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# Christmas Gift Giving



## 6 'Gift in a Jar' Ideas

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## Letter from the Editors

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Merry Christmas Readers!

It might sound silly, but everyone loves receiving gifts in a jar. Why? Because the possibilities are endless! You can give your friends and loved ones all the ingredients necessary to make a delicious recipe like the Yummy Hot Cocoa Jar (pg 5). Or, give a beauty product that will keep skin looking fresh like the Gardener's Hand Scrub (pg 7). Not to mention, it's such a fun gift when it comes decorated in a creative and festive jar. Sometimes just the jar itself can make for a special present.

These awesome ideas are easy and inexpensive to make but don't lack personality or thoughtfulness. With Christmas right around the corner, it's time to start making wonderful presents your friends and family would only receive from you! Anyone can buy them a holiday sweater but your 'gift in a jar' will stand out.

In this eBook, you'll find great 'gift in a jar' ideas. From chocolate to beauty products, we've got projects anyone would love to receive.

You can find more craft projects, great activities for kids and decorating ideas at [www.FaveCrafts.com](http://www.FaveCrafts.com). For fantastic recipes for every meal, head over to [www.RecipeLion.com](http://www.RecipeLion.com).

Our eBooks, like all of our craft projects and recipes, are absolutely FREE. Please feel free to share with family and friends and ask them to sign up at our website for free newsletters from RecipeLion.com and FaveCrafts.com.

We hope you enjoy reading and creating!

Sincerely,

*The Editors of FaveCrafts and RecipeLion*

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## Chocolate in a Jar

### Yummy Hot Cocoa Jar

By Marie Browning for Tombow



For a creative and thrifty gift idea, make the Yummy Hot Cocoa Jar. You'll be giving a beautifully decorated jar with a tasty hot cocoa recipe inside. It's a perfect homemade gift in a jar idea.

### MEXICAN HOT CHOCOLATE MIX

2 cups powdered sugar  
1 cup cocoa  
2 1/2 cups powdered milk  
2 teaspoons cornstarch  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
pinch cayenne pepper

Mix well, store in airtight containers  
Makes 5 1/2 cups

### Materials

- Glass jars
- Decorative paper from Cosmo Cricket, Early Bird Collection
- Light teal cardstock from Bazzill
- Chipboard embellishments Cosmo Cricket, Early Bird Collection
- Tombow MONO Clear Adhesive
- Tombow MONO Multi Liquid Glue
- Tombow Dual Brush Pens – colors to match paper
- Embroidery floss to match
- Mini wooden clothespin
- Mini eyelets
- Paper trimmer

### Instructions

1. Write the serving instructions on the paper panel using the Dual Brush Pens.
2. Cut paper strip and front panel to fit the jar bases and use the Clear adhesive to attach to the jars. If your 12" strip does not fit around your chosen jar, leave the opening at the front and cover the gap with the instruction label.
3. Glue the chipboard motif to the top of the lid using MONO Multi glue.
4. Set a mini eyelet in the chipboard cutlery and tie around jar neck with embroidery floss.
5. Add the mini clothespin to accent and fill the jar with the Hot Cocoa Mix.
6. Print up the mix recipe, trim and mount on light teal cardstock with the clear adhesive. Trim with cut out motifs from the decorative paper.

## Granny's Chocolate Gravy

By Kristy for Mommy Hates Cooking



*Something called Granny's Chocolate Gravy can't be anything but delicious. Make this tasty recipe for a comforting and chocolaty dressing. You could also give away the gravy in a decorated jar as a Christmas gift.*

### Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups milk
- 1/3 cup sugar
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 tablespoon Chocolate baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### Instructions

1. In a small sauce pan warm the milk on the stove. This will need to be warm but not boiling.
2. In a small bowl, mix all the dry ingredients.
3. Once the milk has warmed, pour ¼ cup of milk into the dry ingredients and whisk together.
4. Then, whisk the dry ingredients into the milk in the sauce pan and add vanilla, continue to stir until thickened.
5. Serve this over homemade biscuits with a tall glass of milk.

## Beauty in a Jar

### Gardener's Hand Scrub

By Sarah for Create Studio



*For a quick but thoughtful gift, make the Gardener's Hand Scrub. This easy project will produce a wonderful gift in a simply decorated jar. Homemade gifts in a jar are always a hit so give this one a try.*



#### Materials

- Two small pumice stones (approx. 5x1 inch)
- 1 and 1/2 bars of grated soap (I used Dove, but you can use any smell you like)
- 1 cup Borax (you can find this with the laundry detergent at your favorite store)
- Four 8 oz. canning jars
- 1/2 cup water (optional)

#### Instructions

1. First grate your bars of soap.



2. Then cut the tie off your pumice stones.



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3. Throw the two stones into a thick ziplock bag and smash them into a fine powder using a hammer.



