Gifts

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The Gift of Giving
There is no surer way to show
The warmth of feelings that we know,
Than by the gifts our hands create
In hopes our friends appreciate
It’s not the cost nor amount of time
Put in the gift to make it fine;
But thought and care—that certain touch
Completes the gift that’s liked so much.
If you’d be happy Christmas Day
Then give some happiness away;
For as you give, you’re sure to receive
The best in joys of Christmas Eve.
—K.S.N.

Little Folks Will Love These Pretty Gifts

Pixie Doll

Material:

\[
\frac{1}{2} \text{ yard fiji red material} \\
\frac{1}{4} \text{ yard plain material} \\
\text{Foam rubber or nylon hose filling}
\]

This dangly, cuddly doll will go through many interesting actions due to its "jointed" elbows and knees. The small pattern pieces make it possible to use scraps of material already on hand. The body may be of bright figure material and the hands, feet, collar, and cap of matching plain. Stitch legs and arms, and stuff with foam rubber pieces or nylon hose, stitching at right angles to seams at knees and elbows for flexibility. Laundering is no problem for this doll.

Sweet William

Material:

2 pieces mosquito netting 8 inches by 12 inches
4 sticks candy jelly beans, etc.
sucker or tea wafer red wool yarn

Sweet William makes an excellent prize, toy, or tree decoration. He is made of white cotton mosquito netting—plain weave, (looks
Sweet William, on the left, and Pixie Doll would be happy companions under a Christmas tree.

like window screens). Fold paper in half and cut a “gingerbread boy” type of pattern the size desired. Cut two thicknesses of material. Fasten back and front sides together with red wool yarn using the blanket stitch. Fill parts of body as edges are finished or leave head until last and fill from the neck.

Arms, legs, and feet are stick candy. Body contains bright colored jelly beans, peanuts, mixed candies, or any combination of these. The head is a white tea wafer or sucker with painted face. Finish with braided yarn necktie or bowtie. Leave loop of yarn at top of head to hang on tree or stocking.

Play Work Apron

Material: 15 inches by 20 inches denim, ticking or other sturdy fabric
Bias tape
A set of junior carpenter tools

The young man of the household would like an apron like Dad’s. This gives him one his own size to fit his needs.

Fold material in half and cut pattern as shown in diagram on this page. Finish top of pocket and outside edges with bias tape. Connect bias ties at four corners (designated by X). Partition pocket as desired for such tools as hammer, carpenter pencil, tape measure, screw driver, etc.

This apron should suggest ideas for various uses for small fry with ambitions along other lines also.

Drawing Apron

Material: 1/2 yard of denim or other sturdy material
Bias tape
Child’s scissors
16 crayons

The young artist will be fascinated by this apron of many pockets—one for each crayon and a special one for the attached scissors and pad of paper.

A rectangle, 11 inches by 27 inches, is gathered at the top to the desired waist measure (13 inches). Hem sides. Attach waist band and ties (20 inches by 2 inches). Put on band for pockets at lower edge of apron 3 1/3 inches wide finished, being careful not to have pockets too deep or too tight so the crayons may fit easily into the sixteen pockets. A loop
David keeps his tools handy and Cindy is ready to play with her crayons and scissors when wearing aprons like these.

of bias tape (10 inches long) may be attached at side of apron and threaded through the handle of a child's scissors so that the often needed tool will be handy. The apron may be made of bright striped material. The contrast of direction of stripes can make a most interesting gift.

**Jiffy Bib Apron**

*Material:* ½ yard material (for bib size)  
Baby ric rac for trim  
Bias tape for ties

The Jiffy Bib apron may be as simple or as fancy as you wish to make it. A narrow rectangle makes the bib; a wider rectangle can be made to cover a dress. See it on the baby on page 9.

Fold 15 inches by 36 inches rectangle in fourths widthwise. Mark 5 inches down from top on edge of second fold. Sketch a ¼ circle on wrong side of material. Open fold to finish marking half circle for armseye. Mark for other arm. Fit a facing on right side so facing top will be finished with the hem at the top of bib.

Right sides of material are together. Stitch around both sides of armseye-line being careful to shape corners to prevent puckering. Cut between stitching; turn facing to wrong side. Finish edges of facing and press. Finish sides and bottom and top hems of bib. Run ties through top hem. Stitch vertically at top of center front to prevent pulling ties out. Trim as desired. Pockets may be added.

