

100 Great Ideas for Gift Baskets

1. 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:

- a.. Gardening gloves
- b.. Hand trowel
- c.. Hand rake
- d.. A selection of vegetable and/or flower seeds (go for something unusual)
- e.. Bottle of liquid fertilizer
- f.. A gardening book
- g.. A subscription for a gardening magazine

2. Use a large pasta bowl for a "basket". Fill the bowl with:

- a.. A package or two of gourmet pasta
- b.. Tongs
- c.. A package of sun-dried tomatoes
- d.. Extra-virgin olive oil
- E.. Spices: oregano, basil, garlic powder
- f.. A collection of your favorite pasta recipes hand-printed on recipe cards
- g.. And/or a pasta cookbook

3. For the golfer, fill a basket or a golf bag with.

- a.. Golf tees
 - b.. Golf balls
 - c.. A baseball cap
 - d.. Sunscreen
 - e.. Score cards
 - f.. A small towel
 - g.. 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.

4. Wine appreciation basket. Fill a Basket with:

- a.. Two bottles of quality wine, one red, one white
- b.. Corkscrew

- c.. 2 or more wine glasses**
- d.. Wine appreciation book**
- e.. 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.**

5. For the dog lover. Fill the a large dog bowl with:

- a.. Squeaky toy**
- b.. Rawhide bone**
- c.. Dog biscuits**
- d.. Dog brush**
- e.. Dog collar**
- f.. Leash**

6. For the crafter . Use a rubber storage container for a "basket" Fill the container with:

- a.. Glue gun and glue sticks**
- b.. Acrylic paints**
- c.. Assorted brushes**
- d.. A craft knife**
- e.. Other craft supplies such as beads, pom-poms, wood sticks, buttons, stickers, dried flowers, etc.**
- f.. Craft patterns or how-to books**

7. Fill a square basket with:

- a.. Note cards**
- b.. Envelopes (choose a variety of sizes)**
- c.. Note paper**
- d.. Letter opener**
- e.. A pen or a pen and pencil set**
- f.. A personalized seal and some sealing wax**
- g.. Personalized return address labels**

8. For the shutterbug . Fill a basket or a camera bag with:

- a.. Assorted film**
- b.. Coupons for picture developing**
- c.. Filters for his/her camera**
- d.. Lens cleaning solution and cloth**
- e.. Assorted picture frames and/or albums**

9. How about a relaxation pack .. Fill the basket with:

- a.. A gel eye-pack**
- b.. Epsom salts or bubble bath**
- c.. Aroma therapy oils**
- d.. Scented candles**
- e.. Books on tape (to listen to in the bath)**
- f.. A hand-held massager**
- g.. Relaxing music on CD or cassette**

10. Kids Coloring Kit. Fill a rubber/plastic storage box with:

- a.. Crayons (get the big package with tons of colors)**
- b.. Non-toxic markers**
- c.. Assorted papers, include a variety of colors and textures**
- d.. Coloring books**
- e.. Assorted stickers**
- f.. A paint box and brushes**

11. For the sports enthusiast, use a sports helmet or hat as a "basket" (eg. baseball cap, football helmet, etc.).

Fill the helmet or hat with:

- a.. Sports cards**
- b.. Baseball, puck, etc.**
- c.. Shoe, boot or skate laces**
- d.. For the hockey player, add: lace tightener and some tape**
- e.. For the baseball player, add: mineral oil, batting glove and gum**
- f.. A sports video**
- g.. A subscription to a sports magazine**
- h.. A poster of their favorite player**

12. For the new home owner. Use a tool box as a "basket". Fill the box with:

- a.. Screw drivers**
- b.. Wrench**
- c.. Hammer**
- d.. Pliers**
- e.. Assorted nails, screws, washers**
- f.. Gift certificate for the local hardware store**
- g.. Do-it-yourself book**
- h.. Assorted odds and ends like: light switch covers, light bulbs, duct tape paint brushes, knobs and handles, etc.**

13. For the guitar player. Fill the basket with:

- a.. assorted picks**
- b.. tuning fork**
- c.. sheet music**
- d.. CDs or cassettes of great guitar players**
- e.. guitar strings**
- f.. electronic tuner**
- g.. lesson books**

14. For the soap opera fan . Fill the basket with:

- a.. tissues**
- b.. bon-bons**
- c.. soap opera magazines**
- d.. biographies of their favorite stars**
- e.. pictures of their favorite stars**
- f.. blank video tapes**
- g.. fan club membership**

15. Create a winter fun pack . Fill a touque with:

- a.. lip balm**
- b.. moisturizer**
- c.. mittens**
- d.. hot packs**
- e.. a pass to the local ski hill**
- f.. 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).

