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# 99 GIFT BASKET IDEAS FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST!



You can find a gift idea for almost anyone in our list of 99 Gift Baskets. We've tried to be innovative and get away from the usual fruit basket arrangement. Many of the baskets are designed around themes and some don't even use baskets at all!

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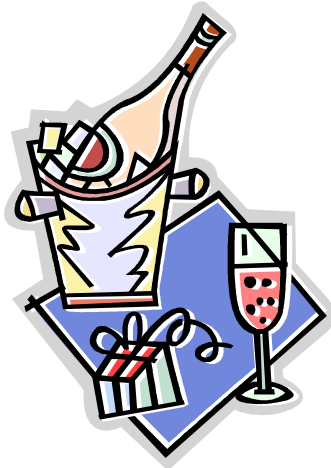
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## Food & Drink



### 1. For the pasta lover

Use a large pasta bowl for a basket and 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

### 2. The sundae basket

Fill a basket with:

- ice cream scoop
- gourmet sauces
- sprinkles
- cones
- maraschino cherries
- assorted nuts
- sundae glasses and spoons
- coupons for gourmet ice cream

### 3. For the cookie lover

Use a cookie tin for a basket and fill the tin with:

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

### 4. Wine appreciation 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)
- add snacks to go with the wine - fine cheese, fruit, crackers, etc.

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### 5. For the chili lover

Fill a stew pot or pottery casserole dish 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

### 6. For those who make their own wine or beer

Fill a box with:

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

### 7. For the vegetarian

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

### 8. For someone who likes to BBQ

Use an apron with pockets for a basket and fill the apron pockets with:

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

### 9. For someone who bakes

Use a cake pan as a basket and fill the pan with:

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

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### 10. For the lover of spicy foods

Use a chili pot as a basket and 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 bismol
- recipes

### 11. A small twist on the usual coffee gift basket

Fill a basket with:

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

### 12. For the chocolate lover

Fill a basket with:

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

### 13. For the health food buff

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, bulgar, 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)

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#### 14. Create a Chinese food 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.

### Sports & Athletics

#### 15. 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



#### 16. For the sports enthusiast

Use a sports helmet or hat as a basket (e.g. baseball cap, football helmet, etc.) and 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

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### 17. For the skier

Fill a tote bag with:

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

### 18. For the hiker

Use hiking boots as a basket and fill them with:

- Maps
- rain poncho
- bear bells or repellent
- trail mix
- compass
- first aid kit for hikers

### 19. For someone who like to walk or jog

Fill a tote bag with:

- Pedometer
- sweat band
- tapes and batteries for the Walkman or CDs for the portable CD player
- shoe laces
- sport socks
- personal alarm
- t-shirt
- water bottle in a shoulder or waist holder

### 20. For the fisherman

Use a tackle box as a basket and fill it with:

- assorted lures
- leaders
- pliers
- gloves
- guide to local fishing

## 21. For cyclists

Use a cycling helmet as a basket and fill it with:

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

## 22. For someone who works out at the gym

Fill a tote bag with:

- Towel
- water bottle
- workout tapes or magazines
- power bars
- sports drinks
- sports socks
- gym membership

## Craft Enthusiasts

### 23. For the crafter

Use a rubber storage container for a basket and 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



### 24. For the craft enthusiast, how about a project in a 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

## 25. For the woodworker

Fill a basket or rubber/plastic box with:

- assorted sandpapers
- chisels
- router bits
- saw blades
- files
- varnishes
- brushes
- paints
- patterns and/or instructions

## 26. For the crochet or knitting enthusiast

Fill a basket with:

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

## 27. For the crafter

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

## 28. For someone who sews

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

### 29. For the wood shop owner

Use a shop apron as a basket and fill the apron with:

- ✦ safety glasses
- ✦ wood glue
- ✦ sandpapers
- ✦ measuring tape
- ✦ paint brushes
- ✦ shop magazines
- ✦ woodworking patterns

### 30. For the painter

Fill a decorative tin with:

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

### 31. For someone who likes needlepoint

Fill a basket with:

- ✦ Patterns
- ✦ Canvas
- ✦ assorted thread
- ✦ needles
- ✦ thimble
- ✦ frames for finished work