**Nursery Plaques**

*Material:* 2 enameled masonite plaques  
2 cotton print designs  
Plastic spray

Choose your pictures for the nursery from glazed chintz or other cotton prints. Mount them on enameled masonite (known by several trade names) with a glue which will not penetrate the material and will go on smoothly. When dry, spray entire surface of figure and background with a clear plastic spray to give a glazed finish. Small simple wooden frames may give the plaques a professional appearance. However, if edges of enameled masonite are smooth, the frames are not necessary. Fasten picture hanger on back.

This idea may also be used for adults if prints are appropriate.

*These puppy and rabbit plaques are ready to brighten up a nursery room with gay colors and smiling faces.*
Jerry Giraffe stands at attention for his young master, who will learn tidy habits by hanging his coat and hat on Jerry's perky horns and ears.

**Jerry Giraffe**

This long necked fellow is a needed friend for the youngsters who cannot reach the clothes rack in the closet. Jerry Giraffe is always ready to hold cap and mittens on his horns, coat on his ears, and a comfortable seat-table combination for removing shoes or having a tea party. The tail-brush encourages care of clothes at an early age.

Front and rear legs are fastened with screws (not nails) onto the braces between the legs, which are then fastened to the body with screws. A slanted hole is drilled at back of table to hold brush handle. The head is held on to the body by wooden dowels fit into the base of the neck that go into the holes of the body. The ears comprise one piece, which is screwed on at the back of the head as a coat hanger. The two horns are ½ inch dowels that are 6 inches long with a decorative ball at the end.

Paint Jerry Giraffe in colors of the nursery or in more natural colors of cream and brown. Put spots on neck and legs. Paint handle of tail-brush to match body. Most important is the interesting expression of his face. The eyelids are tiny pieces of leather.

Jerry Giraffe includes 12 pieces:
1 body—(3/4 inch by 12 inches by 18 inches)
2 front legs
2 back legs 2 dowel horns
2 leg braces 1 brush-tail
1 neck and head 1 ear piece

**Baby’s Knit Trio**

*Material: Baby wool or fingering yarn (2 oz. for set)*

**Shoulderette**

Needles—No. 4. Cast on 54 sts. Knit 2 purl 2 for 2 inches. Purl 1 row; knit 1 row; purl 1 row; knit 1 row. Knit 1 row; purl 1 row; knit 1 row; purl 1 row. Continue these 8 rows for 13 inches. Knit 2 purl 2 for 2 inches. Bind off. Sew 2 inches of ribbing together to form sleeves. If small wrist band is desired use No. 2 needle for ribbing section. Fasten ribbons at each shoulder and tie to hold shoulderette.

**Bonnet**

Use No. 1 needles. Cast on 86 stitches. Knit 2 purl 2 for 9 rows or 1 inch. Purl one row; knit 1 row; purl 1 row; knit 1 row. Knit one row; purl 1 row; knit 1 row; purl 1 row. Continue until there are 6 ribs of purling (about 4 inches long). Bind off 30 stitches;

This knit set will dress up baby and give him extra warmth.
work 26 stitches; bind off 30 stitches. Continue working until there are 6 rows of knitting (about 3½ inches long). Pick up 84 stitches around bottom, (29 on each side of center piece). Knit 2 purl 2 for 1 row. *Knit 2, yo, purl 2 tog.* Continue across row. Knit 2 purl 2 for 9 rows or 1 inch. Bind off. Weave ribbon in holes at back of neck and tie under chin.

Mittens

These Glamour Gifts Are Fancied by All Girls

Sew-Pron

The Sew-Pron is a combination sewing bag and apron. For “pick up” work it is ideal since it can be easily moved from place to place at home or is ready to go along on a visit to your neighbor or to a social affair.

There are two ways to make this gift, depending upon whether the material used has a right and wrong side, or both sides can be used. (Study illustrations.)

1. For using only one side of material:

Make a plain bag pattern using a piece of material 18 inches wide and 31 inches long, which, when folded in half, will be 13 inches deep and have a 2½ inch finished heading. This heading includes a 1 inch casing for 2 ribbon drawstrings that knot at each side.

Now make an apron of the same material. Cut the apron material the width of the bag and about 12 inches or 14 inches long depending upon length desired. Hem both sides. Put waist band and ties on top edge of apron. Finish gift by attaching apron to inside of bag nearest you. Stitch firmly where previously stitched or plan for this stitching to be done at the same time and only stitch once. Put in the ribbon drawstrings.

