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20 Holiday Ideas for Gifts in a Jar

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Dear Readers,

Christmas is on its way and will be here before you know it. It's the greatest time of the year to spend with your friends and family! Gift-giving is such a fun event, and if you're short on cash this year, then we have just the thing for you. With this free eBook of 20 Holiday Ideas for Gifts in a Jar, you can discover creative ways to make heartfelt gifts that won't break the bank. These are fabulous little sentiments that can be personalized for the recipient. We have bath and body scrubs, special decorative jars, and even gifts for pets. These jar ideas will make great Christmas crafts and gifts!

You'll enjoy finding just the right craft to make for everyone on your holiday shopping list when you take a look at these 20 Holiday Ideas for Gifts in a Jar. You might even want to make an extra jar or two that's a gift just for you!

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Decorative Jar Gifts

Waterless Snow Globe Craft

By: Stephenie Hamen for FaveCrafts

One of the most darling Mason jar crafts for Christmas is a DIY snow globe. That's why you'll want to make this lovely Waterless Snow Globe Craft for your Christmas mantel! With its gorgeous design featuring a miniature winter wonderland, this snow globe is one that everyone will enjoy for years to come. It's also the perfect size for stocking stuffers! If you've always wanted to learn how to make your own snow globe, then this easy Christmas craft is for you.



Materials

- Ball Mason jar
- Faux snow
- Mini trees
- Hot glue

- Buttons and bling
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Thread spool

Instructions

- 1. Hot glue one mini tree to the spool. Use hot glue to decorate trees with bling and buttons.
- 2. Adhere trees to the inside of the lid of the jar. Add snow.
- 3. Seal up the jar. Tie ribbon around the lid and add a button.
- 4. Put your adorable creation on display!

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Adorable Farmhouse Mason Jar Craft

By: Tanner Bell for FaveCrafts

Do you have a friend who is all about country living? Whether she really did grow up on a farm or just wishes that she did, there's no denying this Adorable Farmhouse Mason Jar Craft is sure to put a smile on her face! This easy craft would make a great Christmas gift that will stay on display in her kitchen or office all year. You'll want to fill this jar with her favorite candies or other fun treats!



Materials

- Mason jar
- Craft paint
- Spray paint
- Paint brush
- Decal of some sort (a cow decal was used in this project)

Instructions

- 1. Begin by painting the inside of your jar using your craft paint. This will most likely require two to three coats. Add your decal to the outside of your jar. Press this down and make sure there are no air bubbles.
- 2. Take your jar outside and add a coat of spray paint. Peel off your stencil off, and if it is sticking in some places use a craft knife to lightly trace the edges to get a sharp, clean look.
- 3. Add a bow of your choosing and your Mason jar craft is ready to go!

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Christmas Tree Mason Jar Craft

By: Lynn Lilly from CraftBoxGirls.com for FaveCrafts

Add a warm and beautiful glow to any room in the home with this Christmas Tree Mason Jar Craft! The easy Christmas craft tutorial is a great way to add ambience and serenity, especially amid the hustle-and-bustle of the holidays. This craft can be made in very little time and is the perfect option for a last-minute gift idea. You just might want to make an extra jar craft for your own home!



Materials

- Medium-sized Mason jars
- Christmas tree stickers
- Multi-surface paint in red, green, and gold
- Paint brushes
- Candles

- 1. Clean Mason jars. Apply stickers.
- 2. Use paint brush and paint to completely cover jar. Remove stickers while paint is tacky.
- 3. Let paint dry. Cure in oven.
- 4. Insert tea candle and light.

Wine Lover's Gift In a Jar

By: Stephenie Hamen for FaveCrafts

This craft for the Wine Lover's Gift In a Jar will be right up any wine connoisseur's alley! This gift has just about everything one needs to enjoy a glass of wine while dining al fresco. Simply pair the gift with a favorite bottle of wine and it is ready to go! This project would make a great idea for a hostess gift this holiday season.