## Pet Owners



### 32. For the dog lover

Fill a large dog bowl with:

- ✦ squeaky toy
- ✦ rawhide bone
- ✦ dog biscuits
- ✦ dog brush
- ✦ dog collar
- ✦ leash

### 33. For someone who has or wants pet fish

Fill a goldfish bowl with:

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

### 34. For the cat lover

Use a cat basket as a basket and fill it with:

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

### 35. For the aquarium owner

Use a decorative tin for a basket and fill the tin with:

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

## Expectant Parents, Babies, Kids, and Teens

### 36. Create a kids coloring kit

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



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### 37. For expectant parents

Fill a baby's bath tub with:

- hooded towel
- wash cloth
- rubber ducky
- baby shampoo
- baby powder
- baby lotion
- terri sleeper

### 38. Make a kid's beach pack

Fill a plastic pail with:

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

### 39. For a baby

Fill a basket with:

- Rattle
- Bibs
- story book
- stuffed animal
- sleeper

### 40. Create a kid's bath set

Fill a basket with:

- bubble bath
- no-tears shampoo and conditioner
- bath crayons
- bath toys
- bath mitt or decorative face cloth
- printed towel
- robe
- slippers

#### 41. Create a kid's craft kit

Fill a rubber/plastic storage box with:

- colored paper
- crayons
- stickers
- pipe cleaners
- buttons
- pom-poms
- white glue
- kid scissors
- wooden shapes
- wobbly eyes
- kid sized craft apron
- sparkles

#### 42. For little students

Fill a children's lunchbox with:

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

#### 43. For the teenaged girl

Fill a purse with:

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



## TV, Movie, and Music Buffs

### 44. For the soap opera fan

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



### 45. For the guitar player

Fill the basket with:

- assorted pics
- tuning fork
- sheet music
- CDs or cassettes of great guitar players
- Guitar strings
- electronic tuner
- lesson books

### 46. For the music groupie

Fill a basket with:

- fan club membership
- CDs of their favorite group
- posters of their favorite group
- biographies
- sheet music
- tickets to a concert
- band t-shirts

### 47. For the couch potato

Fill a large basket or box with:

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

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#### 48. For the musician

Fill a decorative can with:

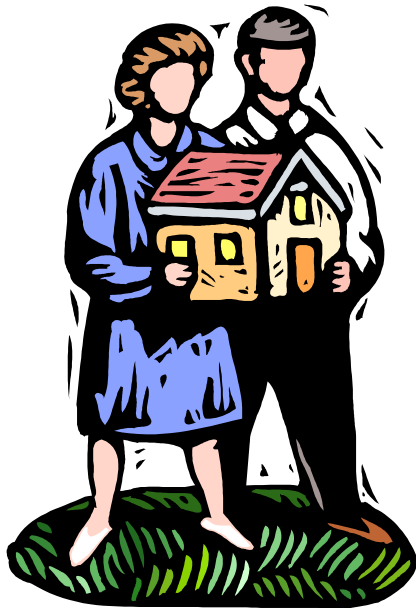
- reeds/strings/drum sticks/mouthpiece - appropriate for the instrument they play
- sheet music
- valve oils for brass instrument players
- instrument strap
- electronic tuner
- metronome
- recorded music of their favorite artists

#### 49. For the movie buff

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

### Homeowners & Household



#### 50. For the new home owner

Use a tool box as a basket and 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, handles, etc.

### 51. Create a “stock-the-bar” package

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

### 52. 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:

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

### 53. Create a bachelor's survival kit

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!

### 54. Create a Christmas Decorating basket

Fill a basket with:

- nativity set
- assorted Christmas ornaments
- decorative lights
- candles

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## Beauty, Personal Care, and Relaxation

### 55. Create a salon pack



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

### 56. Create a manicure kit

Use a cosmetic bag for a basket and fill the bag with:

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

### 57. For someone who likes to lounge in the sun

Use a sun hat as a basket and fill the hat with:

- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- lemonade mix
- novel

### 58. Create a women's accessories basket

Fill a basket with:

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

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### 59. For the teenaged girl

Fill a cosmetic bag or cosmetic tray with:

- assorted makeup in the latest fashion colors: lipstick, blusher, eye liner, mascara
- cotton swabs
- makeup sponges
- nail polish in the latest colors
- nail file
- facial cleanser
- facial moisturizer
- eye makeup remover