6. Print off label (resize if you like) and add to the top of the jar.

4. To make sure there aren't any large pieces of pumice stone left, sift it and repound larger bits.



5. Mix the grated soap, pumice stone powder and borax. If you would like a dry mix, you can put it into your containers now. If you prefer a more wet mix then add ½ cup of water.



## Recipes in a Jar

### Pumpkin Bread Jars

By John Kilgallon

*Use baking in jars as a technique to make wonderful holiday treats. Pumpkin Bread Jars make tasty loaves that will be fun to make and delicious to eat. Give some loaves away as tasty treats.*

**Cooking Time: 1 hr 5 min**

**Makes 8 to 10 Jars**

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup oil (vegetable, canola, etc.)
- 3 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups pumpkin (15 oz. can)
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon [baking soda](#)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup chopped nuts (pecans or walnuts)

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
2. Grease and flour two loaf pans (regular bread loaf size, not small).
3. Combine oil and sugar in a mixing bowl. Mix well.
4. Combine dry ingredients in a separate bowl.
5. Add eggs, one at a time, to oil and sugar mixture, beating well after each addition.
6. Add pumpkin and mix well.

7. Slowly add dry ingredients to pumpkin mixture. Mix well.

8. Stir in nuts.

Notes:

For Jars: Pour into greased jars, filling each only 1/2 full of batter. Clean sealing edges of jars.

Bake for about 45 minutes, or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Scald lids and keep in water until ready to use.

Once bread is done, remove jars, clean sealing edge again, place lids on jars and screw rings on firmly. As the bread cools the jars will seal. Keep in fridge until ready as gifts or to eat.

Slice, warm in toaster oven or microwave and serve with butter.

Loaves: Bake in greased and floured loaf pans at 325 degrees for 60-65 minutes. Test with toothpick. Pumpkin bread is done with toothpick comes out clean.

## Oatmeal Chippers in a Jar

By Mr.Food



*Try this tasty cookie mix! Oatmeal Chippers in a Jar makes a great gift idea! You give them everything they need to make delicious cookies, all wrapped up in a decorative jar.*

### Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/4 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- Quart-size canning jar

### Instructions

1. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder and baking soda; mix well and pour into canning jar, tapping jar on counter to level ingredients.

2. Add to jar in turn: oats, granulated sugar, brown sugar, walnuts, and chocolate chips, tapping jar on counter to level after each addition. Seal jar and decorate if desired.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

**\*IMPORTANT:** Attach a copy of baking instructions to jar.

### Oatmeal Chippers in a Jar Baking Instructions

- 1 jar homemade cookie mix
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Empty contents of jar into large bowl; add melted butter, egg and vanilla. Mix until completely blended; mixture will be thick.
3. Shape into walnut-sized balls and place on ungreased cookie sheets 2 inches apart. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, or until edges are golden. Remove to wire rack to cool.

ENJOY!

## Decorative Jars as Gifts

### Christmas Spirit Jars

By Marie Browning for Tombow



*Take pretty jars and turn them into lovely holiday decorations. These Christmas Spirit Jars make for great gifts. Put anything you wish inside or just make the jar itself the gift.*

#### Materials

- Glass jars
- Two-sided decorative paper from Graphic 45, Christmas Past Collection. The samples used Jolly Old St. Nicholas and Letters to Santa
- Tombow MONO Clear Adhesive
- Tombow MONO Multi Liquid Glue
- Chandelier crystals
- Decorative ribbons and trims to match
- Thin gold cord
- Sandpaper
- Rhinestones

#### Instructions

1. Cut the paper strips to fit around the jar bases.
2. Distress the edges of the paper with the sandpaper and use the Clear adhesive to attach to the jars.
3. I used computer-generated sayings cut into strips and adhered with the clear adhesive to add the journaling to the jars.
4. For the lid tops, circle punch out chosen motifs and adhere to scalloped edged panels to fit the jar top. Use the Clear adhesive to glue the panels together and to the jar. Glue the rhinestones to the jars using MONO Multi glue.
5. Cut out a motif in the shape of the chandelier crystal and glue to the back using the MONO Multi glue. Let dry then use a pin and re-open the hole and string onto gold cord.
6. Tie the crystals around the neck of the jar and then the decorative ribbons and trims.
7. Finish the jars by placing the ribbon and jewels inside.



The holiday season is the perfect time to use your creativity to make gifts for others. You can use your crafty abilities to gift your loved ones and friends with something simple but wonderful. From recipes to decorative jars, the teams at [FaveCrafts.com](https://www.favecrafts.com) and [RecipeLion.com](https://www.recipe-lion.com) have compiled a great list of 'gift in a jar' ideas! We wish you and your family a happy and creative Christmas.

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