

Family Fun Activity: Gift Baskets

Sharing is a way to show others that we love and care for them. In this activity, participants will create a small goody basket to share with family, friends, or those in need.

Making a Basket

Items Needed:

- Newspapers or Large Paper Grocery Bags, 1 Apron Per Child, 2 Cups of Flour, Extra Flour (to spread on working area), 1 Cup of Water, 1 Cup of Salt, Rolling Pin, Butter Knife, Mixing Bowl, Mixing Spoon, Small Shallow Baking Dish, Aluminum Foil, Food Grade Acrylic Paint, Food Grade Varnish (water-based is easier to clean up), and Paint Brushes

Instructions:

- Use the newspaper or bag and apron to protect the work surface and clothing while decorating the basket.
- Mix the flour, salt, and water together and form into a ball.
- Spread extra flour onto the work surface and get ready for a nice workout!
- Knead the dough for about 5 minutes.
- When the dough has become smooth (it really will happen!), roll it with the rolling pin.
- Cut the dough into 1-inch strips.
- Line the baking dish with aluminum foil.
- Weave the strips in the baking dish to form the gift basket.
- With the extra dough, you can make different objects, such as a heart or a cross, to decorate and add to your basket.
- Bake the gift basket at 275 degrees for about 4 hours.
- The basket should dry completely while baking.
- Allow the basket to cool completely.
- Remove the basket from the baking dish, then decorate with the paint.
- After the paint has dried, paint the basket with varnish.
- Allow the basket to dry completely.



Let's Share!

Items Needed:

- 1/2 Sheet of Construction Paper, Markers or Crayons, Basket, Tissue Paper, and Small Gifts (fruit, candy, homemade goodies, small card, small pack of tissues, etc.)

Instructions:

- Create a small card with the construction paper.
- Place the tissue paper in the basket.
- Arrange the card and gift(s) in the basket with the tissue paper.
- Give the gift basket to someone as a way of letting him or her know that they are loved.