- Empty Ball Mason jar
- Wine bottle opener
- Patterned paper and scissors
- Ribbon or lace
- Lollipop letters and numbers from ImpressArt
- Stamping blank cube from ImpressArt
- Stamping blank tag from ImpressArt
- Hammer and stamping block from ImpressArt
- Washi tape
- Black acrylic paint
- Pliers
- Jump ring
- Hoop earring bases
- Wine bottle stopper base

- 1. Start by stamping a different number on each tag.
- 2. Add paint to the impressions and wipe off the extra.
- 3. Add a jump ring to the tag and then to the hoop earring base to create wine glass charms.
- 4. Now stamp the initials of your hostess into three cubes on each of the four sides.
- 5. Add paint and then remove the excess.
- 6. String the cubes onto the stopper.
- 7. Now add some tissue paper into the jar.
- 8. Add your charms, cork screw, and stopper.
- 9. Use the lid as a template and cut out some patterned paper to add to the lid.
- 10. Screw on the lid with the paper and then tie on some fun ribbon around the lid.



Inspiration Jars

By: Tammie Wilson for Delta Creative

Encourage family and friends to reach for their goals in the new year when you share these beautiful Inspiration Jars! This craft can also be used as a pretty vase or to collect small items, including seashells or coins. Everyone on your holiday shopping list will enjoy receiving these beautiful motivational pieces! You'll discover this craft is easier to make than it looks, too.



- Delta Air-Dry PermEnamel Transparent Glass Paint™:
 - o Royal Blue 45 701
 - o Prussian Blue 45 705
 - o Kelly Green 45 704
- Delta Air Dry PermEnamel Paint™ in Ultra White 45 029
- Delta Stencil Mania[™] Stencil -Inspirational Words 97 090 0710

- Sponges
- Delta Air-Dry PermEnamel Surface Conditioner™ 45 852 0202
- Paper plates
- Old jar lids or bottle caps
- Small spray bottle or a ½" brush
- Scissors
- Craft knife

- 1. Remove labels from jars, including all adhesive. Wash jars with warm soapy water, rinse, and dry thoroughly.
- 2. Plan ahead to determine how the jars are going to line up and what color you want each one to be before starting.
- 3. Place a lid or 2 to 3 caps on each plate and set the jar on top of the lid. The lid should be smaller than the bottom of the jar so that the paint runs off of the jar and onto the plate freely.
- 4. Open and cut the tip off of the paint bottle nozzle, just a little bit. Starting at the top of the jar drizzle paint around the entire jar. Let the paint drip for a minute or two, and begin filling in any blank areas. You can use a sponge to pick up paint that has dripped off and use it also. Set aside to dry.
- 5. Continue working in this same manner until all of the jars are painted in the desired color.
- 6. Let jars sit for several hours, about 6 to 8 depending on temperature and humidity. When dry to the touch invert the jars and use the craft knife to cut off the drips. Let jars dry overnight.
- 7. Position the stencil on the jar as desired. Dip the small end of a sponge into Ultra White, tap excess off onto plate and pounce it over the desired word. Remember stenciling requires very little paint, too much paint and it will run under the edges of the stencil. Less is better, as you can always apply a second coat if you want more color.
- 8. Let jars sit for the full time to allow the paint to cure completely. Enjoy!

Canning Jar Pin Cushion or Treasure Jar

By: Suzanne of Crazy for Collars

Do you have anyone in your life who loves to sew? Then you know they could always use a pincushion whenever they work on a new project! With its bright and colorful design, this Canning Jar Pin Cushion or Treasure Jar is a great way to store a number of small trinkets. This jar is sure to get a lot of use!



Materials

- Fabric scrap of your choice
- Jar with lid and band
- Cotton balls or fiberfill

- Card stock
- Glue gun, not pictured

Instructions

1. Using the lid of the jar, cut out a circle of the same size from the card stock.



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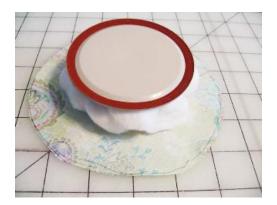
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2. Using the lid of the jar, trace around it on the wrong side of your fabric. Increase that circle's radius about 1" and cut out the larger circle.





3. Layer the fabric, cotton balls, and lid, then place the "sandwich" inside the band.





4. Press the lid down so that the cotton balls and fabric form the pincushion on the opposite side of the band. Check to see if you need to move the fabric to avoid creases. Make any necessary adjustments and then fold in the fabric and hot glue it to the underside of the lid.

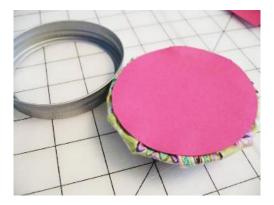




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5. Trim away any excess fabric and hot glue the cardstock over the fabric edges.



