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HOMEMADE PRESENT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Homemade Christmas gifts are a great way to show somebody how much you care, and to save some money in the process.

Many items are difficult to make and require skills that can't be learned overnight, but all your effort are highly rewarded with love and joy.

Today we're going to discuss four great homemade present ideas for Christmas that you can make in no time at all.

We hope that these homemade present ideas for Christmas will spark some of your creativity and help you to think of the perfect gift for that special someone on your list!

Happy Holidays!

and all the best wishes from Alec Deacon, Steve Walker, and the rest of www.survivopedia.com team

Cookie Jars



Cookie jars are probably the easiest, cheapest, and most loved homemade Christmas gifts ever. You don't need much to put them together and they're both pretty AND functional. After all, who doesn't love brownies? Or gingerbread? Here's what you need:

- Quart jars – 1 for each person
- Lids for the jars
- Maybe a scrap of cloth for each jar, just to make it pretty
- Ribbon to tie around the rim
- A typed or hand-written direction card

- The ingredients and directions for your favorite cookie recipe

All that you need to do is this:

1. Wash the jars
2. Write the recipe on the notecard and punch a hole in the corner
3. Layer the dry brownie ingredients in the jar so that light ingredients are on top of dark, making sure that the jar is full.
4. Place the lid on the jar
5. Place the scrap of colorful cloth over the lid and secure with the ribbon.
6. Thread the ribbon through the recipe card and tie off

That's it! Now you have beautiful, homemade presents for Christmas. You can also use a favorite homemade hot cocoa recipe or cookie recipe. Or even a sweet good jelly recipe, too.



Photo Album



Nothing says personal and thoughtful like a homemade photo album and it can be extremely simple to make.

If you have no crafting skill at all, you can just buy a photo album but if you'd rather personalize it, that's even better.

You can buy letters, stencils and paint at your local craft store or you could cover a store-bought album in cloth and decorate as you'd like.

Then just fill the album (or start it) with some pictures that you know that they'd love!

Scented Bath Salts



This is a wonderfully luxurious homemade present idea for Christmas. And your house is going to smell great while you're making it!

Here's what you'll need per cup of bath salts:

- 1 cup Epsom or course sea salt
- ½ to 1 teaspoon essential oil of your choice (Jasmine, lavender, chamomile, rose, lemon, and cardamom). Find out what their favorite is or pick one that you think they will love!

All that you need to do is add the essential oils to the salt and stir or shake well. If you'd like, put it in a jar with a pretty scrap of cloth, ribbon, and a little card that says

what it is and how to use it. All that they need to do is add a handful of salt to each bath so each cup should be enough for four baths or so.

Homemade Lip Balm



The winter months are brutal on your lips and practically everybody uses lip balm to fight that soreness and unsightly appearance of irritated, chapped lips.

This easy recipe for lip balm is a great homemade present idea for Christmas or any other time of year. Plus, it's natural so there are no harmful chemicals.

- 1 small recycled or bought cosmetic pot (hint, you can get them at craft stores, or contact cases are great alternatives because you can give two flavors!)
- 2 ounces coconut oil – virgin tastes like coconut, refined is flavorless, so take your pick
- 1/2 ounce beeswax or soy wax
- 1 ounce almond oil
- 1 ounce Shea butter (optional but it makes your lips soo soft!)
- Flavor additives such as rose petals, chocolate, Kool-Aid (yes, Kool-Aid), peppermint leaves, or a few drops of edible flavorings
- Optional edible glitter if you'd like to sparkle it up.

Simply heat the ingredients together until they're warm enough to melt together (no need to get them too hot, and you can damage the oils if you do). After they're combined, let them cool and put them in your containers.

