



OVER 100 Basket Ideas for the Out of Uniform Pass Incentive Program

- **ANNIVERSARY GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: scented candles, bottles of wine and glasses
- **ANNIVERSARY GIFT BASKET (2)** - wine or non alcoholic wine, a movie, popcorn kernels with spices, babysitting services, inspirational book and a comfy throw.
- **AQUARIUM LOVERS GIFT BASKET** - Fill a gold fish bowl with: fish food, aquarium gravel, net, gift certificate for fish from pet store, book about care of gold fish
- **ARTISTS GIFT BASKET** - Include paintbrushes, different types of paints, markers, pencils, and sketch books, etc. Dick Blick/Michaels (Art Supply Store) Gift Card
- **ATHLETE'S GIFT BASKET** - High energy bars, Sports drinks, Carob sunscreen, Lip balm, Moisturizer/shower soap
- **BABY GIFT BASKET** – bibs, bottles, baby soap, night light, receiving blanket, socks, pacifier, washcloths, rubber ducky, soothing baby CD, little toy, baby spoon, baby frame, baby lotion
- **BACHELOR'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a laundry basket with: laundry guide, cook book featuring easy meals like casseroles, roll of quarters and some laundry soap, take-out pizza coupons, an iron, room deodorizer, any other cleaning supplies, assorted craft beer with beer mugs!
- **BAGEL GIFT BASKET**- Gift Card for Einsteins Bagels, jams, prepacked smoked salmon, capers, cutting board, bagel cutter and utensils.
- **BAKERS GIFT BASKET** - use a cake pan as a "basket". Fill the pan with: pot holders, decorative frosting set, assorted sprinkles and nuts, baking recipes, cake server
- **BAKER'S GIFT BASKET 2** - Use a cookie tin for a "basket". Fill the tin with: your favorite cookie recipes or a cook book, cookie cutters, chocolate chips, nuts, decorator icing set, assorted sprinkles
- **BARBEQUE LOVER'S GIFT BASKET** - use an apron with pockets for a "basket" or a li'l Weber grill, Fill with marinade recipes, assorted BBQ sauces, BBQ tools, packages of meat tenderizer, skewers, gift certificate for the local butcher, Weber Grill Gift Card
- **BEGINNER COOK GIFT BASKET** - Use a Dish Drainer for the "Basket" and fill with your choice of the following items: wire whisk, rubber spatula set, wooden spoon set, ladle, slotted spoon, tongs, paring knife, slicing knife, vegetable peeler, package of dishcloths, two dish towels, two potholders, two oven mitts, placemats, can opener, kitchen scissors, corkscrew, small cutting board, large mixing bowl, medium mixing bowl, cheese grater, measuring cups, measuring spoons, small kitchen scales, Scrubbing pads, glass, mop, rubber gloves, salt & pepper set, canister set. Wrap all items and tie with ribbons. Place smaller items in the "silverware compartment" of the dish drainer, wrap the whole thing up in cellophane and gather at the top and tie with a big bow. Add Gift cards from William Sonoma or Sur La Table.
- **BINGO LOVER'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a plastic bag with a dabber, magnetic wand, bingo chips, markers, good luck charm and chewing gum
- **BOOK LOVER'S GIFT BASKET**- Fill a basket with best-sellers or books, large coffee mug, flavored coffee, a variety of teas, comfy slippers, an assortment of decorative bookmarks, neck pillows (great to use while reading), bookends, book light

