

Spa Day

Suggested items: Bubble bath, bath salts, towels, candles, gift card to a local salon and/or for a massage.

Creative twist: Make the container part of the pampering—use a foot bath or a pretty basket suitable for keeping personal items.

For the Golfers

Suggested items: Tees, golf balls, visor, gloves, book about golf, a gift card to a golf store or to a local course.

Creative twist: Present the items in a sports bag.

Pickleballer

Suggested items: Pickleball paddle, balls, goggles, towel, bag

Creative twist: Present the items in a sports bag.

Grillers' Delight

Suggested items: Utensils, marinades, mitts, charcoal, cookbooks about grilling.

Creative twist: Use a small grill as the basket.

Book Lovers

Suggested items: A few bestselling books, wine glasses, wine, gourmet snacks, gift card to local bookstore or Amazon.com.

Creative twist: Assemble the items in a pretty book bag.

Outdoor Adventures

Suggested items: mini lanterns, fixings for s'mores (graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate), head lamps, bug spray, citronella candles, gift cards to outdoor stores.

Creative twist: Pack the contents into a cooler or a tent.

Movie Night at Home

Suggested items: Boxes of candy and microwave popcorn, DVDs, movie passes, blankets, store gift cards (for DVDs and snacks).

Creative twist: Include restaurant gift cards so families can order takeout dinners as part of their night.

Italian Dinner Night

Suggested items: High-end pastas, a variety of sauces, Italian bread/bread sticks, Parmesan cheese, a bottle of red wine, and gift cards to an Italian deli and local Italian restaurant.

Creative twist: Present the items in a large pasta bowl.

For Gardeners

Suggested items: Garden store gift card, planters, watering cans, gloves, seeds, sunscreen, hand lotion, bags of soil, garden rack.

Creative twist: Pack the contents into a small garden cart (available at gardening stores or large stores like Walmart).

Family Fitness

Suggested items: Water bottles, books on healthy family activities (hikes, outdoor vacations, etc.), dumbbells, passes to local gyms and other fitness facilities (like roller-skating rinks).

Creative twist: Try to get local fitness businesses to donate services as part of the basket.

Arts and Crafts

Suggested items: Markers, pens, colored pencils, crayons, craft paint, construction paper, paint brushes, stamping kit, jewelry kits, small wooden model kits, loom bracelet kit, poster board, gift card to craft store.

Creative twist: Present the items in a portable three-drawer storage cart.

Summer Fun

Suggested items: Beach towels, beach toys, balls, sunblock, sunglasses, gift cards to mini golf or other summer activities, yard toys (Frisbee, plastic bowling pins), bubbles, sidewalk chalk.

Creative twist: Present the items in a small outdoor sandbox.

Coffee or Tea Lovers

Suggested items: Coffee/Tea, mug(s), syrups, chocolate, shortbread cookies

All Sports

Suggested items: Balls (baseball, basketball, football, soccer), tickets to local sporting events, gift card to a sporting goods store, Frisbee, sports-team-theme apparel (shirts, hats, etc.) and blanket, water bottle, sports-theme books and board games

Creative twist: Arrange the items in a large duffel bag.

Quick-Hit Basket Ideas

Team spirit: a few theme items for a popular baseball or football team, if you have one in your area, and tickets to a game

Coffee: different varieties of coffee, and gift cards to local coffee shops

Chocolate: boxes of chocolate and samplings of loose chocolates, gift cards to a candy/chocolate shop

Cookies: different varieties of cookies, a cookbook of cookie recipes

Knitting fun: yarn, needles, mini tape measure, stitch markers, gift card to yarn shop