2. For using both sides of material:

Use same measurements as for the first method. Measure for bag first allowing for bag heading as before. Then using reverse side of material for apron part, the material automatically folds back from bag casing and comes “out of the bag” to form apron part with opposite side of material as front of apron. Finish apron sides, waist bands, and ties. Hem sides, stitch ribbon casing, and put in drawstrings.

A Sew-Pron one moment and a handbag the next. When the Sew-Pron is ready to go calling, just tuck the apron section into the bag section, draw the strings, and it’s ready as a handbag, as shown in the inset.
Removing the bib from the Snap-on apron will quickly make it a gay party apron. The apron on the right is accented with a huck toweling center panel trimmed with huckaback stitch. The darker area is black organdy pleated.

Snap-on Apron

Material: (For apron pictured)
1¼ yards grey (sides, bib, ties)
½ yard pink (center panel and tulip)
¼ yard green (stem)
Ric rac

This cover-all apron is converted into a party apron with only the “snap of two buttons and the wrist” as the bib part is easily removed. The bib is added protection for the party dress while doing last minute “whipping up” details in the kitchen, yet can so quickly become the dressy party apron for the entertaining hostess.

The lower half of this apron can be made from any favorite party apron pattern. The upper part is made in collar-and-bib fashion around the back of the neck with seams on the shoulders. The bib front is made of two identical pieces that cross slightly at belt front and are stitched on to a belt. This belt easily attaches to the party apron belt by buttons or snaps on each side of the apron waist band. The skirt part of the apron illustrated is a commercial pattern.

Huck Party Apron

Material: 2/3 yard huck toweling
1½ yards organdy

This smart looking apron combines huck toweling with cotton material (especially organdy). The contrast of textures arouses interest. The “huckaback stitch” on the center front panel can add more interest and is fun to do. It is easier to do with a tapestry needle, which has a long eye and a blunt point. The cross-stitch may also be used. Instructions for the huckaback stitch are included with this commercial pattern.

Scotch Hug and Chin Trim

Material: 1 yard of plaid corduroy
1/3 yard of facing
Velvet ribbon for collar
Eyelets and buckle for belt

This gift set will freshen last year’s dress. Just the right thing for a plain blouse or sweater is this smart looking bright plaid “Scotch Hug and Chin Trim.”
lift a school sweater from the doldrums, make an old dress feel like new, or inspire ideas for a new basic dress.

The Scotch Hug is a real one, for it fits contour fashion around the waist in a curve rather than just the straight of the material. The center back is the straight of the material parallel to the waistline, but the shape of the belt curves as the body curves at the waist for better fit.

Cut belt from the pattern, matching to keep straight of material across center back. Cut lining from same pattern. Stitch right sides together leaving buckle end open. Trim curved edges to make smooth finish. Turn to right end; press. Attach buckle to left end of belt and fasten securely with overcast stitch. Put in eyelets at right end of belt. Buckle should be covered with the same material.

The contour belt may be substituted by a straight cut belt, yet give the effect of this collar and belt set. The belt may also be stitched close to the edge for a more tailored effect after it is turned right side out. The size for the contour belt pattern may be altered from center back. Add 6 inches to waist measurement for size of belt desired.

The Chin Trim is inspired by the Peter Pan collar. The upper, smaller part of the collar may be worn flat in tailored fashion or it may give quite a regal effect as a stand-up collar. The lower, larger collar section is lined the same as the Scotch Hug belt. However, the upper collar section is of the same material on both sides. Line both collar sections leaving seam around neck open. Trim edges carefully at curves and corners to prevent bulkiness. Then turn right side out; press. Attach top side of upper collar to under side of lower collar. Stitch and trim. Then finish opposite edges with overcast stitch. This will be covered by a velvet ribbon tie, which is tacked at several places around neck and ties in a bow at front of collar.

**Crocheted Head Hugger**

*Materials: Knitting Worsted (4-ply) ½ skein each of 2 colors (e.g. maize and dark green). Plastic crochet hook No. 3*

**Abbreviations**

- Chain—ch
- Decrease—dec

*Any girl will adore this Head Hugger that can be made in gay colors to accent a costume.*

**Loop—lp**

**Stitcher—sts**

**Single Crochet—sc**

**Together—tog**

**Stitch—st**

**Yarn Over—yo**

Gauge: 4 sc = 1". 4½ rows = 1". Abbreviations above.