16. For someone who is into new age. Fill a basket with:

- a.. tarot cards**
- b.. crystals**
- c.. scented candles**
- d.. incense**
- e.. new age music on CD or cassette**
- f.. certificates for palm reading, psychic reading, etc.**
- g.. books**

17. For grandparents who are far away. Fill a basket with:

- a.. children's artwork**
- b.. gifts made by the kids**
- c.. frames family pictures (let the kids buy plain wooden frames and decorate them with stickers)**
- d.. videos of the family**
- e ... a long-distance calling card**

Extras: fill out the basket with candy, coffee, tea, biscuits, christmas ornaments, candles, etc.

18. For the craft enthusiast, how about a project in a "basket". Fill a basket or a rubber/plastic box with:

- a.. grape vine wreath**
- b.. dried flowers**
- c.. pine cones**
- d.. hot glue gun and glue sticks**
- e.. wreath hanger**
- f.. ribbon**

19. For the one who loves their car . Fill a basket or a bag with:

- a.. tire guage**
- b.. litre (or gallon) of oil**
- c.. wax**
- d.. chamois**
- e.. car wash coupons**
- f.. squeegee for the windows**
- g.. mileage log and pen**
- h.. travel mug**

20. The sundae basket .. Fill a basket with:

- a.. ice cream scoop**
- b.. gourmet sauces**
- c.. sprinkles**
- d.. cones**
- e.. maraschino cherries**
- f.. assorted nuts**
- g.. sundea glasses and spoons**
- h.. coupons for gourmet ice cream**

21. Fill a gold fish bowl with:

- a.. fish food**
- b.. aquarium gravel**
- c.. net**
- d.. gift certificate for fish from pet store**
- e.. book about care of gold fish**

22. Use a cookie tin for a "basket ". Fill the tin with:

- a.. your favorite cookie recipes or a cookbook**
- b.. cookie cutters**
- c.. chocolate chips**
- d.. nuts**
- e.. decorator icing set**
- f.. assorted sprinkles**

23. Here's a rainy day basket .. Fill a basket with:

- a.. deck of cards**
- b.. cribbage board**
- c.. find-a-word and/or crossword books and pencil**
- d.. herbal tea**
- e.. tea cup**

24. Accessories for men. Fill an overnight bag with:

- a.. socks**
- b.. underwear**
- c.. belt**
- d.. tie**
- e.. tie clip**
- f.. handkerchiefs**
- g.. wallet**
- h.. watch**

25. For the shop-aholic .. Fill a basket with:

- a.. cushioned insoles**
- b.. directories for local malls**
- c.. gift certificates (get a lot of small ones for different stores)**
- d.. tote bag to carry home purchases**

- e.. parking pass
- f.. list of babysitters or volunteer to babysit
- g.. coupons

26. Create a comedy pack .. Fill a basket with:

- a.. deck of trick cards
- b.. whoopi cushion
- c.. chattering teeth
- d.. joke books
- e.. comedy movies, cassettes or CDs
- f.. tickets to a comedy club

27. For the woodworker. Fill a basket or rubber/plastic box with:

- a.. assorted sandpapers
- b.. chisles
- c.. router bits
- d.. saw blades
- e.. files
- f.. varnishes
- g.. brushes
- h.. paints
- i.. patterns and/or instructions

28. For the computer buff . Fill a basket with:

- a.. mouse pad
- b.. diskettes
- c.. novelty or personalized disk labels
- d.. anti-static wristband
- e.. travel mug (so that things won't spill on the computer)
- f.. a list of your favorite Web sites