- ✓ **BREAKFAST GIFT BASKET**- Fill a cast iron skillet gift basket with container of maple syrup, ham certificate, (this is the best way to buy gourmet w/out the high cost), bag of pancake/biscuit mix (you can buy something gourmet, or put some Bisquick or Jiffy Mix in a clear bag and tie a pretty piece of material around it with a tag including directions on how to mix), some tea and/or coffee and/or some juice boxes or bottles, jam/jelly/preserves, and small jar of honey.
- ✓ **BRIDAL SHOWER GIFT BASKET**- book about easy cooking, two tall scented candles, a bride's planner/journal, Champagne Flutes, Champagne, Candle Stick Holders, Pottery Barn or Crate and Barrel gift card.
- ✓ **BOY'S GIFT BASKET** – Cookies or candy, small packaged-inexpensive trucks or cars (take out of the package), a bed-time storybook, coloring book with washable markers, a small package of Lego's, a cowboy hat or any other kind of hat, little toy man with parachute, a paper plane they can assemble (Dollar Store), bubble bath stickers, cartoon video, puzzle, yo-yo
- ✓ **CAMPERS GIFT BASKET** - Use a Backpack for the "Basket" and fill with your choice of the following: flashlight, water bottle, swiss army knife, folded poncho, camping tin dish set, frying pan, trail mix, dried fruits, jerky, lantern, matches in a waterproof airtight container, compass, guide to backpacking in the local area, camping book
- ✓ **CANDLE LOVER'S GIFT BASKET**- Fill a basket with votives, tea lights, tapers, snuffer, glass holders
- ✓ **CAR BUFF GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with premium quality auto wax; buffing products; treated dusting cloths; assortment of magazines on cars; books about classic, vintage or sports cars; videos about maintaining cars; a tire gauge; a car-theme T-shirt; a disposable camera to snap the freshly waxed car and its owner; a frame for a photo of the car buff with the shiny car, car wash gift cards.
- ✓ **CAR LOVER'S GIFT BASKET**- Fill a basket or a bag with: tire gauge, liter (or gallon) of oil, wax, chamois, car wash coupons, squeegee for the windows, mileage log and pen, travel mug, GPS
- ✓ **CARPENTER'S GIFT BASKET**- Fill the pockets of a tool belt or pouch with work gloves, hammer, screws, nails, screwdriver, tape measure, duct tape, Home Depot gift card
- ✓ **CAT LOVER'S GIFT BASKET**- use a cat bed or basket. Fill it with: food and water dishes, collar, brush, catnip ball, rubber ball, rubber mice or other cat toys, book on cat care
- ✓ **CHILDREN'S COLORING GIFT BASKET**- Fill a rubber/plastic storage box with: crayons (get the big package with tons of colors); non-toxic markers; assorted papers, include a variety of colors and textures; coloring books, assorted stickers; a paint box and brushes
- ✓ **CHILI LOVER'S GIFT BASKET**- Fill a pot with: assorted dried beans: kidney, black, white, navy, pinto, etc., dried red chili peppers, chili powder, cayenne pepper, cumin, cilantro, chili recipes, ladle, oven mitts
- ✓ **CHINESE FOOD LOVER'S GIFT BASKET**- Fill a wok with: Chinese tea set, package of green tea, cook book, cleaver, chop sticks, bottle of soy sauce other sauces like plum sauce, Szechwan sauce, teriyaki
- ✓ **CHOCOHOLIC GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with your choice of the following items: chocolate cookies, hot chocolate mix, chocolate kisses, chocolate ice cream topping, chocolate flavored coffee, chocolate cake mix, chocolate pudding mix, tootsie rolls, and chocolate recipes
- ✓ **CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET**- Fill a decorative Christmas box or tin with: assorted chocolates, Christmas ornaments (better if you made them yourself), Christmas music, tuck in some candy canes or foil wrapped chocolate Santas for a finishing touch
- ✓ **CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET 2** - Hot apple cider mix, large mugs, homemade Christmas ornament, Christmas matching mittens, hat and scarf, some mistletoe, Christmas music CD
- ✓ **CHRISTMAS DECORATING GIFT BASKET**- Fill a basket with: nativity set, assorted Christmas ornaments (store bought or hand-made by you), decorative lights, candles
- ✓ **COFFEE LOVER'S GIFT BASKET**- Fill a basket with: gourmet coffees, coffee mugs, novels, chocolates, decorative bookmark, gift card Starbucks.