**Side Section** (Make 2) : With maize, ch 2, 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, ch 1, turn.

Row 1: 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in next st, ch 1, turn. Continue in sc, increasing 1 st at beginning of every row until there are 18 scs in row; always ch 1 to turn. On the 18 scs, work even for 4 rows. Then work, decreasing 1 st at the beginning of every row until 1 st remains. Fasten off maize. Join green and work 1 row of sc around entire piece, keeping work flat.

**Center Section** : With maize, ch 6, 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc in each of the remaining scs of ch, ch 1, turn. Work even for 2 rows, then work in sc increasing 1 st at the beginning of every 3rd row until there are 13 scs in row. On these 13 scs work even for 10 rows. Then dec in same manner as increased until there are 9 scs left. Fasten off.

Join green and work a row of sc entirely around the piece. With green sew center piece and two side pieces tog (wide end of center piece is the front). With green, work a row of sc around entire hat. Then work a row of popcorn st* 1 sc in each of next 2 scs, 1 popcorn st in next s c, (yo hook, insert hook in
next st, draw up a lp, yo and draw up a lp in same st, 3 times more, yo and through all 9 lps on hook; s c to close). Repeat from * around. Then work one row of green s c around entire hat, fasten off.

Be sure to check gauge for size desired. This cap is a style flattering to both children and adults. It may be made in straw yarn for summer wear or wool for winter wear.

This cap may be held more firmly on the head by use of a hoop or bicycle clip crocheted in place.

*Courtesy of McCall's Needlework Magazine*

**Pillow Kisses**

**Set of 3**

Material: (for each pillow) Use three different colors

1/3 yard bright colored material
2 yards ribbon to match for bows
2/3 yard white organdy
Foam rubber filling

The teen-ager will love these Pillow Kisses. They add daintiness to the feminine bedroom. Three different colored pillows make an interesting cluster at the head of the bed. See the picture.

To make pillow pattern, cut a paper rectangle 11 inches by 15 inches. Trim off corners to make oval shape. Using this pattern, cut two thicknesses of colored material for each pillow. Stitch and stuff pillows. Each pillow is "rolled" in a hemmed white organdy rectangle 25 inches by 30 inches. The extra 6 inches or 8 inches at each end of pillow are tied with matching ribbon bows close to end of pillow to look like candy kisses.

This set of three soft looking Pillow Kisses will make the teen-ager's bedroom look more inviting.

**Holiday Apron**

Material: 1½ yards material
Baby ric rac (red and green)

The Holiday apron is an idea, which may be used for several occasions depending upon the theme of the design. In this case (see illustration) the three red poinsettias and green leaves are made of baby ric rac and have yellow French knot centers. The apron is white dimity. The words "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Birthday" might be used to form the design across the apron. Animal or other designs may also be used.

This apron part is made from material 36 inches wide and 25 inches long (including a finished 2½ inch hem). Fold waist band piece (7 inches by 22 inches) in half to make 3 inch wide finished band. Ties are 4 inches by 32 inches when finished.
Cape - Stole

Material: (Stole) View A 35 inch fabric 17/8 yards (without nap). Matching belt of same material or leather.

(Cape) View B 35 inch fabric 1¼ yards (without nap)

The versatile cape-stole is practical and yet is a glamorous fashion. It can be worn in so many ways, be made of various kinds of material and used for all types of occasions.

The sternback dress is presentable anywhere with a cape-stole. The cape in fur fabric is dressy for winter and adds needed warmth. The terry cloth stole with large patch pockets will come in handy on the beach to protect the shoulders and carry cosmetics. An old coat may take on new life in the shape of a cape or stole. What material do you have on hand that can be fashioned into a cape-stole for that certain gift?

This is a commercial pattern.

A cape-stole can go anywhere—over a sundress, as an evening wrap, at the beach, over a suit. It's easy and fun to make for its versatility never ends.

Gifts are Welcomed for Home and Fun

Wood Carrier and Mitts

Materials: 1¼ yard outside material
1¼ yard lining material
Padding for mitts
Logs and kindling for picnics, stove, or fireplace can be most easily carried by a container with handles. This carrier can be as practical or as fancy as the need for which it is to be used. It can be made from a strong feed bag, a piece of burlap, canvas, ticking, denim, or sailcloth. A lining of contrasting material and color will dress it up.

Using a newspaper, cut a pattern like the carrier illustrated—(20 inches by 40 inches, or 15 inches by 30 inches) . A large-sized hand for pattern. Outside and inside material of mitts may correspond with that of the carrier.

long enough to hold as many logs as would be carried in one trip.