29. Create a salon pack. Fill a basket with:

- a.. salon shampoo and conditioner
- b.. hair brush and/or combs
- c.. barettes
- d.. combs
- e.. scrunchies
- f.. clips, bows, pins, twists, etc.
- g.. book on hair styles

30. Fill a stew pot or pottery casserole dish with. Fill the pot with:

- a.. assorted dried beans: kidney, black, white, navy, pinto, etc.**
- b.. dried red chili peppers**
- c.. chili powder, cayenne pepper, cumin, cilantro**
- d.. chili recipes**
- e.. ladle**
- f.. oven mits**

31. For the teenaged girl . Fill a purse with:

- a.. a wallet (you can even start it off with a little cash)**
- b.. key chain**
- c.. lipstick holder**
- d.. purse sized perfume atomizer**
- e.. purse sized hair brush and mirror**

32. For expectant parents . Fill a baby's bath tub with:

- a.. hooded towel**
- b.. wash cloth**
- c.. rubber ducky**
- d.. baby shampoo**
- e.. baby powder**
- f.. baby lotion**
- g.. terri sleeper**

33. For those who make their own wine or beer. Fill a box with:

- a.. wine or beer kit**
- b.. empty bottles**
- c.. personalized or novelty wine/beer labels**
- d.. beer caps or wine corks**
- e.. caper**
- f.. recipes**

34. For the skier. Fill a tote bag with:

- a.. lip balm**
- b.. sunscreen**
- c.. goggles**

- d.. gloves
- e.. scarf
- f.. ski pass
- g.. wax

35. For the executive or the home-office owner. Fill a briefcase with:

- a.. daytimer
- b.. business card holder (one for the wallet, one for the desktop)
- c.. pen and pencil set
- d.. newspaper subscription
- e.. shoe polish
- f.. reference books
- g.. desk calendar
- h.. coffee mug

36. Create a New Year's Eve party pack .. Fill a basket with:

- a.. champagne
- b.. glasses
- c.. party hats
- d.. noise makers
- e.. sparklers
- f.. confetti
- g.. balloons
- h.. party invitations

37. For the crochet or knitting enthusiast. Fill a basket with:

- a.. assorted needles or crochet hooks
- b.. assorted patterns
- c.. buttons
- d.. ribbons
- e.. personalized "made by" labels
- f.. wool

38. For the writer. Fill a basket with:

- a.. lined note pads
- b.. an engraved pen
- c.. reference books (dictionary, thesaurus, quotes, how-to books)
- d.. pocket tape recorder and tapes
- e.. style guide

- f.. newsletter or magazine subscripton**
- g.. books about how to get published**

39. For the music groupie. Fill a basket with:

- a.. 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)**
- b.. CDs, cassettes of their favorite group**
- c.. posters of their favorite group**
- d.. biographies**
- e.. sheet music**
- f.. tickets to a concert**
- g.. band t-shirts**

40. Create a night out in a basket. Fill a basket with:

- a.. list of babysitters or coupons for babysitting**
- b.. restaurant guide and/or gift certificates**
- c.. movie reviews and/or tickets**
- d.. movie reviews and/or, tickets to a show or a concert**
- e.. cab fair**
- f.. lighted key chain**

41. For the mystery lover. Fill a deer stalker hat with:

- a.. mystery novels**
- b.. mystery game for computer**
- c.. magnifying glass**
- d.. puzzles or brain teaser books**
- e.. how-to-host a mystery game**

42. For the hiker, use hiking boots as a "basket". Fill with:

- a.. maps**
- b.. rain poncho**
- c.. bear bells or repelant**
- d.. trail mix**
- e.. compass**
- f.. first aid kit for hikers**

43. For the vegetarian . Fill a basket, pot or large bowl with:

- a.. your favorite recipes hand-printed on recipe cards**
- b.. assorted dried beans**
- c.. brown rice**
- d.. sun dried tomatoes**
- e.. spices: oregano, thyme, basil, garlic powder, etc.**
- f.. mixing spoons**
- g.. pot holders**