- ✓ **COLLECTOR'S GIFT BASKET (Sports)** - Fill a basket with sport books, trading cards, trading cards holder organizer,
- ✓ **COLLEGE GIFT BASKET** - Get a huge laundry basket or hamper and fill it with any of the following: candy, brownie mix, cookies, microwave popcorn, cup-a-soup type mixes or ramen noodles, soup mugs, wooden spoon set, drink mixes, tea bag, fast food coupons, quarters for the washers/dryers, note pads/post-its, coasters for drinks, kleenex, air freshener, cleaners, disinfectant spray for the shower and bathroom, cards/envelopes (to write home), laundry bags, pens, shampoo, soap, conditioner, toothpaste, nice big fluffy towel with matching washcloth, paperclips, stapler, staples, binders 1/2" and 1", desk organizer trays, pencil and pen caddy, mouse pad, double sided tape to hang things on the wall, computer diskettes, playing cards, calendar. Wrap the whole thing in Cellophane and tie with a big bow to match the basket! Gift card Target.
- ✓ **COMEDIAN'S GIFT BASKET**- Fill a basket with: deck of trick cards, whoopi cushion, chattering teeth, joke books, comedy movies, cassettes or CDs, tickets to a comedy club
- ✓ **COMPUTER BUFF GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: mouse pad, CD's, novelty or personalized disk labels, anti-static cloth, wrist band, travel mug (so that things won't spill on the computer), I pad and cover.
- ✓ **COUCH POTATO GIFT BASKET** - fill a large basket or box with: assorted bags of flavored popcorn, other snacks like chips, nuts, candy, pre-recorded movies, TV remote holder, and comfortable slippers
- ✓ **CRAFTER'S GIFT BASKET** - Use a rubber storage container for a basket; fill the container with glue gun, glue sticks, acrylic paints, assorted brushes, a craft knife, other craft supplies such as beads, pompoms, wood sticks, buttons, stickers, dried flowers, etc., craft patterns or how-to books
- ✓ **CRAFTER'S GIFT BASKET 2** - fill a rubber/plastic container with: small terra cotta plant pots, flexible stencils, acrylic paints, stencil tape, brushes, spray polyurethane, bag of dirt, seeds to plant when pots have been decorated
- ✓ **CROCHET OR KNITTER'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: assorted needles or crochet hooks, assorted patterns, buttons, ribbons, personalized "made by" labels, wool
- ✓ **CYCLIST'S GIFT BASKET** - use a cycling helmet as a "basket". Fill it with: cycling gloves, water bottle, reflectors, sunglasses, odometer, patch kit, lock
- ✓ **DINNER AND A MOVIE GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with box of pasta (this looks really nice if you buy the colorful pasta and put it in a mason jar, put a small piece of material over the top with a ribbon on the lid), jar of sauce, a jar of shaker cheese, shaker of Italian seasoning, a pasta spoon or wooden spoon with a ribbon tied on the handle, a pair of candles for romantic lighting, two cupcakes or a bag of gourmet cookies, and a gift certificate from the local movie rental place.
- ✓ **DOG LOVER'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a large dog bowl with: squeaky toy, rawhide bone, dog biscuits, dog brush, dog collar, leash, groomers gift card.
- ✓ **ELECTRONIC HOBBYIST GIFT BASKET** - Fill a plastic box with: resistors, capacitors, wire pliers, soldering iron and solder, light bulbs, LED lights, printed circuit boards, project books, wire cutters, electrical tape
- ✓ **ENGAGEMENT GIFT BASKET** - fill a basket with: wedding planner, unity candle, garter, cake knife, honeymoon travel information, wedding decorations, wedding album, etc.
- ✓ **EXECUTIVE'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a briefcase with: Daytimer, business card holder (one for the wallet, one for the desktop), pen and pencil set, shoe polish, desk calendar, coffee mug
- ✓ **EXERCISER'S GIFT BASKET** - fill a tote bag: towel, water bottle, workout tapes or magazines, power bars, sports drinks, sports socks, CORE membership or Life Time Fitness massage card.
- ✓ **EXPECTANT PARENTS GIFT BASKET** - Fill a baby's bath tub with: hooded towel, wash cloth, rubber ducky, baby shampoo, baby powder, baby lotion, terry sleeper

