

PULLING IT TOGETHER



Once you've created a homemade gift, it's time to have some fun thinking about the best way to present it.

A number of glass jars, bottles, tins, bags, cosmetic and salve jars and other containers are readily available for both personal care and culinary gifts. Choose one that's appropriate, dress it up with a handwritten label and a ribbon, and you have a nice little gift. (Our website at www.frontiercoop.com offers a variety of small containers suitable for gifts.)

If you want a gift with real pizzazz, there's one more step to take — accessorize! Start by packaging your gift in a useful related item:

- Baskets and bins are lovely and practical for many personal care gifts and give you the opportunity to add washcloths and towels or other accompanying items.
- Put seasoning and food gifts in a creative container, like a mixing bowl, colander, delicate teacup or hefty soup pot.
- Tuck small handmade packages of loose-leaf teas into a shiny stainless teapot and tie a ribbon on the handle. You might also include some tea accessories, such as tea tidies or infusers with your gift. Put hot cocoa mix in a mug.
- Layer recipe ingredients in a glass jar to make a pretty and practical package. Any recipe with dry ingredients will work, but those with various colors and textures are most fun. Mixes for soups, pancakes, hot cocoa (a favorite with kids), muffins, cookies, and bars, along with many spice blends, are great candidates for layering.

You might also include one or more items that relate directly to your homemade gift:

GIFT	RELATED ITEMS
bath salts	towels, washcloths, bath mat
herbal hair rinse	hair brush, hair accessories
pizza blend or spices	pizza cutter, a wedge of Parmesan, mixing bowl, potholder, pizza stone
pickling blend or spices	canning pot, canning funnel, mason jars
spices for newlyweds or college students	cookbook for beginners, spice rack with basic spices, a collection of your own best recipes
dressing or dips mix	salad bowl, wooden serving utensils, homemade croutons
grilling seasoning blend	grilling planks, grilling basket, utensils, mitt

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THE HOMEMADE TOUCH

Nothing beats the special sentiment of a thoughtful homemade gift — especially one that’s personalized. Start with ingredients bought in bulk and craft lovely, easy-on-the-budget gifts for just about anyone.

Homemade personal care items are easy to create from bulk items — clay powders such as bentonite, kaolin, and French green, white and red clays; dried flowers that include calendula, chamomile, lavender and roses; a variety of salts; herbs and other natural ingredients, such as henna and beeswax. From revitalizing facial masks to relaxing bath salts, you can make a homemade personal care gift from bulk ingredients to suit any recipient.

When it comes to culinary gifts, such as homemade spice blends and dry soup mixes, there is almost no end to the spices and dried ingredients available in bulk to make them. The key, as with the personal care gifts, is to personalize for your recipient.

For example, if you’re making spice blends, consider a smoky chipotle taco seasoning for the tailgater in your life and a personalized Italian seasoning for an aunt who loves Italian food. If someone raves about your chili, gift them with your recipe along with the spices and other ingredients they’ll need to make it.

The loose teas available in bulk make nice gifts, as well. Give tea lovers on your gift list a selection of loose teas or simply a favorite tea in a nice tea tin.

Use what you know about your recipients’ lifestyles and culinary habits to make them gifts that show you thought about them. (You’ll find dozens of gift ideas with directions on our website at www.frontiercoop.com.)

For more recipes and cooking tips, visit
WWW.FRONTIERCOOP.COM

FUN HOMEMADE GIFTS

Here are some ideas for gifts you can make that use affordable, natural bulk ingredients. Use these to get started making personalized homemade gifts that say, “I’m thinking about you.”



Clay Face Mask in a Jar

INGREDIENTS:

- bentonite clay
- dried lavender flowers

TO ASSEMBLE THE GIFT:

1. Fill jar 2/3 full with bentonite clay.
2. Fill rest of jar with dried lavender flowers.
3. Seal the jar and tie with ribbon if desired.

Include a nice card about how to use the mask:

TO USE THE MASK:

1. Stir jar contents until well mixed.
2. Into a mixing bowl, scoop about 2 tablespoons mixture.
3. Add 2 to 4 tablespoons water and stir until a paste forms.
4. Apply to face and leave on until mask is completely dry.
5. Rinse face with warm water.

QUICK TIP: If mask mixture is too wet, add additional clay. If mask mixture is too dry, add additional water.



Hot Cocoa in a Jar

Dutch-processed (alkalized) cocoa powder produces the classic flavor associated with a mug of hot cocoa — balanced and rounded chocolatey flavor, creamy texture and a hint of bitterness.

INGREDIENTS:

- Dutch cocoa powder
- cane sugar

TO ASSEMBLE THE GIFT:

1. Fill jar with equal amounts of cocoa and sugar.
2. Seal the jar and tie with ribbon if desired.

A card with directions for using the mix can be attached to the ribbon.

TO USE COCOA MIX:

1. Mix cocoa and sugar thoroughly in the jar.
2. Bring 1 cup of whole milk to a simmer in a small saucepan over medium heat.
3. Add two tablespoons of cocoa mix. Whisk vigorously until fully dissolved and frothy.
4. Enjoy!



Bath Salts in a Jar

Give the gift of relaxation with these simple, natural bath salts.

INGREDIENTS:

- mineral bath salt
- Himalayan pink salt

TO ASSEMBLE THE GIFT:

1. Scoop salts into jar, alternating between white and pink until the jar is full.
2. Seal the jar and tie with ribbon if desired.

You might want to include a card with instructions for using the bath salts:

TO USE THE BATH SALTS:

1. Scoop about 1/4 cup bath salts into warm bath water.
2. Swish water to disperse salt.
3. Enjoy!