6. Line the band with a small bead of glue and insert the pincushion into it, pressing firmly. Add the lid to the jar and YOU HAVE A NEW PINCUSHION!

Other Ideas and Suggestions

Monogram the top and use it as a "treasure jar." Add ribbon, paint, and other embellishments to the band to give it even more personality.



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DIY Mason Jar Organizer

By: Chris Hammond for FaveCrafts

Give the gift of organization to just about anyone on your list with this DIY Mason Jar Organizer! Featuring a unique and rustic look, this easy craft is a great way to keep small supplies within easy reach. The project is also a fun way to add a pop of color to any room, as it can be filled with flowers, fancy bath soaps, and other fun items. This inexpensive project can be displayed in just about any room of the home and is a great way to keep smaller items at hand.



- Mason jars
- Drill
- Screwdriver
- Leatherman tool
- Hose clamps
- Sawtooth picture hangers
- Wood screws
- · Piece of wood

- 1. Hammer in your sawtooth picture hanging pieces. Making sure that they are level as you hammer them in.
- 2. Measure your piece of wood and evenly place the jars along the wood.
- 3. Lay your piece of wood down so that the sawtooth pieces are touching the table. Taking your hose clamps, adjust the size of the hole you will be putting your wood screw through, and open up your hose clamp.
- 4. Place your hose clamp down on the wooden board, place your wood screw through the hole and drill the screw into the board.
- 5. Grab your Mason jar and stick it into your hose clamp and screw the Mason jar into place.
- 6. Repeat with however many Mason jars you are adding to your board.
- 7. Now hang your completed project on the wall and use it for organization!

Recycled Glass Jar Christmas Lantern

By: Benetta Strydom for FaveCrafts

With its delightful, the Recycled Glass Jar Christmas Lantern is one eco-friendly project you can't miss. This cozy decoration is a great idea for your child's teacher or babysitter. It would also make a charming addition to your own mantel at home! If you like making Christmas Mason jar crafts and want to try a project that is a little bit different, then this craft is a great excuse to go green and decorate any room in your home.



- Empty Nescafé Classic glass jar
- Tescoma snowman cookie cutter
- Leftover piece of paper
- White acrylic paint
- Two 15mm red pompoms
- Twenty 8mm clear flat-sided flower rhinestones
- Piece of red satin ribbon
- Paper raffia in light green and white
- Small wooden snowman ornament

- Battery operated T-light candle
- Heritage spray-on contact glue
- Quick-drying matte spray varnish
- Paintbrush
- Small scissors
- Pen
- Brown packaging tape
- Quick-drying craft glue (such as Bostik Clear)

Instructions to Make the Snowman Sticker

1. Glue a strip of packaging tape across the piece of paper. Place the cookie cutter onto the strip of tape and use the pen to trace the outline of the cookie cutter onto the packaging tape.



2. Cut out the traced snowman. Spray contact glue onto the tape side of the snowman and allow the glue to dry. Then, position the snowman sticker on the glass jar and press down firmly.

Instructions to Make the Lantern

1. Use the paintbrush to dab a thin, uneven layer of white paint all over the jar. Apply paint all the way up to the top lip of the bottle, but do not paint the base of the jar. Allow to dry thoroughly.



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2. Gently remove the snowman sticker and clean up glue reside that might have remained.



3. Glue the pompoms to the snowman's belly.



- 4. Glue a row of evenly spread rhinestone flowers all around the jar's shoulder.
- 5. Spay the jar with the spray varnish and allow it to dry thoroughly.

6. Use a piece each from the red ribbon and two colors of paper raffia to add glue the snowman ornament to the knot of the bows.





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Snowman Jar Gifts

Adorable Snowman Mason Jar Candle

By: Tanner Bell for FaveCrafts

Are you ready to make this Adorable Snowman Mason Jar Candle from start to finish? You will not believe how easy it is to paint this perfect snowman craft! Featuring a design that is almost too cute for words, this Mason jar craft will be a whimsical gift that is just perfect for your child's teacher. This holiday-themed jar candle holder can be reused for years to come.