- ✓ **FAMILY GAME NIGHT GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: cards, checkers, dice, pads, pens, microwave popcorn, dominoes, puzzles, Wii family game night disc
- ✓ **YOGA/ Holistic BASKET** - Fill a basket with books-magazines on women's health; a variety of herbal teas, skin care lotions, gentle hair care products with herbal scents, skin care accessories, such as sponges, brushes, loofahs; humorous coffee mugs; inspirational CDs/yoga DVD, yoga mat, Whole Foods gift card
- ✓ **FIESTA GIFT BASKET** - Fill a Southwestern-style clay or terra cotta bowl with spicy treats like, domestic salsa, Jack cheese, fresh jalapeño peppers, gourmet salsa and blue corn chips. Toss in a pair of traditional maracas for color, gift card from a Mexican Restaurant.
- ✓ **FONDUE GIFT BASKET** – A fondue set with matching plates or bowls, color-tipped fondue forks and candles or burners, melting chocolate
- ✓ **FISHERMAN'S GIFT BASKET** - use a tackle box as a "basket". Fill it with: assorted lures, leaders, pliers, gloves, guide to local fishing
- ✓ **FOOTBALL FAN GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with a month-at-a-glance calendar, microwave popcorn, a football theme mouse pad, a sweatshirt with a favorite team's logo, a hat with a favorite team's logo, mini binoculars (for seats in a stadium's nosebleed section), plastic raingear
- ✓ **GAMBLER'S GIFT BASKET** - fill a basket with: decks of cards, dice, poker chips, poker rule book, I tunes gift card for gaming apps
- ✓ **GARDENER'S GIFT BASKET** - Use a large terra cotta plant pot for a "basket". Fill the pot with: gardening gloves, hand trowel, hand rake, a selection of vegetable and/or flower seeds (go for something unusual), bottle of liquid fertilizer, a gardening book, a gardening magazine
- ✓ **GET WELL GIFT BASKET** – Fill a gift basket with a cuddly teddy bear, candy or sweets, humorous book or a book about poems, deck of cards, puzzles or games, cozy warm slippers, a funny movie
- ✓ **GET WELL BASKET 2** - Find an unusual shaped basket and fill with any of the items below: non-alcoholic sparkling cider, flavored tea bags, assorted magazines, find-a-word puzzle book, crossword puzzle book, books on audio cassette, favorite movie video, stuffed teddy bear for comfort, nice warm throw, pretty box of kleenex, can of chicken noodle soup, saltine, crackers bowl and spoon. Be sure to include a Get Well Card
- ✓ **GIFT BASKET FOR BUSY PEOPLE** - Fill a basket with: coupons for your babysitting time, cook book featuring meals in 30 minutes or less, day timer to help them organize their time more efficiently, I watch, gift card(s) services for dry-cleaning, tailoring, take-out, train pass, Trader Joe's, car washes, etc.
- ✓ **YOUNG GIRL'S GIFT BASKET** – Fill a basket with - candy, inexpensive make-up (so she can dress up), junk jewelry, small doll, bed-time story books, grown-up plain straw hat that you decorate with fake roses, ribbon and lace, fancy grown-up dress shoes, ladies gloves, coloring book with washable markers, plastic tea set, bubble bath stickers and cartoon video
- ✓ **GOLF LOVER'S GIFT BASKET** - For the golfer, fill a basket or a golf bag with: golf tees, golf balls, a golf visor, sunscreen, score cards, a small towel, and portable cooler to keep beverages cold, Pro Shop gift cards