44. For the cowboy at heart . Fill a cowboy hat with:

- a.. bolo tie**
- b.. western belt buckle**
- c.. boot protector**
- d.. gift certificate for country dancing, horseback riding, rodeo, etc.**

45. For someone who like to walk or jog, fill a tote bag with:

- a.. pedometer**
- b.. sweat band**
- c.. tapes and batteries for the walkman**
- d.. shoe laces**
- e.. sport socks**
- f.. personal alarm**
- g.. t-shirt**
- h.. water bottle in a shoulder or waist holder**

46. Use a cosmetic bag for a "basket". Fill the bag with:

- a.. nail polish**
- b.. emery boards**
- c.. nail clippers**
- d.. nail brush**
- e.. cuticle remover**
- f.. nail file**
- g.. nail polish remover**
- h.. cotton balls**

47. For the couch potato fill a large basket or box with:

- a.. assorted bags of flavored popcorn**

- b.. other snacks like chips, nuts, candy**
- c.. pre-recorded movies**
- d.. TV Guide subscription**
- e.. TV Remote holder**
- f.. Comfortable slippers**
- g.. Cushion**

48. Create a stock-the-bar package . Fill an ice bucket with:

- a.. shot glasses**
- b.. bottle opener**
- c.. cork screw**
- d.. maraschino cherries**
- e.. cocktail napkins**
- f.. jar of olives**
- g.. fancy toothpicks or cocktail umbrellas**
- h.. bar guide**

49. For the crafter, fill a rubber/plastic container with:

- a.. small terra cotta plant pots**
- b.. flexible stencils**
- c.. acrylic paints**
- d.. stencil tape**
- e.. brushes**
- f.. spray polyurethane**
- g.. seeds to plant when pots have been decorated**

50. Make a kid's beach pack. Fill a plastic pail with:

- a.. plastic shovel**
- b.. sand molds**
- c.. beach ball or plastic floatation device (deflated)**
- d.. beach towel**
- e.. flip-flops**
- f.. sunglasses**
- g.. sunscreen for kids**
- h.. bathing suit**

51. For someone who takes road trips, fill a tote bag with.

- a.. maps**
- b.. travel mug**

- c.. sunglasses
- d.. hotel coupons
- e.. tire guage
- f.. beaded seat cover
- g.. travel games
- h.. recorded music on cassette or CD
- i.. car air freshener

52. For the musician . Fill a decorative can with:

- a.. reeds/strings/drum sticks/mouthpiece - appropriate for the instrument they play
- b .. sheet music
- c.. valve oils for brass instrument players
- d.. instrument strap
- e.. electronic tuner
- f.. metronome
- g. .. recorded music of their favorite artists

53. For someone who likes to BBQ, use an apron with pockets for a "basket". Fill the apron pockets with:

- a.. marinade recipes
- b.. BBQ sauce
- c.. BBQ tools
- d.. packages of meat tenderizer
- e.. scewers
- f.. gift certificate for the local butcher

54. For the collector : Fill a basket with:

- a.. reference books
- b.. items they collect
- c.. display cases, books, etc.
- d.. cleaning supplies (special polishes, oils, brushes, etc.)
- e.. tickets to a collectibles show

55. Create a bachelor's survival kit .. Fill a laundry basket with:

- a.. laundry guide
- b.. cook book featuring easy meals like casseroles
- c.. roll of quaters and some laundry soap
- d.. take-out pizza coupons

- e.. an iron
- f.. room deodorizer
- g.. any other cleaning supplies
- h.. food staples like macaroni dinners, canned tuna, canned soup and, of course, beer!