### 60. For someone who is on their feet all day

Use a rubber tub as a basket and fill the tub with:

- Epsom salts or bubble bath
- towel
- pumice stone
- foot lotion or foot powder
- comfortable
- slippers
- nail clippers

### 61. How about a relaxation pack?

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

### 62. Create a men's accessories basket

Fill an overnight bag with:

- Socks
- Underwear
- Belt
- Tie
- tie clip
- handkerchiefs
- wallet
- watch

## Business People and Travelers



### 63. For the one who loves their car

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

### 64. For the executive or the home-office owner

Fill a briefcase with:

- Daytimer
- 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

### 65. For someone who takes road trips

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

### 66. For the student or the home-office owner

Use a rubber garbage can as a basket and fill the can with:

- Stapler
- hole punch
- tacks, paper clips, pens, pencils
- desk lamp
- notepads
- desk calendar

### 67. For someone who travels by plane a lot

Fill a travel bag with:

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

### 68. For someone who never has enough time

Fill a basket with:

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

## Experiences

### 69. Create a rainy day basket

Fill a basket with:

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



### 70. Create a winter fun pack

Fill a toque 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)

### 71. Create a New Year's Eve party pack

Fill a basket with:

- Champagne
- Glasses
- party hats
- noise makers
- sparklers
- confetti
- balloons
- party invitations

### 72. Create a night out in a 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

### 73. Create a night in

Fill a 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



#### 74. A basket for adults only

Fill a basket with:

- scented candles
- massage oil
- lingerie
- wine
- wine glasses

### Games, Hobbies, and Interests

#### 75. For the gardener

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



#### 76. For the shutterbug

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

### 77. For the shop-aholic

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 babysit coupons

### 78. For the computer buff

Fill a basket with:

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

### 79. For the collector

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

### 80. Make a basket full of puzzles

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

### 81. For someone who likes games

Fill a basket with:

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

### 82. For the computer game player

Fill a decorative box with:

- membership to an online gaming  
WWW site
- computer game CDs
- joy stick
- mouse pad
- shareware games on diskette or  
CD-ROM

### 83. For the jigsaw puzzle lover

Fill a basket with:

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

### 84. For the young at heart

Fill a basket or a small toy box with:

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

### 85. For the electronics hobbyist

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

### 86. For someone who is into New Age

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

### 87. For campers

Use a backpack as a basket and fill the backpack with:

- tent pegs
- compass
- sharpening stone
- mosquito repellent
- tent patch kit
- campers cook set
- utility knife or Swiss army knife
- campground guides

### 88. For the naturalist

Fill a knapsack with:

- Binoculars
- bird watching guide or wildlife or wildflower guide
- log book and pen
- maps
- trail mix

### 89. For the letter writer

Fill a square basket with:

- note cards
- envelopes (choose a variety of sizes)
- note paper
- letter opener
- a pen or a pen and pencil set
- a personalized seal and some sealing wax
- personalized return address labels

### 90. For the writer

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

### 91. For the mystery lover

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

### 92. For the sci-fi fan

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

### 93. Create a comedy pack

Fill a basket with:

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

### 94. For the cowboy at heart

Fill a cowboy hat with:

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

## Miscellaneous

### 95. For grandparents who are far away

Fill a basket with:



- children's artwork
- gifts made by the kids
- frames filled with 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.

### 96. For just about anyone

Fill a basket with:

- teddy bear
- coffee mug
- hot chocolate mixes
- bedtime story books

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### 97. Create a Christmas box

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

### 98. For the engaged couple

Fill a basket with:

- wedding planner
- unity candle
- garter
- cake knife
- honeymoon travel info or tickets
- wedding decorations
- wedding album

