

## **ADOPT-A-BASKET IDEAS:**

### **COFFEE/TEA BASKET**

- Mugs, cups
- French press, tea pot
- Coffee grinder
- Tea towels
- Scone/muffin mixes
- Coffee grinder
- Tea ball
- Book on coffee/tea
- Coffee/tea assortment
- Gift cards for Starbucks, Caribou, Tea Source etc

### **CHOCOLATE BASKET**

- Collection of fine chocolates
- Drinking chocolate
- Bars of chocolate with various % cacao for individual tasting
- Movie "Chocolat"
- Cookbook
- Chocolate themed novelty items

### **NEW BABY**

- Onesy
- Footies
- Hat
- Blanket
- Rattle
- Plush toy
- Bib
- Bank
- Sleeper
- Picture frames
- Diapers

### **KIDS BOOK BASKET**

- Pick a theme, girl/boy and an age, find some books and throw in a gift card from the Red Balloon

### **FAMILY GAMES BASKET**

- Fill it with all the old classics like Yahtzee, Monopoly, Clue, Life, Aggrevation, Chinese Checkers, Bingo, puzzles

## PICNIC BASKET

- Backpack style with all the necessary plates, silverware and glasses
- Old fashioned basket
- Blanket
- Cooler
- Folding chairs
- Outdoor game like bocce ball set
- Gift certificate from REI etc.

## MY FIRST KITCHEN BASKET

- Gadgets
- Utensils
- Canisters
- Measuring cups, spoons
- Mixing bowls
- Cookware set
- Bakeware set
- Towels/pot holders
- Gift certificate from Williams Sonoma etc

## BARTENDING BASICS BASKET

- Martini pitcher
- Cocktail shaker
- Shot glass
- Ice bucket/tongs
- Wine opener
- Cocktail recipe book
- Bar tools
- Rose's Lime Juice, grenadine, Vermouth, Bitters
- Cocktails mushrooms, onions, olives, cherries
- Napkins
- Gift certificate from Haskell's etc.

## FIESTA OLE BASKET

- Tequila
- Fun margarita glasses
- Bottles of mixer
- Stir sticks in southwest themed shapes-think cactus
- Chips/salsa
- Latin music cd
- Party lights in southwest shape-think peppers
- Tray and napkins
- Gift certificate from favorite Mexican restaurant

#### FIRST APARTMENT BASKET

- Mop/broom
- Dish drainer
- Drawer organizers
- Extension cords
- Toilet brush, plunger
- Basic tool kit
- Laundry basket
- Cleaning supplies
- Gift card from Home Depot, Menard's, Loews

#### RED/WHITE WINE TASTING BASKET

- 1 bottle each merlot, cabernet, pinot noir, chianti etc
- 1 bottle each chardonnay, pinot grigio, sauvignon blanc, reisling etc
- set of wine glasses
- wine glass "bracelets"
- bottle opener
- book wines
- subscription to "Wine Spectator" magazine
- gift certificate to Surdyk's etc

#### GOURMET COOKING BASKET

- go to Cooks on Crocus Hill or Williams Sonoma for suggestions and ideas
- premium olive oils
- aged balsamic vinegars
- gourmet salts
- unique ingredients
- European baking chocolate

#### FAMOUS CHEF BASKET

- Think Martha Stewart, Rachel Ray, Paul Dean

#### BUBBLE BATH BASKET

- Sponges
- Oils
- Soaps
- Candles
- Manicure, pedicure tools
- Lotions
- Slippers
- Eye mask
- Gift certificate for a massage or a spa treatment
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#### GARDEN BASKET

- Hand tools, pruning shears, bulb digger
- Fun watering can
- Rubber garden shoes/boots
- Composting stuff
- Yard ornaments
- Plants, seeds
- Pottery for outside
- Gift certificate from local nursery, Jackson Perkins, etc

#### BBQ BASKET

- Grill accessories
- Grill pans
- Bbq sauces
- Smoking chips
- Wooden grilling planks
- Cookbook
- Apron
- Gift certificate to Omaha Steaks or local grocery store

#### HOSTESS BASKET

- Guest towels
- Candles
- Elegant soaps
- Gourmet jams, jellies
- Coasters
- Nice box of chocolates
- Picture frame
- Gift certificate to Patina, Bibelot, Pier 1

#### STATIONERY BASKET

- Address book
- High quality writing paper assortment
- Handmade note cards
- Photography note cards
- Quality pen(s)
- Postage stamps

#### QUILTING/SEWING/KNITTING BASKET

- Patterns
- Needles
- Fabric
- Yarn
- Kits

#### DVD THEMED BASKET

- Hollywood Classics
- Great Westerns
- Horror
- Spy Thrillers
- Any kind of series like James Bond collection etc

#### CLASSIC BOOKS BASKET

- Fill a basket with the likes of Dr. Suess, Winnie the Pooh, Curious George, Pippi Longstocking, Babar

#### ORGANICS BASKET

- Food items
- Household cleaners
- Personal care items

#### GO GREEN BASKET

- Find green products for the home

#### CHRISTMAS BASKET

- Tablecloth
- Napkin assortment
- Music cd
- Craft book
- Ornaments
- Greeting cards
- Candles
- Wrapping paper/bows

#### DOG/CAT LOVERS BASKET

- Toys
- Leash
- Collar
- Treats
- Grooming tools
- Picture frame
- Gift certificate to PETSMART, Chuck & Don's, Petco

#### SPICE BASKET

- Include a spice rack or jars to hold spices in a drawer then assemble a great assortment of spices around a theme like spices for baking-grilling-Italian-Asian-exotic-basics

## TEENAGE BOY/GIRL

- I'm leaving this one to the parents

## HERITAGE/ETHNIC BASKET

- Think products from the old country, books-music-crafts-textiles
- Go to Irish on Grand, Ingebretsen's etc for inspiration

## MINNESOTA BASKET

- Think made in Minnesota
- Wild rice
- Maple syrup
- Honey, jams
- Bundt pans
- Cheese
- Textiles
- Wine
- Books
- Artwork
- 3M stuff

## HELLO KITTY

## SPONGE BOB

## MARVEL COMIC-

## X MEN

## ACTION FIGURES

## COMIC BOOK SUPER HEROES

## ANYTHING FORM POP CULTURE THAT IS HOT NOW

- These can all become a basket as there are numerous licensed products

## OTHER

- What ideas can you come up???? I have found spending a little time shopping around almost any store can help you identify and fill a basket.

## **?????????? SO WHO CAN HELP YOU FILL YOUR BASKET ??????????**

### Your Family

Friends

Office colleagues

Church group

Bridge club

Walking club

Bowling league

Neighbors

Social or professional organizations you belong to