- ✓ **GRANDFATHER'S GIFT BASKET**- fill basket with -a nice inspirational book about being a grandfather, cozy warm slippers, gift certificate to a sports or outdoor store, sports or outdoor magazine, cologne, nice frame, coupons to restaurants, hot/cold bag (you heat up or cool down and wrap around your neck).
- ✓ **GRANDMOTHER'S GIFT BASKET**- fill basket with - bath salts or aromatherapy, bath powder, an inspirational book about being a grandmother, a nice picture frame, cozy warm slippers, gift certificate to clothing or craft store
- ✓ **GRADUATION GIFT BASKET** – iTunes card, AT&T prepaid card, resume writing books, Barnes and Noble gift card, city and study guide books and hearty snacks, Starbucks card, mug, Apple Store gift card
- ✓ **GUITAR PLAYER GIFT BASKET** - Fill the basket with: assorted picks, tuning fork, sheet music, CDs or CDs of great guitar players, guitar strings, electronic tuner, lesson books
- ✓ **HEALTH FOOD GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket or a mixing bowl: brown rice (in a bag tied with a ribbon or in a glass jar), other grains like quinoa, spelt, bulgur, etc., all-natural candy bars, tofu in aseptic packages (so it doesn't need refrigeration), assorted dried beans (black, black-eyed peas, chick peas, lima beans, Java beans, etc.), assorted spices, all natural skin and body care products (find them at your local health food or Gluten Free store)
- ✓ **HIKER'S GIFT BASKET**- Hiking stick, maps, rain poncho, bear bells or repellent, trail mix, compass, first aid kit for hikers
- ✓ **HOME OFFICE GIFT BASKET** - Use a rubber garbage can as a "basket". Fill the can with: stapler, tacks, paper clips, pens, pencils, note pads, hole punch, desk lamp, desk calendar, Office Max gift card.
- ✓ **HOUSEWARMING GIFT BASKET** –Target Card, fill a basket with board game, popcorn kernels with spices, crafty Welcome sign or a door wreath and hanger, plug in room freshener, bag of potpourri, assorted green flavored tea
- ✓ **HOUSE WARMING GIFT BASKET 2** - Use a recycling bin, fill with efficiency light bulbs, batteries, toilet paper and paper towels, cleaners, some cans of soup, small bag of flour and sugar, cook book of easy and fast recipes, small bag of dry pasta, potpourri, scented candles, a book about recycling
- ✓ **ICE CREAM SUNDAE GIFT BASKET** - Fill a Basket with your choice of the following: ice cream scoop, can of chocolate syrup, jars of pineapple, butterscotch and strawberry toppings, sprinkles, cones, 2-liter bottle of coca-cola, root beer or cherry 7-up for floats, maraschino cherries, assorted nuts, sundae dishes, float glasses, spoons, coupons for gourmet ice cream, coupons for ice cream parlor
- ✓ **ITALIAN FEAST GIFT BASKET** - In an oversized breadbasket, place flavored olive oil, gourmet Alfredo or Marinara sauce, breadsticks, dry pastas, cheese grater, pasta rake, red and white checkered napkins, gift cards from an italian import store-Caputo's/Trader Joe's
- ✓ **JIGSAW PUZZLE GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: Jigsaw puzzle, puzzle mat, coffee mug, magnifying glass, gourmet coffee
- ✓ **JOGGER'S GIFT BASKET** - fill a tote bag with: pedometer, sweat band, shoe laces, sport socks, t-shirt, water bottle in a shoulder or waist holder, Gortex hat and gloves
- ✓ **JUNK FOOD JUNKIE GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with pretzels, Oreo cookies, popcorn, peanuts, chocolate bar, M&M's, Jelly beans, old fashioned candies, Alka Seltzer
- ✓ **KID'S BATH GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: bubble bath, no-tears shampoo and conditioner, washable bath crayons, bath toys, bath mitt or decorative face cloth, printed towel, robe, slippers
- ✓ **KID'S BEACH GIFT BASKET** - Fill a plastic pail with: plastic shovel, sand molds, beach ball or plastic floatation device (deflated), beach towel, flip-flops, sunglasses, sunscreen for kids, bathing suit