56. For someone who like to walk or jog , fill a tote bag with:

- a.. pedometer
- b.. sweat band
- c.. tapes and batteries for the walkman
- d.. shoe laces
- e.. sport socks
- f.. personal alarm
- g.. t-shirt
- h.. water bottle in a shoulder or waist holder

57. For just about anyone . Fill a basket with:

- a.. teddy bear
- b.. coffee mug
- c.. hot chocolate mixes
- d.. bedtime story books

58. For the student or the home-office owner, use a rubber garbage can as a "basket". Fill the can with:

- a.. stapler
- b.. tacks, paper clips, pens, pencils
- c.. notepads
- d.. holepunch
- e.. desk lamp
- f.. desk calendar

59. For the cat lover use a cat basket as a "basket". Fill it with:

- a.. food and water dishes
- b.. collar
- c.. brush
- d.. catnip ball
- e.. rubber ball, rubber mice or other cat toys
- f.. book on cat care

60. Create a Christmas Decorating basket. Fill a basket with:

- a.. nativity set**
- b.. assorted Christmas ornaments (store bought or hand-made by you)**
- c.. decorative lights**
- d.. candles**

61. Make a basket full of puzzles . Fill a basket with:

- a.. Rubic's cube**
- b.. 3D puzzle**
- c.. jigsaw puzzle**
- d.. word-search book**
- e.. crossword puzzle book**
- f.. slider puzzles**
- g.. and any other puzzles you can find**

62. For someone who sews , fill a sewing basket with:

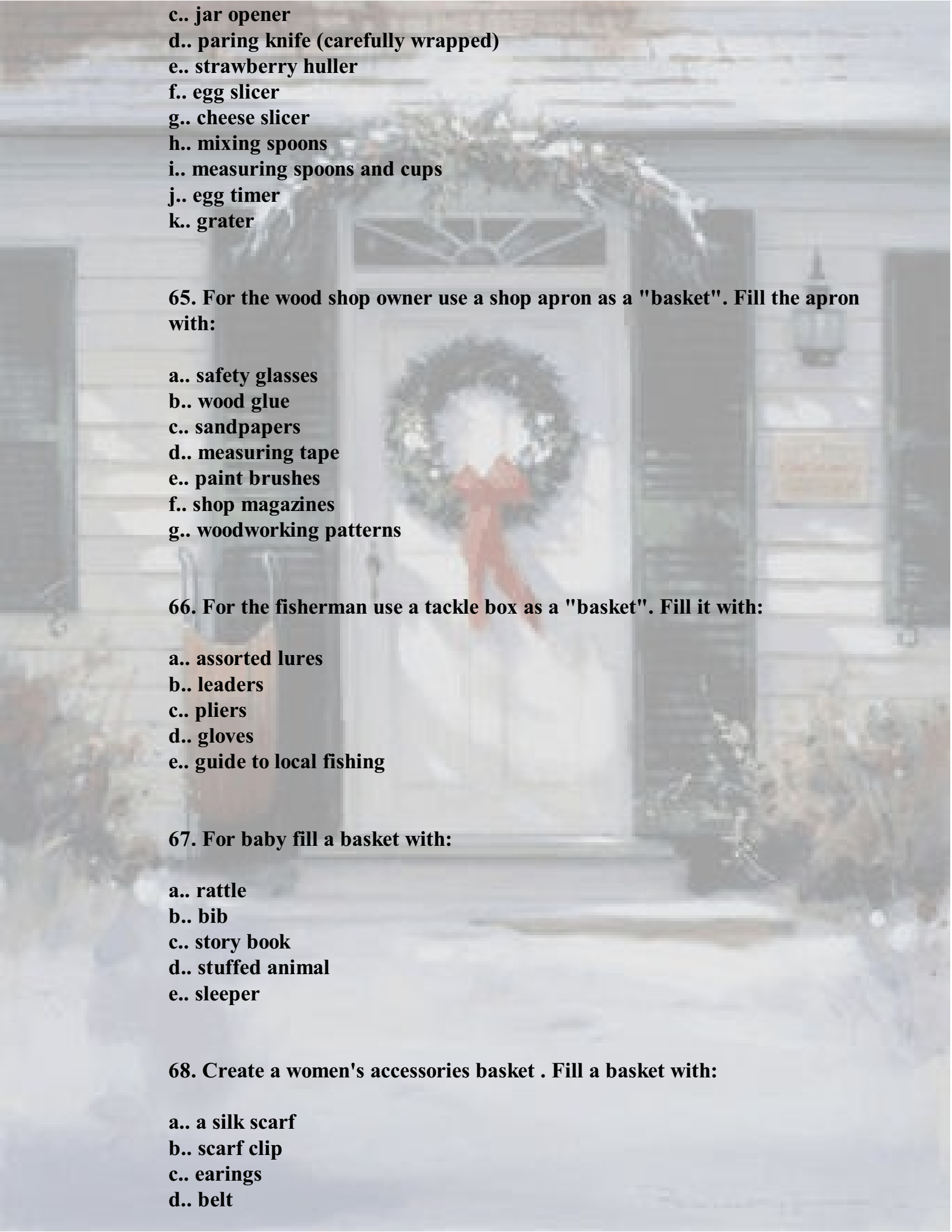
- a.. needles**
- b.. assorted threads (stick to basic colors: black, white, navy, cream)**
- c.. pins**
- d.. thimble**
- e.. pin cushion**
- f.. measuring tape**
- g.. tracing wheel and paper**
- h.. sewing club membership**