- Mason jar (16 ounces)
- Four cups soy wax flakes (32 ounces)
- 2 ounces fragrance oil of your choice
- Waxed candle wick
- Single stove burner
- Large pot
- Large glass measuring bowl
- Twine string
- · Chalky Finish Paint in color of your choice
- Acrylic paint in white, black, pink, and orange
- Paintbrushes/large pouncer

Instructions for Painting Mason Jar

- 1. Paint your Mason jar in your chalky finish color. The chalky finish helps so that you do not have to prep your surface at all. Be sure to apply one to two coats of paint so that it is opaque.
- 2. Allow that to dry completely.
- 3. With your large pouncer create the head of the snowman with white paint on the bottom of the jar.
- 4. While that is still wet add rosy cheeks with the same pouncer and pink paint. Allow to dry.
- 5. Now add a big carrot nose on the top of the snowman, and a nice dot smile with the black paint.
- 6. Paint a snowflake above the snowman's head and dot snowflakes all around the jar using the back of your paint brush. Allow to dry.

Instructions for the DIY Candle

- 1. On medium-high heat place your glass measuring cup into the large pot and fill the pot with water.
- 2. Add the four cups of wax flakes to the measuring cup and allow to melt.
- 3. Once your wax has melted remove it from the heat and let it cool down a bit before adding your fragrance oil.
- 4. Take a small spoon of wax and drip it into the bottom of your jar and secure the wick onto the hardening wax.
- 5. Once you've poured your oil into the wax, give it a quick stir and slowly pour it into the jar, using a clothespin if needed to secure the wick.
- 6. Allow the candle to harden for several hours and then snip off the top of the wick so it is a reasonable size for the candle.

Snowman Cookie Jar

By: Karin Doggett from White Dove Crafts

Keep your cookies fresh when you make this adorable snowman cookie jar. You can make this cute little guy using glitter and glue. This adorable decoration can be on display all winter! If you're planning to give this cookie jar as a gift, then consider filling up the jar with some of their favorite treats. They're sure to love it!



Materials

- Decor Art Dazzling Metallics
 - o DA 148 Emperor's Gold
 - DA 121 Sky Blue Pearl overcoat
- Ceramcoat
 - o 02013 Blue Danube undercoat
 - o 02505 White
 - o 02506 Black

- Folk Art 656 Metallic Blue Sapphire
- Americana Product DA12 Tangerine
- Finishing spray
 - Rust-Oleum Painters Touch (or something similar) Gloss Crystal Clear Spray
- Unfinished snowman head cookie jar

- 1. Purchase unfinished cookie jar. Undercoat hat ball and hat trim with Blue Danube. Let dry thoroughly.
- 2. Overcoat Sky Blue Pearl 2-3 coats for best coverage. Let dry thoroughly.
- 3. For the hat base and scarf, paint 2-3 coats Metallic Blue Sapphire for best coverage.
- 4. Apply 3-4 coats of gold to ear muffs for best coverage.
- 5. When piece is completely dry, use finishing spray for a shiny finish. When spraying jar bottom, fill with paper towels so spray does not get inside the jar.

Holiday Snowman Candy Jar Decorating Idea

By: Lynn Lilly from CraftBoxGirls.com for FaveCrafts

Do you have a few holiday parties on your calendar this season? While you could give the party host a bottle of wine or a potted poinsettia, consider getting a bit crafty with this Holiday Snowman Candy Jar Decorating Idea! The easy holiday craft can be filled with an assortment of wrapped candies for a truly delightful treat. This craft can be displayed through the first day of spring!



- Terra cotta pot
- Terra cotta saucer
- Black buttons
- Black and white foam
- Knob
- White and black chalk paint
- Fabric
- Orange felt

- 1. Paint terra cotta pot and saucer with white chalk paint.
- 2. Hot glue buttons.
- 3. Paint knob black.
- 4. Cut out orange nose from felt.
- 5. Hot glue buttons to glass for eyes and orange nose.
- 6. Glue fabric around pot for scarf.
- 7. Glue saucer, glass, and upside-down pot together.
- 8. Cut a black top hat from foam and glue around knob.



You don't have to go outside to build a snowman this winter! Stay warm and take a look at our collection of <u>Snowman Christmas Crafts</u>.

Snowman Belly Jars

By: Amanda Formaro for FaveCrafts

When it comes to delicious holiday gift ideas, you'll want to put these Snowman Belly Jars on your radar! This easy craft is one that the kids can make, too. This project uses paint in your choice of color, so that you can likely create this project without making a special trip to the craft store. Include a canister of hot cocoa with your gift for a truly delicious wintertime treat!



