longer.
To tie things together when everything falls apart.

TEA BAG

Take a few minutes to yourself and relax.

BATTERY

To give you that extra charge to keep going & going & going.

STICKY TAPE

Thanks for "sticking" to it

BAND-AID

For healing hurt feelings, yours and someone else's.

CANDLE

To remind you to share your light with others.
To remind you there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

HAPPY FACE

Smiling not only increases your face value, it is contagious.

RUBBER BAND

A reminder to stay flexible or To help you stretch yourself to new limits.

COTTON BALL

For the rough roads, seek the cushioned support of your family and friends.

LIFESAVERS

To remind you of the many times others need help and we need theirs.

SANDPAPER

To help you file away the rough spots of the year

A MATCH

To help you through the darkness of uncertainty.

A RECIPE

To make when you want to do something special for someone.

A NOTE CARD

To send a long-overdue greeting to a friend or a relative or to someone who is lonely.

WASHER

To wash away your troubles

AN ERASER

To erase any mistakes or misunderstandings that are troubling you.

A SMALL SMOOTH STONE

To remind you that rough times help refine and polish...use for smoother tomorrows.

A SMALL SQUARE OF SHELF GRIP MATERIAL

Crayon To color your day

Peanuts To remind you to get a little nutty now and then

Band-aide For when things get a little rough

Band-aide To remind you to heal hurt feelings, either yours or someone else's

Marbles To replace the ones you might lose from time to time

Sponge To soak up the overflow when your brain is too full

Puzzle Piece To remind you that without you, things wouldn't be complete

Lifesaver For when you've had one of THOSE days

Lifesaver To remind you that you can come to me if you need someone to talk to

Hugs & Kisses To make everything worthwhile

Candy Hugs To remind you everyone needs a hug or a compliment every day

Bath Salts To "take you away" when you need a quiet break

Pearl-colored Bath Oil Beads To remind you that your pearls of wisdom will touch many lives

Cup For when yours is overflowing

Pipe Cleaner To remind you that flexibility is important for a successful school year

Rubberband To remind you to be flexible -- things might not always go the way you want, but it can be worked out

Rubberband To remind you to have resiliency and "spring" back

Rick Rack To remind you that this year will be full of ups and downs, but eventually everything will smooth out

Matches For those days when you feel you need to light a fire under your students

Wiggly Eye So you can keep an eye on your students to discover how best to help them

Wiggly Eye For when you wish you REALLY did have eyes in the back of your head

Battery To help you keep going, and going, and going..... (like the Energizer Bunny)

Animal Crackers For when your classroom seems like a zoo

Jingle Bell So you can ring for help if you need it; we're here to help each other

Rubber Glove For when you need a helping hand

Sweet Escape Candy Bar For when you need to escape

Wrapped Present To remind you that your students are gifts to you

Smiley Face Sticker To remind you to wear a happy face -- here's one for when it seems difficult

Flower Pot To remind you that you are here to plant the seeds of

Flower Seeds To remind you that you every day you are planting seeds for the future

Clothespin To help you "hang in there"

Hole Reinforcers To remind you to reinforce the efforts of your students and other teachers

Penny To remind you that you are a priceless part of our school

Orange "Orange" you glad to be a part of the best school?

Toothpick To remind yourself to pick the good qualities in your students and yourself

Eraser To remind you that everyone makes mistakes. That's okay; we learn by our errors.

Mint To remind you that you are worth a mint to us.

Stick of Gum To remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything

Extra Gum For all the extra things you do

Jolly Ranchers For when you need a little happiness

Pencil & Notepad To remind you to list your blessings every day

Tea Bag To remind you to take time to relax daily and go over that list of blessings

100 Grand Candy Bar So you will be paid what you are worth

Button To remind you that some things are best left unsaid

Tissue So you can dry the tears of wounded child

Rainbow To remind you that after every storm there is a calm

Paper Clip To help you hold it together when everything seems to fall apart

Sweet and Sour Tarts To remind you to appreciate your students' differences

Cotton Ball To cushion the rough roads ahead

Cotton Ball To remind you that this school/classroom is is full of

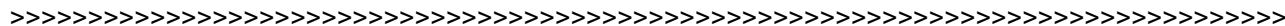
kind words and warm feelings

Cracker Jack Popcorn To remind you that you will become a crackerjack teacher

Angel Pin To remind you that you are a guardian angel for your students

Fortune Cookie To remind you that it is your students' good fortune to have you as their teacher

A bag full of jelly beans colorful and sweet,
Is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.



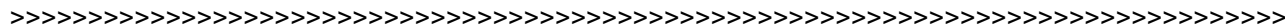
Jellybean Soup

To make this jellybean soup you need:

- jellybeans
- m&m's
- tootsie rolls
- chocolate marshmallow egg or bunny

Into sometime of container place the above candies. You can decide on how much depending on the size of your container. Attach the following poem:

It's Easter time,
 What a lucky group.
 We're going to dine,
 On Jellybean soup.
 We'll cook those beans,
 Till they're red hot.
 Add M&M's--
 To fill up the pot.
 We'll eat that soup.
 And when we're through,
 We'll have our tasty
 Marshmallow stew.
 For dessert we'll have a Tootsie Roll
 And tomorrow it will be Chocolate casserole!



Love is the Spice of Life

I give this gift to brides or new couples of any kind. I give an empty spice bottle or shaker with the word "LOVE" on it. I print LOVE on a clear label and put that on if the holder is large enough.. or paint it on if you are a painter...

LOVE
 Ingredients: Faithfulness, Gentleness, Goodness, Joy, Kindness, Patience, Peace, Protection, Trust, Truthfulness and Unselfishness.

Then I attach this card:

THE STORY BEHIND "LOVE"
 For many years a man watched his wife take a locked box down from the cupboard. She would unlock the box, take a pinch, sprinkle it over whatever she was cooking, relock the box and return it to its place. One day, while his wife was away, his curiosity got the best of him. He went to the cupboard, took the box down and opened it. To his surprise it was empty! He turned it over and on the bottom was written the word "LOVE". So, though not in your recipe book, into everything you cook, put in a big pinch of "LOVE". Keep your "LOVE" within easy reach and use generously.