**63. For someone who likes to lounge in the sun , use a sun hat as a "basket"
Fill the hat with:**

- a.. sunscreen**
- b.. sunglasses**
- c.. lemonade mix**
- d.. novel**

**64. Create a gadget collection , for someone who is moving away from home,
getting married or moving into a new home. Fill a canvas onion bag with:**

- a.. garlic press**
- b.. can opener**

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- c.. jar opener
 - d.. paring knife (carefully wrapped)
 - e.. strawberry huller
 - f.. egg slicer
 - g.. cheese slicer
 - h.. mixing spoons
 - i.. measuring spoons and cups
 - j.. egg timer
 - k.. grater

65. For the wood shop owner use a shop apron as a "basket". Fill the apron with:

- a.. safety glasses
- b.. wood glue
- c.. sandpapers
- d.. measuring tape
- e.. paint brushes
- f.. shop magazines
- g.. woodworking patterns

66. For the fisherman use a tackle box as a "basket". Fill it with:

- a.. assorted lures
- b.. leaders
- c.. pliers
- d.. gloves
- e.. guide to local fishing

67. For baby fill a basket with:

- a.. rattle
- b.. bib
- c.. story book
- d.. stuffed animal
- e.. sleeper

68. Create a women's accessories basket . Fill a basket with:

- a.. a silk scarf
- b.. scarf clip
- c.. earrings
- d.. belt

- e.. broach
- f.. necklace
- g.. perfume
- h.. evening purse

69. For cyclists use a cycling helmet as a "basket". Fill it with:

- a.. cycling gloves
- b.. water bottle
- c.. reflectors
- d.. sunglasses
- e.. odometer
- f.. patch kit

70. For the aquarium owner , use a decorative tin for a "basket". Fill the tin with:

- a.. fish food
- b.. book about aquarium maintenance
- c.. algae magnet (you run the magnet up and down the outside of the tank to remove algae inside the tank)
- d.. a net
- e.. thermometer
- f.. ornaments
- g.. gift certificate for fish

71. For someone who likes games , fill a basket with:

- a.. decks of cards
- b.. dice
- c.. poker chips
- d.. poker rule book
- e.. pocket electronic games
- f.. plane tickets to Vegas

72. For the painter: Fill a decorative tin with:

- a.. paints (acrylic, water color or oil)
- b.. brushes
- c.. paper or canvas
- d.. charcoal

73. For someone who bakes use a cake pan as a "basket". Fill the pan with:

- a.. pot holders**
- b.. decorative frosting set**
- c.. assorted sprinkles and nuts**
- d.. baking recipes**
- e.. cake server**

74. For someone who travels by plane a lot. Fill a travel bag with:

- a.. travel pillow**
- b.. travel alarm**
- c.. flight schedules**
- d.. gum**
- e.. magazines or novels**
- f.. toothbrush**

75. Create a Christmas box. Fill a decorative Christmas box or tin with:

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

76. Create a night in, in a basket. Fill the basket with:

- a.. wine**
- b.. wine glasses**
- c.. pre-recorded movie**
- d.. candle**
- e.. candle holder**
- f.. romantic pre-recorded music**
- g.. appetizers: cheese and crackers, olives, something you've made yourself**

