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When I was a little girl, my Nana and Grandpa would often give me a "grab bag" full of goodies for my birthday present. This was nothing more than a brown paper shopping bag filled with trinkets and treasures my grandparents had collected or made for me with tender loving care.

I remember such things as toys from cereal boxes, Cracker Jack prizes, and my Nana's special homemade popcorn balls carefully wrapped in waxed paper. I always looked forward to these grab bags, partly because there were so many small surprises in the one gift, and also because it was a very personal present, put together with much thought and love.

To me, the grab bag was simply the best birthday gift in the world!

This wonderful tradition can and should be enjoyed by every little birthday boy and girl. It's easy! Just start with a brown paper bag and decorate it with materials you have on hand, such as markers, ribbons, pictures from magazines, wrapping paper shapes, you get the idea. Choose a theme that your child relates to, such as sports, animals, hobbies, and the like.

Several weeks or even months prior to the birthday, start filling the bag with goodies. The gifts don't have to be big, just thoughtful little items that show you care.

Create a little notebook in which each family member writes a page about the birthday child something special they admire about them, something they've done that makes them proud, or how they've watched them learn and grow. Make the front page a list of milestones and achievements from the past year.

Personalized coupons for special favors are great additions, too. These could include a coupon for a trip to the mall with a friend, for having take-out one night (Hey, Moms will like that one too!), a coupon excusing them from a certain chore for a day or two, or for staying up an extra half hour at bedtime.

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Once you get going, you'll come up with lots more.

Write them on white paper backed with colorful construction paper which you've trimmed with fancy edged scissors. Or make them on your computer with fancy graphics.

This same "grab bag" concept could be used for college graduations, a friend moving to a new town, Mother's or Father's Day; there are so many possibilities...

The key to the making this the best gift in the world is to have fun, don't spend a lot of money, and think about the recipient a lot while you're putting it together. I'm sure this is what my grandparents did whenever they put together a birthday grab bag for me.

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many popular themes, including invitations, cakes, decorations, games, costumes, favors, and food.

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Birthday Gift Basket Advice

By George Meszaros

Are you nervous about what to get your loved one on his/her birthday? Gift baskets are popular birthday gifts are popular for many reasons. Gift baskets offer variety; there are many sizes for all tastes and budgets. Selecting the appropriate birthday gift basket requires some work, but it is fun.

The more you know about the person, the more you can customize the basket for his birthday. Remember, what he likes and dislikes when ordering the gift basket. Birthday gift baskets offer an abundance of opportunities for a great surprise gift.

Birthday gift baskets are available in many themes such as:

· Unique Birthday Gift Basket · Happy Birthday Gift Basket · 50th Birthday Gift Basket · Kid Birthday Gift Basket · Birthday Gift Basket for Her (Spa gift Basket) · First Birthday Gift Basket (or Baby Gift Basket)

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In addition to a birthday, gift baskets are ideal for all occasions. They can serve both personal and corporate needs. Gourmet gift baskets are created using finest products, often imported delicacies such as smoked salmon, cheeses, or chocolate.

Birthday gift baskets are available in many amazing designs and create a feeling of personal touch. Birthday gift basket should contain only excellent quality products including gourmet food, chocolate and spa products.

Birthday gift baskets created by professionals should be beautifully wrapped and the most sophisticated ones contain personal messages. A few select companies may offer personalized birthday baskets that offer a personal touch. Gift baskets are available in different shapes and sizes. Therefore, there is a wide price range for birthday gift baskets. You should be able to find a nice basket for almost any budget. Although you can choose to make a gift basket yourself, it is unlikely that you will save money at the end. Professional gift basket companies can buy in bulk, and they can have a huge selection of products.

What kind of gift should you get someone who has it all? Let's face it; every year buying that birthday gift becomes more—and—more difficult. Finding the "perfect" gift for your mom, dad, sibling, husband, and even the kids in your family can be frustrating. Save yourself the headache, and search online for businesses that provide birthday gift baskets. Purchasing online is safe and convenient. Most importantly, the prices are the most competitive on the Internet. Get your next birthday gift basket online today.

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