- ✓ **KIDS ARTIST GIFT BASKET**- Fill a canvas tote with tempera/poster paints or fabric paints, paint brushes, fabric crayons, colored pens and drawing pencils, cotton t-shirt and hat to paint, assorted stencils, paper, glue, safety scissors, watercolors, crayons, art smock (can be a regular apron), stickers, coloring book, Lemont Park District gift certificate for a kids creation class.
- ✓ **KIDS TRAVELING GIFT BASKET** - Use a book bag for the "Basket" and fill it with your choice of the following items: traveling bingo game, other any travel size games, coloring book, crayons, doodle pad of paper, pencils or pens, magnetic doodle board, travel size etch-a-sketch, disposable camera, snack-crackers, raisins, soft blanket to nap with stuffed animal
- ✓ **KINDERGARDENER'S GIFT BASKET** - fill a children's lunchbox with: pencil toppers, decorated pencils, colored pencils, rulers, plastic stencils which let them draw stars, circles, stapler, children's scissors, etc.
- ✓ **KITCHEN GADGET GIFT BASKET** - Fill a canvas onion bag with: garlic press, can opener, jar opener, paring knife (carefully wrapped), strawberry huller, egg slicer, cheese slicer, mixing spoons, measuring spoons and cups, egg timer, grater
- ✓ **LAUNDRY GIFT BASKET** - Use a laundry basket (or two stacked inside of each other) for the "Basket" and fill with your choice of the following: laundry detergent, fabric softener, and bleach, stain remover, 2 dozen or more plastic hangers, laundry bag, ironing board (tabletop size), travel size iron
- ✓ **MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BASKET** - Bath salts or aromatherapy bath powder, scented candles, a soft back romance novel or romance movie, comfy warm slippers, spa for the day gift certificate
- ✓ **MOVIE BUFF GIFT BASKET** - fill a basket with: pre-recorded dvd movies, movie soundtracks on CD, movie tickets or gift certificates, popcorn, assorted candies
- ✓ **NAIL MANICURE GIFT BASKET** - Use a cosmetic bag for a "basket". Fill the bag with: nail polish, emery boards, nail clippers, nail brush, cuticle remover, nail file, nail polish remover, cotton balls
- ✓ **NATURALIST'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a knapsack with: binoculars, bird watching guide or wildlife or wildflower guide, log book and pen, maps, trail mix
- ✓ **NEEDLEPOINT LOVER'S GIFT BASKET** - fill a basket with: patterns, canvas, assorted thread, needles, thimble, and frames for finished work
- ✓ **NEW FATHER GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with a large Dad mug, bags of ground coffee, a double photo frame for the office, a New Dad T-shirt, books on fatherhood, disposable cameras, high-energy snacks (to double as breakfast), and a mini photo album for the office
- ✓ **NEW HOMEOWNER GIFT BASKET** - Use a tool box as a "basket". Fill the box with: screw drivers, wrench, hammer, pliers, assorted nails, screws, washers, gift certificate for the local hardware store, do-it-yourself book, assorted odds and ends like: light switch covers, light bulbs, duct tape, paint brushes, knobs and handles, etc. gift card IKEA
- ✓ **NEW MOTHER'S GIFT BASKET** - small book about babies, cute picture frame, hot/cold muscle relaxing bag, lotion, bath salts or aromatherapy bath powder, her favorite scented candles, hot chocolate packets, large mug, relaxing music, babysitting coupons, baby food recipes, easy recipes you make in 20 minutes or less
- ✓ **NEW YEAR'S EVE GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: champagne, glasses, party hats, noise makers, sparklers, confetti, balloons, party invitations
- ✓ **NIGHT IN GIFT BASKET** - Fill the basket with: wine, wine glasses, pre-recorded movie, candle, candle holder, pizza gift certificate.
- ✓ **NIGHT OUT GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: list of babysitters or coupons for babysitting, restaurant guide and/or gift certificates, movie reviews and/or tickets or, tickets to a show or a concert, cab fare, lighted key chain
- ✓ **PAINTER'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a decorative tin with: paints (acrylic, water color or oil), brushes, paper or canvas, charcoal