77. Create a kid's bath set. Fill a basket with:

- a.. bubble bath**
- b.. no-tears shampoo and conditioner**
- c.. bath crayons (they let kids write on the tub or the wall, then they wash off)**

- d.. bath toys
- e.. bath mitt or decorative face cloth
- f.. printed towel
- g.. robe
- h.. slippers

78. For the teenaged girl, fill a cosmetic bag or cosmetic tray with:

- a.. assorted makeup in the latest fashion colors: lipstick, blusher, eye liner, mascara
- b.. cotton swabs
- c.. makeup sponges
- d.. nail polish in the latest colors
- e.. nail file
- f.. facial cleanser
- g.. facial moisturizer
- h.. eye makeup remover

79. For the computer game player. Fill a decorative box with:

- a.. membership to an online gaming site
- b.. computer game CDs
- c.. joy stick
- d.. mousepad
- e.. shareware games on diskette

80. For campers , use a backpack as a "basket" Fill the backpack with:

- a.. tent pegs
- b.. compass
- c.. sharpening stone
- d.. mosquito repellent
- e.. tent patch kit
- f.. campers cook set
- g.. utility knife or swiss army knife
- h.. campground guides

81. For the lover of spicy foods, use a chili pot as a "basket". Fill it with:

- a.. spices: cayenne pepper, black pepper, white pepper, dried red peppers, chili powder, paprika
- b.. hot sauces like chili sauce

- c.. salsas
- d.. hot pickles (pick them up from an Asian food store)
- e.. fresh peppers
- f.. pepto-bismal
- g.. recipes

82. For the sci-fi fan . Fill a basket with:

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

83. For the engaged couple fill a basket with:

- a.. wedding planner
- b.. unity candle
- c.. garter
- d.. cake knife
- e.. honeymoon travel information or tickets
- f.. wedding decorations
- g.. wedding album

84. For someone who works out at the gym fill a tote bag :

- a.. towel
- b.. water bottle
- c.. workout tapes or magazines
- d.. power bars
- e.. sports drinks
- f.. sports socks
- g.. gym membership

85. For adults only .. fill a basket with:

- a.. scented candles
- b.. massage oil
- c.. lingerie
- d.. wine
- e.. wine galsses

86. For the jigsaw puzzle lover. Fill a basket with:

- a.. jigsaw puzzle**
- b.. puzzle mat**
- c.. coffee mug**
- d.. magnifying glass**
- e.. gourmet coffee**

87. For the naturalist. Fill a knapsack with:

- a.. binoculars**
- b.. bird watching guide or wildlife or wildflower guide**
- c.. log book and pen**
- d.. maps**
- e.. trail mix**

88. A small twist on the usual coffee gift basket . Fill a basket with:

- a.. gourmet coffees**
- b.. coffee mugs**
- c.. novels**
- d.. chocolates**
- e.. decorative bookmark (why not make one yourself)**

**89. For someone who is on their feet all day, use a rubber tub as a "basket"
Fill the tub with:**

- a.. Epsom salts or bubble bath**
- b.. towel**
- c.. pumice stone**
- d.. foot lotion or foot powder**
- e.. comfortable slippers**
- f.. nail clippers**

90. Create a kid's craft kit. Fill a rubber/plastic storage box with:

- a.. colored paper**
- b.. crayons**
- c.. stickers**
- d.. pipe cleaners**
- e.. buttons**
- f.. pom-poms**

- g.. white glue**
- h.. kid scissors**
- i.. wooden shapes**
- j.. wobbly eyes**
- k.. kid sized craft apron**
- l.. sparkles**

91. For little students fill a children's lunch box with:

- a.. pencil toppers**
- b.. decorated pencils**
- c.. colored pencils**
- d.. rulers**
- e.. plastic stencils which let them draw stars, circles, etc.**
- f.. stapler**
- g.. children's scissors**
- h.. water bottle in a shoulder or waist holder**

92. For someone who likes needlepoint fill a basket with:

- a.. patterns**
- b.. canvas**
- c.. assorted thread**
- d.. needles**
- e.. thimble**
- f.. frames for finished work**