Use two thicknesses of material. Stitch around the raw edges ½ inch in from the edge. Then bind them with a strong cloth or tape. Fold corners down on inside to give added support for handles. Make the handles (25 inches) double strength, and sew them on securely. A design or initials cut from felt scraps and stitched on will make the carrier more attractive, when using plain materials.

This gift may also include a pair of mitts made of the same material. Use patterns from previous lessons for the mitts or trace around a large-sized hand for pattern. Outside and inside material of mitts may correspond with that of the carrier.
Logs are carried easily to the picnic or fireplace in this bright denim Wood Carrier. The Mitts protect the hands.

**Kitchen Plaque**

*Material:* 8 inches by 11 inches (or 9 inches by 12 inches) plywood

*Paint to stain plywood*

*Alphabet macaroni*

*Shellac (clear)*

*Tweezers to apply macaroni*

*Glue*

*Two rubber bands*

“My Kitchen Prayer” will delight the receiver of this gift, for its sentiment will bring cheer to those who work around it. An 8 inch by 11 inch (or 9 inch by 12 inch) plywood piece may be stained red or green and excess wiped off. When dry, place a rubber band over left edge of board to guide left side margin. Place another rubber band over top edge and slide down with each row. This helps to keep the rows of words straight. Apply the motto to the board with alphabet macaroni which has been dipped gently into household glue to make it stick. Tweezers will make it easier to handle the alphabet macaroni.

“My Kitchen Prayer”

God bless my little kitchen
I love its every nook
And bless me as I do my work
Wash pots and pans and cook
And may the meals that I prepare
Be seasoned from above
With Thy great blessing and Thy grace
But most of all Thy love.

As we partake of earthly food
The table 'fore us spread
We'll not forget to thank thee, Lord
Who gives us daily bread
So bless my little kitchen, Lord
And those who enter in
May they find naught but joy and peace
And happiness therein.

Let glue dry, then shellac entire front surface. A second coat of shellac will assure complete coverage for good finish.

Two holes may be drilled near top of board

“My Kitchen Prayer” will bring inspiration to the homemaker doing her everyday tasks. A thoughtful gift, it is made easily with a handy tool such as tweezers.
before staining to hold a cord for hanging, or a hook may be fastened on back.

A cellophane paper cover over entire plaque will protect it and can be held in place with scotch tape on the back. Leave place at top for cord to come through cellophane for hanging plaque.

**Double Mitt Pot Holder**

*Material: 2/3 yard material*
*Inner padding*
*Bias tape*

This pot holder serves a special purpose. When removing a pie or casserole dish from the oven, it calls for both hands at once. The double mitt pot holder protects both hands and helps to support the hot dish at the same time.

![Double Mitt Pot Holder Diagram]

A = Finger Pockets

Cut two outside pieces in a modified “figure 8” pattern (see sketch). Pad well between these two pieces. Cut two hand pockets and inner lining for their added support. Bind top edge of these pockets before attaching to double mitt. Then finish edge all around with bias tape. Attach loop or ring at center of double mitt to hang up.

**Picnikins**

*Material: 1 yard plaid denim*  
*1 yard plain denim*  
*Matching ties*

Brighten your picnics with these picnikins. Wrap silverware in napkin, tuck into pocket, roll up in place mat and tie with cord that is attached to center of right side hem. When ready to serve, hand out complete place setting in one roll.

Fold 1 yard plaid denim in half one way, then in third the other way making 6 placemats. Cut, hem and attach cord to middle of right side edge. Fold plain material same as for place mats. Fold each of these six pieces to make square napkins. This leaves enough for each pocket to be stitched on lower left side.

![Picnikins Image]

These Picnikins can be carried easily rolled up with a cord tied around the middle. When unrolled they become place mats with napkin and silverware in the handy pocket.

![Picnikins with Napkin and Silverware]

of place mat. Pocket is 4½ inches by 6 inches when finished.

**Santy Sack**

*Material: Large paper shopping bag*  
*Red and white crepe paper*  
*Evergreens*  
*Ribbon bow*

Would you like to know how to solve the

A clever way to “bag a gift” is to decorate a plain shopping bag, such as this Santy Sack.
problem of covering that hard-to-wrap gift? Put it in a paper shopping bag for Christmas, decorate it with a Santa Claus head cut from red and white paper. Use two thicknesses of white curled crepe paper for fluffy beard. Add a bouquet of greens and a bright ribbon at the handles.

This idea may also be used for other occasions with appropriate decorations such as an umbrella for a shower, a baby buggy for a stork shower, candles on a cake for a birthday, etc. Any of these ideas will “bag a gift.”