Materials

- Glass jar
- Crystal Gloss Enamels in white or crystal and 3 other colors of your choice
- 3D Gloss Enamel Writer paint in the same colors as chosen above

Instructions

1. Using Crystal Gloss Enamels, paint jar with white or crystal and allow to dry.



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Instructions (cont.)

- 2. Paint mittens.
- 3. Paint button circles.



4. Paint scarf.



- 5. Using 3D Gloss Enamel Writers, outline mittens with matching color.
- 6. Outline buttons with matching color.

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Instructions (cont.)

7. Outline scarf with matching color.



- 8. Use Crystal or White to add a few snowflakes to jar.
- 9. Allow everything to dry completely before using. These can be baked on for a permanent finish. Just follow directions on the bottle.

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Jars for Treats and Snacks

Dog Treat Jar

By: DecoArt

Do you have a few furry friends on your holiday shopping list? Give man's best friend his or her own Dog Treat Jar complete with this adorable design. These jars are cute and easy craft projects for dogs, and will surely be appreciated! This adorable craft is sure to be a hit, especially if it is filled with favorite treats.



- DecoArt products:
 - o Americana Gloss Enamels
 - DAG67 Black
 - DAG164 Light Buttermilk
 - DAG265 Tuscan Red
 - Americana brushes
 - DBR2004-B Round 4
 - DBF3010-B Shader 10
- Foam plate
- 1/4" and 3/4" round foam pouncer brushes
- Glass snack jar (we used a jar by Komodo Intl., item TP-7SL)

- 1. **Preparation:** Remove all stickers or labels from surfaces.
- 2. Refer to photo for placement and use large pouncer dipped into Black to paint large paws on each flat side of jar.
- 3. Use small pouncer and Black enamel to stamp four small dots by each large one.
- 4. With shader brush, paint Light Buttermilk lines for center of bones. Use small pouncer and Light Buttermilk enamel to stamp two dots on each end to complete bone shapes.
- 5. Use round brush and Tuscan Red to paint heart at center of bones and paw prints; let dry.



Got pets? Then you'll love exploring our collection of <u>Patterns for Pet Clothing and More Pet Crafts</u>!

Kitty Treat Jar

By: DecoArt

You can't forget about a treat jar for your feline friends! This Kitty Treat Jar is the perfect size for storing your cat's favorite treats and snacks. The transparent jar also makes it easy to see if kitty is running low on treats. This delightful craft is just too cute to miss! If you'd like, you can even personalize the jar with the cat's name.



- DecoArt products:
 - o Americana Gloss Enamels
 - DAG04 Sand
 - DAG31 Baby Pink
 - DAG67 Black
 - DAG163 Honey Brown
 - o Americana brushes
 - DBL1000-B Liner 0
 - DBR2002-B Round 2
- Foam plate
- 1/2" and 1 1/4" round foam pouncer brushes
- Glass canister: Anchor Hocking Item 85976

- 1. **Preparation:** Remove all stickers or labels from surface before painting.
- 2. Use 1 1/4" pouncer dipped in Honey Brown to make circle for cat head. Use round brush to make small triangles for ears on top of head. Let dry.
- 3. Use 1/2" pouncer dipped in Sand to make small circle for cat's muzzle. Use round brush to paint stripes at upper sides of cat head. Let dry.
- 4. Use liner brush and Baby Pink to paint inverted triangular nose and small triangles for inside ears; let dry.
- 5. Use liner brush and Black to paint lines for whiskers and mouth; make small Black dots for eyes. Paint words "GOOD KITTY", using paw prints for letter O; let dry.

Quilted Christmas Treat Jar

By: Dena Lenham for Kreinik

If you're looking for just the right gift idea for someone who already has everything, then this Quilted Christmas Treat Jar is just what you need! The colorful and festive craft can be filled with an assortment of small items. Although you can't go wrong with individually wrapped packages of tea, you can also include an assortment of small candies or a package of coffee. This jar can be reused next year, too!