### 99. Finishing Touches for Christmas Baskets

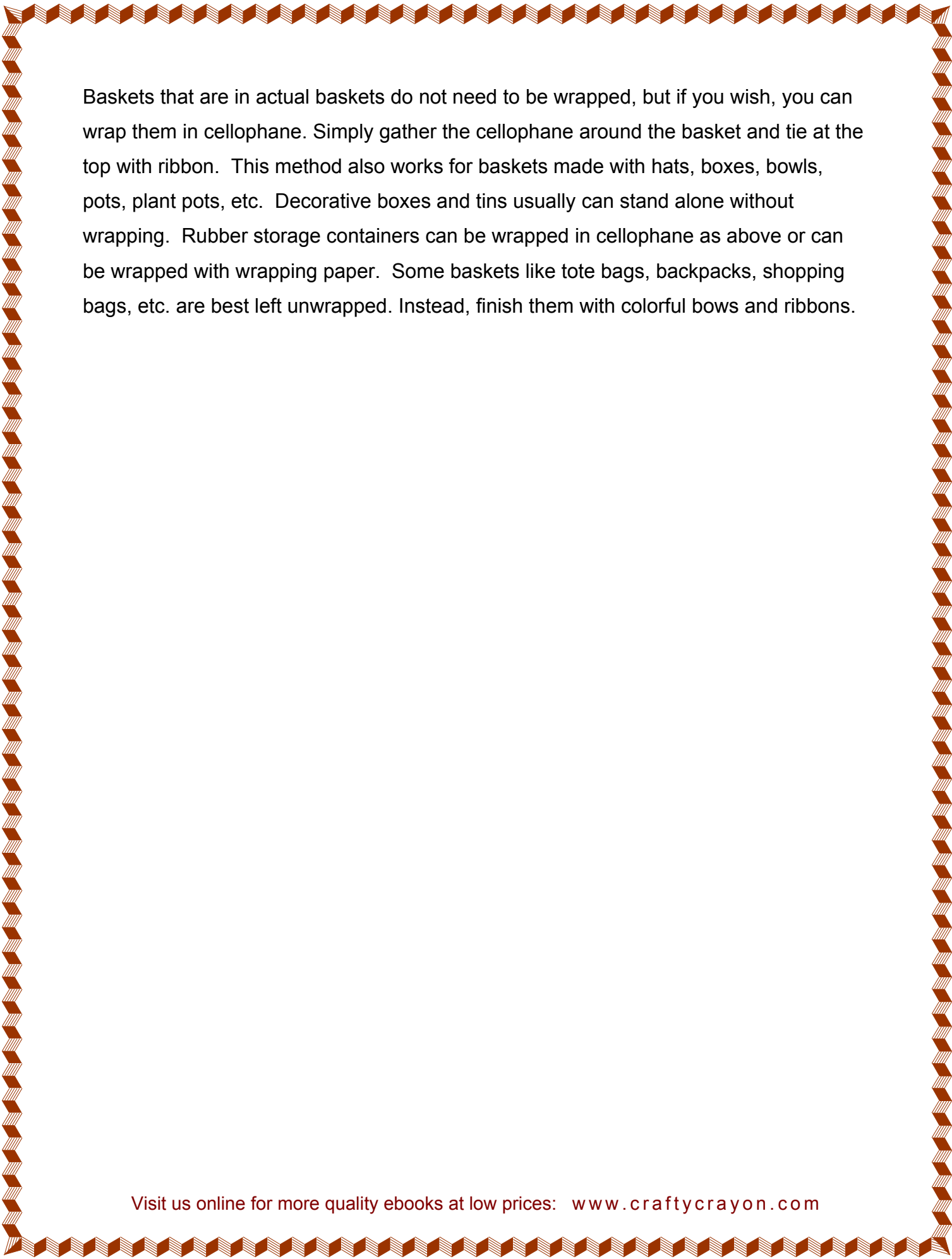
Finishing touches actually come into play when you begin to assemble your basket. You can enhance the presentation of baskets, boxes, tins, hats, etc. by first filling them with:

- colored cellophane grass
- crumpled tissue paper
- a piece of fabric (try something with a Christmas print)
- shredded newspaper or colored paper
- straw
- raffia

Then carefully arrange your items over top of the filler. Finish up by tucking in:

- candy canes
- foil wrapped chocolate Santas
- other foil wrapped candies
- small pine cones
- a bunch of cinnamon sticks tied with red ribbon
- Christmas greenery like the tips spruce and pine branches
- Christmas ornaments
- lots of small bows
- mandarin oranges
- nuts in the shell
- small scented candles
- Christmas baking (wrapped in cellophane)

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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.

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