93. For the movie buff , fill a basket with:

- a.. pre-recorded movies**
- b.. movie soundtracks on CD or cassette**
- c.. batteries for the remote control**
- d.. head cleaner for the VCR**
- e.. movie tickets or gift certificates**
- f.. popcorn**

94. For someone who like to walk or jog, fill a tote bag with:

- a.. pedometer**
- b.. sweat band**
- c.. tapes and batteries for the walkman**
- d.. shoe laces**
- e.. sport socks**

- f.. personal alarm**
- g.. t-shirt**
- h.. water bottle in a shoulder or waist holder**

95. For the electronics hobbyist. Fill a plastic box with:

- a.. resistors**
- b.. capacitors**
- c.. wire**
- d.. pliers**
- e.. soldering iron and solder**
- f.. light bulbs**
- g.. LED lights**
- h.. printed circuit boards**
- i.. project books**
- j.. wire cutters**
- k.. electrical tape**

96. For the chocolate lover. Fill a basket with:

- a.. chocolate cookies (home baked is best)**
- b.. chocolate bon-bons**
- c.. chocolate sauces**
- d.. chocolate syrup**
- e.. chocolate dipped coffee spoons**
- f.. hot chocolate mix**
- g.. chocolate covered coffee beans**
- h.. chocolate flavored coffee beans**
- i.. chocolate recipes**

97. For the young at heart .. fill a basket or a small toy box with:

- a.. silly putty**
- b.. assorted magnets**
- c.. magnifying glass**
- d.. yo-yo**
- e.. paper airplane kit**
- f.. kite**
- g.. kaleidoscope**
- h.. puzzles**

98. For the health food buff. Fill a basket or a mixing bowl:

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

99. For the someone who never has enough time .. Fill a basket with:

- a.. coupons for your babysitting time**
- b.. cookbook featuring meals in 30 minutes or less**
- c.. daytimer to help them organize their time more efficiently**
- d.. watch**
- e.. information about or coupons for a shopping service which will do their shopping for them**
- f.. coupons for other time saving services like dry-cleaning, tailoring, take-out food, car washes, etc.**

100. Create a Chinese food "basket". Fill a basket or a wok with:

- a.. Chinese tea set**
- b.. package of green tea**
- c.. cook book**
- d.. cleaver**
- e.. chop sticks**
- f.. package dried black mushrooms**
- g.. bottle of soy sauce**
- h.. other sauces like plum sauce, Szechuan sauce, teriyaki sauce, etc.**

Finishing Touches

Finishing touches actually come into play when you begin to assemble your basket. You can enhance the presentation of baskets, boxes, tins, hats, etc. by first filling them with:

- a.. colored cellophane "grass"**
- b.. crumpled tissue paper**
- c.. a piece of fabric (try something with a Christmas print)**

- d.. shredded newspaper or colored paper**
- e.. straw**
- f.. raffia**

Then carefully arrange your items over top of the filler.

Finish up by tucking in:

- a.. candy canes**
- b.. foil wrapped chocolate Santas**
- c.. other foil wrapped candies**
- d.. small pine cones**
- e.. a bunch of cinnamon sticks tied with red ribbon**
- f.. Christmas greenery like the tips spruce and pine branches**
- g.. Christmas ornaments**
- h.. lots of small bows**
- i.. mandarin oranges**
- j.. nuts in the shell**
- k.. small scented candles**
- l.. Christmas baking (wrapped in cellophane)**

Wrapping Your "Basket"

"Baskets" that are in actual baskets do not need to be wrapped, but if you wish, you can wrap them in cellophane. Simply gather the cellophane around the basket and tie at the top with ribbon.

This method also works for "baskets" made with hats, boxes, bowls, pots, plant pots, etc.

Decorative boxes and tins usually can stand alone without wrapping.

Rubber storage containers can be wrapped in cellophane as above or can be wrapped with wrapping paper.

Some "baskets" like tote bags, backpacks, shopping bags, etc. are best left unwrapped. Instead, finish them with colorful bows and ribbons.