- ✓ **PAMPER YOURSELF GIFT BASKET** - Fill a gift basket: loofa, bubble bath, bath crystals, sponge, scented candle, sparkling cider, relaxation eye mask, massage cream, gift card Bath and Body Shop.
- ✓ **PASTA LOVER'S GIFT BASKET** - Use a large pasta bowl for a "basket". Fill the bowl with: a package or two of gourmet pasta, tongs, a package of sun-dried tomatoes, extra -virgin olive oil, spices :oregano, basil, Italian spices, a collection of your favorite pasta recipes hand-printed on recipe cards, and /or pasta cookbook, chef's apron
- ✓ **PERSONAL CARE GIFT BASKET** - Fill a gift basket with body cream, hand lotion, nail brushes, bubble bath back massager, and glycerin soap. Add a salon gift card for a Manicure/Pedicure.
- ✓ **PIZZA PARTY GIFT BASKET** - On a pizza stone or board, arrange a pizza cutter, homemade pizza sauce and gourmet ingredients, like sun-dried tomatoes, olives and fresh herbs,
- ✓ **PUZZLE LOVER'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: Rubic's Cube, 3D puzzle, jigsaw puzzle, word-search book, crossword puzzle book, slider puzzles, and any other puzzles you can find
- ✓ **RAINY DAY GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: deck of cards, find-a-word and/or crossword books and pencil, herbal tea, tea cup, Net Flix gift card, DVD's.
- ✓ **RELAXATION GIFT BASKET** - Fill the basket with: a gel eye-pack, Epsom salts or bubble bath, aroma therapy oils, scented candles, books on CD (to listen to in the bath), a hand-held massager, CD of relaxing music
- ✓ **RETIREMENT GIFT BASKET** - a book about travel, a book about outdoor activities, a beginner how-to scrap book, crossword puzzle book with quality pen, playing cards, a computers for beginners book.
- ✓ **ROAD TRIP GIFT BASKET** - Fill a tote bag with: maps, travel mug, sunglasses, hotel coupons, tire gauge, beaded seat cover, travel games, recorded music on cassette or CD, car air freshener
- ✓ **SALON GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: salon shampoo and conditioner, hair brush and/or combs, barrettes, clips, bows, pins, twists, etc., book on hair styles
- ✓ **SCI-FI FAN GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: Science fiction novels, sci-fi movies, collectible figures, Spock ears, books about their favorite shows or authors, tickets to a sci-fi convention
- ✓ **SEWING LOVER'S GIFT BASKET** - fill a sewing basket with: needles, assorted threads (stick to basic colors: black, white, navy, cream), pins, thimble, pin cushion, measuring tape, tracing wheel and paper, gift card to local fabric store
- ✓ **SHOPPER'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: cushioned insoles, directories for local malls, gift certificates (get a lot of small ones for different stores), tote bag to carry home purchases, parking pass, list of babysitters or volunteer to baby sit, coupons
- ✓ **SKIER/SNOW BOARDER GIFT BASKET** - Fill a tote bag with lip balm, sunscreen, goggles, gloves, scarf, ski passes, wax, snow board
- ✓ **SOUP AND SANDWICH GIFT BASKET** - In oversized soup cups or bowls, cans or box mixes of gourmet specialty soups, crispy crackers. Round off the gift with matching sandwich platters, soup spoons, recipe cards or a cookbook
- ✓ **SPECIAL FRIEND GIFT BASKET** - candies, sweets and cookies, scented candles, a book about friendship or poems about friendship, popcorn kernels with spices
- ✓ **SPICY FOOD LOVER GIFT BASKET** - use a chili pot as a "basket". Fill it with: spices: cayenne pepper, black pepper, white pepper, dried red peppers, chili powder, paprika, hot sauces like chili sauce, salsas, hot pickles (pick them up from an Asian food store), fresh peppers, recipes
- ✓ **SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS GIFT BASKET** - Fill the helmet or hat with: baseball: sports cards, baseball, bat, batting gloves, mitt, mineral oil, sports DVD. Hockey: puck, hockey tape, skate laces, lace tightener, mouth piece, a sports book/ magazines.
- ✓ **GIFT BASKET** - Fill a gift tin with writing paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, notes cards, post cards, glue, sealing stickers, and address labels.