- Empty glass canning jar
- 100% cotton fabric with a Christmas theme
- 1/4" red satin ribbon
- Misc. buttons in red and green colors
- 1/16" Ribbon 002 Gold
- #8 Braid 009 Emerald
- #12 Braid 008 Green
- Diamond beadlets
- Shallow pan or tray
- 8" X 10" sheet of red liner, heavy-duty double-sided Treasure Tape

Instructions

- 1. Cut out squares from your Christmas fabric (in our sample, we used teacup blocks and a patch with the words "Christmas Tea" printed on the fabric). Set aside momentarily.
- 2. Cut a rectangular piece of Treasure Tape from the 8x10 sheet to fit like a belt around the middle of your jar. Remove the white backing from this tape and attach it to your jar.
- 3. Using leftover pieces of Treasure Tape, cover the jar lid.
- 4. Peel off the red liner from the tape on your jar and begin embellishing: lay the fabric squares first, then the red satin ribbon, then the buttons. Lay the gold ribbon along the top and bottom as a decorative border, and fill in other sticky areas with the green braid colors.
- 5. When embellishing is complete to your satisfaction, lay the jar in your shallow pan and cover all remaining sticky areas with the Diamond Beadlets. Shake to dislodge loose beads.
- 6. Do the same with the jar lid to decorate it, then use your personalized, embellished holiday jar as a decoration or gift.



You won't run out of ideas for holiday gifts when you take a look at our collection of *Easy Christmas House Crafts*!

Cherry Painted Glass Jar

By: DecoArt

With its colorful and whimsical design, this Cherry Painted Glass Jar will make a delightful gift for just about everyone on your list! It's the perfect size to store treats or even small office supplies, and can be stashed in a kitchen or home office. This design is fun and easy to make, too. You could keep the materials on hand as a last-minute holiday gift.



Materials

- DecoArt products:
 - Americana Gloss Enamels
 - DAG31 Baby Pink
 - DAG52 Avocado
 - DAG65 Dark Chocolate
 - DAG230 Festive Green
 - DAG265 Tuscan Red

- Americana Brushes:
 - DBL1000-B Liner 0
 - DBR2002-B Round 2
 - DBF3008-B Shader 8
- 1/2" round foam pouncer brush
- Glass storage jar, Anchor Hocking 8578

- 1. Refer to photo when painting designs. Use the pouncer dipped in Tuscan Red to stamp two dots for cherries within each square on sides of jar; let dry.
- 2. Use liner brush and Dark Chocolate to paint cherry stems. Use round brush and thin coat of Dark Chocolate to shade bottom of cherry and curve at top of cherry at base of stem. Let dry.
- 3. Use liner brush and Baby Pink to add highlight to each cherry. Double load flat brush with Festive Green and Avocado to paint leaves. Let dry.

Handy Cookie Jar

By: DecoArt

This cookie jar is perfect for keeping favorite treats fresh and ready to eat! While the Handy Cookie jar can be filled with — you guessed it — cookies, you can also fill it up with homemade granola, an assortment of wrapped suckers, or even some small cookie cutters. If you want to take your gift to the next level, you can even include the dry ingredients for a batch of cookies; just attach the baking directions to the jar!



Materials

- DecoArt products:
 - Americana Gloss Enamels
 - Honey Brown DAG 163
 - Dark Chocolate DAG65
 - Tuscan Red DAG265

- Foam plate
- 1/4" and 1 1/4" round foam pouncer brushes
- Glass canister Anchor Hocking, item 85766

- 1. **Preparation:** Remove all stickers or labels from surface. Use 1 1/4" pouncer brush dipped in Honey Brown to paint three circles on each flat side of jar; let dry.
- 2. Use end of paint brush dipped in Dark Chocolate to dot cookie shapes and let dry. Use round brush and Tuscan Red to paint the message "Fresh from the Oven" on one flat side.
- 3. Use 1/4" pouncer brushed dipped into Tuscan Red to dot around cookies and words on each side. Let dry.

Bath and Body Jar Gifts

Mosaic Bath Jars for Mom

By: Heidi Borchers for Inspired at Home

Mosaic bath jars filled with homemade bath salts or bubble bath make great gifts for anyone on your list who could use a little bit of pampering these days! These jars can be decorated to include a favorite inspirational quote or delicate designs. When the jar is complete, simply fill with your choice of bath items in the recipient's favorite scents. You can even make your own DIY bath crystals with the instructions that follow this craft project. Everyone is sure to love this handmade gift!