Noel Robin

Material: 2 blue poker chips or cotton discs
Silver paper
1 thumb tack (solid head)

This cheerful little bird adds interest to your Christmas tree and is so easy to make. Connect two blue poker chips with a thumb tack that makes the eye. Cut head-tuft, and wings from silver or gold paper. Cut bill from red paper. Glue them in place (see sketch). Fasten a loop of thread with scotch tape at back of head and your Noel Robin is ready for your tree.

Red chips can make a clever Santa Claus with cotton beard. The thumb tack can be his nose. The white chips can be made into an-

Noel Robin will add cheer to the Christmas tree.

Mistletoe Ring

Materials: 2 wooden embroidery hoops (6 inches)
Gilt or paint for hoops
Ribbon for bow
Mistletoe, angel, or bell

That mistletoe needs protection! This idea will solve the problem. Encircle it in two wooden embroidery hoops, which have been gilded or painted. Fit one hoop in the other hoop perpendicular fashion to look like four sides of a ball. (See illustration for hoop arrangement.) Tie bright bow at top where hoops come together. Fasten mistletoe inside hoops. Hang the Mistletoe Ring in a busy doorway and see what happens.

A bell or angel may be substituted for the mistletoe in the hoops. Small hoops may be used to make interesting tree decorations.
Christmas Door Tree

The holiday spirit should prevail in the home, whose door displays such a decoration as the one on the cover of this circular. This tree is something easy, fun, and different that the children can pitch in and help do. To get the most enjoyment for the longest time, it might be a good idea to make this door tree as early as possible in December. From time to time keep adding little ornaments and miniatures which add interest for all.

Materials: 1 wire coat hanger
Chicken wire 12 inches by 15 inches
Green string or fine wire
4 to 5 dozen little Christmas tree boughs from 5 inches to 13 inches long
20 tiny colored ball ornaments, a star, tiny novelties such as a Santa, deer, bells, toys.
2½ dozen pair artificial holly berries on wire stems
3½ yards ¼ inch tinsel
Enough red ribbon (1 ½ inches wide) for bow

Easy to do and fun.
Bend hanger into Christmas tree shape, using handle as base. Cover frame firmly with a chicken wire. Weave in boughs flatly. Weave top bough straight up; and a few boughs, on slant, to form top shape of tree. Next weave in two bottom boughs, one on either side to form base gracefully proportioned to height of tree. Weave in rest of boughs from either side, from bottom to top. Keep branches flat, slightly overlapping, symmetrical. Tie firmly.

Now you are ready to trim the tree with ornaments, etc. Tie everything securely. Hang on the door and await admiring comments from everyone.

Courtesy of Wrigley's Company

Patterns Available

The following patterns are in your County Extension Office: Pixie Doll, Sweet William, Jerry Giraffe, Holiday Apron, Snap-On Apron, Scotch Hug and Chin Trim, Wood Carrier and Mitts, and Double Mitt Pot Holder.

Companion Gifts Can Be Original

The principle of assembling several related things to make a gift offers originality and a sense of “this is especially for you.” It can supply the gift need for each individual’s definite likes. It means giving things that go together, that must be used together. Usually such gifts cost less, in total, than another type of gift. They may take a little more time and thought and energy to assemble, but they mean much more pleasure and enjoyment for the recipients.

Some examples are listed as suggestions. These ideas should lead to your own combinations of ideas when thinking of the interests of each of your recipients.
Cheese knife + cheese board + a cheese = A cheese fancier
Flower container + dried flower arrangement = A busy person
Your favorite cookbook + measuring spoons and cups = The bride
Evening bag + flash key ring + date book = A glamour girl

Garden tools + packets of seeds = The gardener
Cigarettes + monogrammed matches + ash tray = The smoker
Recipe file box + extra cards + your favorite recipes = The recipe collector
Book of flower arrangements + frogs + chicken wire = The flower lover
Shoe bags + hankie holder + plastic lined bag = The traveler
Knitting needles + knitting yarn + instructions = The knitter
Dress-up apron + cocktail napkins = The hostess
Soap + bath brush + bath oil = The luxurious bather
Personalized cards + notepaper + name stickers = The socialite
Homemade candy + elegant candy dish = The sweet tooth
Herb set + herb recipes = The professional gourmet
Unhappiness is the hunger to get.
Happiness is the hunger to give.
For those who think of others most
Are the happiest folks that live.
—Selected