- ✓ **STOCK UP THE BAR GIFT BASKET** - Fill an ice bucket with: shot glasses, bottle opener, cork screw, maraschino cherries, cocktail napkins, jar of olives, fancy toothpicks or cocktail umbrellas, bar guide
- ✓ **SUMMERTIME GIFT BASKET** - Use a Beach Bag for the "Basket" and fill with any of the following items: beach towel, folding beach mat, suntan lotion, sunglasses, visor, mask and snorkel, inflatable float, inflatable beach ball, smash ball set, frisbee, travel-sized games, water bottles, misting bottle, sun block, flip-flops, water gun
- ✓ **SUNLOVER'S GIFT BASKET** - Use a sun hat as a "basket". Fill the hat with: sunscreen, sunglasses, lemonade mix, novel
- ✓ **TEA LOVER'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with loose tea, tea bags, infuser, oversized mug, spoon, cup warmer, decorative teapot, miniature teapot, porcelain teabag holder, tins for holding tea
- ✓ **TEACHER'S GIFT BASKET** - favorite flavored tea, fancy mug, chalk, expo markers, chocolate or sweets, a nice frame, hot/cold bag, foot lotion or foot aromatherapy bath powder
- ✓ **TEACHERS GIFT BASKET 2** - Fill a basket with fun pencils, "reward" toys, erasers, Post-It notepads, Award pads, etc.; decorate the basket with a "school" theme - instead of ribbon around the rim, glue on a row of pink erasers, alternating with some cute large plastic clips.
- ✓ **TEACHERS GIFT BASKET 3** - Use a file tray for the basket and fill with any of the following: red and green pencils, red ink pens, black ink pens, cute rubber stamps, ink stamp pad, bag of apple chips, jar of apple jelly, mug decorated with apples, cinnamon apple tea bags, note pads, post-it-notes, paper clips
- ✓ **TEEN BOY GIFT BASKET**- put in hat: movie pass, gift certificate to sports store or clothing store, cookies, pass to gym or sport activity, gel or cologne, iTunes card
- ✓ **TEEN GIRL GIFT BASKET** - put contents in a large purse or cosmetic bag, teen magazine, movie pass, gift certificate to clothes store, gift certificate to a day at a spa, nail polish - with remover, iTunes card
- ✓ **TEX MEX GIFT BASKET** - salsa, dip mixes, chips, and a variety of seasonings, Margarita mix, glasses, Coronas, salt
- ✓ **TRAVELER'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a travel bag with: travel pillow, travel alarm, flight schedules, gum, magazines or novels, toothbrush, airline approved travel containers, etc.
- ✓ **VACATION GIFT BASKET** - album, disposable camera, travel size shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, magazine
- ✓ **VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT BASKET** - put into large decorated cardboard heart box: pink sugar cookies, romantic movie, wine or non alcoholic wine, scented candles, heart candies or chocolates, romantic CD
- ✓ **VEGETARIAN GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket, pot or large bowl with: your favorite recipes hand-printed on recipe cards, assorted dried beans, brown rice, sun dried tomatoes, spices: oregano, thyme, basil, garlic powder, etc., mixing spoons, pot holders
- ✓ **WARM YOU UP GIFT BASKET** - mug, assorted cocoa mixes, peppermint sticks, Hershey kisses, mini marshmallows all inside the basket
- ✓ **PAMPER YOUR FEET GIFT BASKET** - Use a rubber tub as a "basket". Fill the tub with: Epsom salts or bubble bath, towel, pumice stone, foot lotion or foot powder, comfortable slippers, nail clippers
- ✓ **WINE LOVER'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: two bottles of quality wine, one red, one white, corkscrew, wine spectator magazine, two or more wine glasses, wine appreciation book, tickets to a wine tasting (often held at wine specialty shops or wineries). Extras: add snacks to go with the wine - fine cheese, fruit, crackers, etc., gift card from Bottles.
- ✓ **WINE OR BEER MAKING GIFT BASKET** - Fill a box with: wine or beer kit, empty bottles, personalized or novelty wine/beer labels, beer caps or wine corks, caper, recipes, Micro brew books

- **WINTER FUN GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: lip balm, moisturizer, mittens, hot pack, a pass to the local ski hill, hot chocolate. Extras: add a crazy carpet or a sled (although it won't actually fit inside the "basket", you can present it on the side)
- **WOMEN'S ACCESSORIES GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: a silk scarf, scarf clip, earrings, belt, broach, necklace, perfume, evening purse
- **WOODWORKER'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket or rubber/plastic box with: assorted sand papers, chisels, router bits, saw blades, files, varnishes, brushes, paints, patterns and/or instructions
- **WISHING FOR SPRING BASKET** - Fill a plastic sand bucket with a couple of packets of herb seeds, a pair of garden gloves and add some home baked cookies in the shape of flowers; include some silk flowers
- **WREATH MAKING GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket or a rubber/plastic box with: grape vine wreath, dried flowers, pine cones, hot glue gun and glue sticks, wreath hanger, ribbon, gift from Michaels
- **WRITER'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket with: lined note pads, a pen, reference books (dictionary, thesaurus, quotes, how-to books), Kindle, style guide, books about how to get published
- **YOUNG PERSON'S GIFT BASKET** - Fill a basket or a small toy box with: books, CD's, DVD's, magnifying glass, rubber balls, kite, learning toys, kaleidoscope, puzzles, gift card from Learning Express

Packaging Ideas:

Over- sized tote, pasta bowl, terra cotta pot, large mug, toy dump truck, serving tray, lunch box, ice cream bucket, large picnic basket, baby bath tub, large salad bowl, medium sized cooler, large casserole dish, cowboy hat, laundry basket, sewing box, basket, tackle box, large cosmetic bag, backpack, large wok, storage container, goldfish bowl, cookie jar, large popcorn bowl, over-sized baskets, (Home Goods-TJ Maxx-IKEA are excellent stores for finding inexpensive basket ideas)

Basket Fillers:

Colored grass, straw raffia, colored fabric, crumpled tissue paper. Plastic store bags or newspaper can also be used for the bottom of baskets as fillers, but be sure to cover it with one of the above fillers.

The above list of basket suggestions is offered to you for inspiration, so feel free to use your own resources and creativity!