- Clear self-adhesive laminate film, like contact paper
- Glass jars
- Mosaic pieces (ceramic and glass tiles, mirrors, stained glass, china, beads)
- Embellishments, including charms and tiny flowers (optional)
- Goggles
- Scissors

- Wheeled tile nippers
- Texture Magic Dimensional Paint available in assorted colors, or you can tint the white with acrylic paints
- Palette knife
- Tweezers
- Yarn
- Glass beads
- Aleene's[®] Stop Fraying[®] Glue

Instructions

- 1. To create the stencil, trace half of a heart shape onto the paper side of the self-adhesive film. Fold in half and cut out. You will be using the outside part of the film on the jar and the inside heart shape as the placement pattern.
- 2. Place the heart shape onto workspace. Arrange the alphabet letters and mosaic pieces onto the pattern to determine placement. Use the nippers to cut the pieces as needed. (Always use goggles when cutting tiles and glass.) When placing onto pattern, leave a small amount of space between each piece.
- 3. Remove the paper backing from the film piece that you cut from the self-adhesive paper and place sticky side down onto the glass jar or bottle front aligning to be certain that it is centered. This is now the stencil that you are going to use to create the heart shape from the dimensional paint.
- 4. Squeeze the dimensional paint onto the glass in the heart area of the stencil and spread evenly to approximately 1/8" thickness using the back side of the palette knife. This dimensional paint will be acting like the grout for your tile pieces. While the paint is still wet, carefully lift the stencil from the glass.
- 5. Carefully place the alphabet letters first. Then continue to transfer the mosaic pieces from the pattern onto the wet paint. (Use tweezers to help pick up small pieces.) Allow paint to dry.



6. Tie pieces of yarns around the neck of the jar. Place small amount of glue onto the ends of the yarn. Let dry. Thread the beads onto the yarns and knot the ends.

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Tip from the Designer

You can add layers of accents to your mosaic tiles. To attach pieces on top of the mosaic, place a small amount of the dimensional paint to the back of the embellishment, like this cute little flower, and place on top of tiles where desired. Let paint dry.

Scented Bath Crystals

In a lidded container – to each cup of rock salt, add 3-5 drops of vegetable food coloring, mixing with spoon or shaking well after each couple of drops until desired color is reached. To colored crystals add 20-25 drops essential oils. Lavender, rose, or geranium essential oils provide a lovely scent. Mix well or shake container until oils are thoroughly absorbed. To make them glisten like little jewels, add 1 teaspoon glycerin. Package the crystals in your pretty jar. To use, add ½ cup to your warm bath.



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Homemade Grits and Honey Scrub in a Jar

By: HollyBeth Anderson for HollyBeth Organics

This honey scrub is not only just what you need after a long, hot bath, but it makes for a thoughtful Christmas gift as well. All you need is some honey, grits or cornmeal, almond oil, and a few other materials. It smells great, too, and will make a wonderful gift for family and friends. Everyone could use a little bit of pampering over the holidays!



Materials

- 1 Vitamin E capsule opened and mixed in (can be purchased from all good health food stores)
- 1 teaspoon organic sweet almond oil or more if you like. You could also substitute organic olive oil if you don't have sweet almond oil on hand
- 1/2 cup organic honey
- 1/4 cup grits or medium ground cornmeal (can replace with oatmeal for less exfoliation)

- 1. Mix all ingredients together.
- 2. Apply in circular motions to damp skin to gentle exfoliate. Can be used on both face and body.
- 3. Keep any leftovers in refrigerator to ensure freshness, as there are no preservatives added.

Soap Dispenser Mason Jar Craft

By: Tanner Bell for FaveCrafts

Add a whimsical look to your bathroom, kitchen, or mudroom with this Soap Dispenser Mason Jar Craft! The easy craft won't take long to make and can be customized to include your choice of paint colors. The result is a fun and colorful item that can complement just about any color scheme. This craft could also be used as shower presents or housewarming gifts all year-round!



Materials

- Mason jar (16 ounces)
- Jar soap pump insert
- Two Chalky Finish paint colors of your choice
- Brushes
- Assorted grit sandpaper

- 1. Remove the lid from your jar and paint three coats of your base color that you want to see under your top coat. Once dry, paint two coats of your second color overtop of your first and allow to dry completely.
- 2. Carefully sand your jar until the inner color comes through. Sand the label, and sand randomly on the sides and edges until you're satisfied with the look of your Mason jar.
- 3. Dust the jar off, fill it with soap, screw on your insert, and enjoy your beautiful rustic jar soap dispenser!



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