BASKET THEME IDEAS

Common basket themes

* Coffee Basket (coffee flavorings, coffee, international coffee mixes, mugs, etc.)
* Tea Basket (boxes of tea, tea cup, fancy cookies, fancy napkins, etc.)
* Italian Dinner or Trader Joe’s Basket (store sometimes provides a basket)
* College Care Package
* Baby Boy Shower Basket
* Baby Girl Shower Basket
* Wedding Shower Basket
* House Warming Basket
* Cool Kitchen Gadgets – Did you ever buy something cool that you don’t really use?
* Stress Relief Basket
* Spa Day Basket
* Mother’s Day Basket
* Chocolate Lover’s Basket – Looking for fancy chocolates – and volume chocolates.
* Sleep-over Basket – Do you have duplicate (new) DVD’s, fingernail polish, extra hair supplies, favorite munchies, new flannel blanket
* Father’s Day Basket – desk supplies/”Best Dad” items/cool gadgets
* Barbeque Basket
* Cat Lover Basket
* Dog Lover Basket
* Gardening/Bird Basket
* Fall Festival/Thanksgiving Basket
* Christmas Basket
* Snow Day/Snowmen
* Summer Beach Bag
* Football/Sports Basket
* New Year’s Eve Basket
* Starter Tool Box (do you have extra newused tools?)
* Family Game/Movie Night
* Holiday Décor Basket (any cute holiday items: Easter, Valentine’s, St. Pat’s, 4th July)
* Art Supplies/Crafts

Common Book Box Themes

* Geography Books
* Children’s Mysteries
* Math Manipulatives
* School Supplies
* Any well-known series (Anne of Green Gables, Mitchner, etc.)
* Art History or Art Appreciation
* Music Books & Music Appreciation
* Cookbooks

SHOPPING ITEMS

* Coffee syrups
* 1 lb. coffee bags from Dunkin donuts or Starbucks
* Boxes of Tea
* Hot chocolate or Hot Cider packets
* ANYTHING chocolate!
* Crackers and aged cheese (in wax so it can be in basket)
* Snack foods (nuts, popcorn bags, chips, salsa, pretzels) – For baskets – specialty/gourmet snacks are best since people love unique items that they don’t usually treat themselves to.
* Sausage sticks
* Specialty candy, cookies, mints.
* Lotions/shampoo/nail polish/body wash
* Candles
* Wine or liquor (we don’t suggest buying these as they can be expensive, but often Grandparents have extras they are willing to donate).
* **Specialty Teas and tea related items (small tea pot, cup, tea cakes)**
* **Coffee & Coffee Related Items (Mugs, Travel Mugs, Biscotti, etc.)**
* **Candles - all types (tapered, votive, pillar)**
* **Thanksgiving Related Items (Decorations, Napkins, plates, etc.)**
* **Baking Items (baking utensils, cookie cutters, mixes, spices, new pans)**
* **Wine & Liquor (don't buy - but often Grandparents have "gifts" of wine/liquor that they don't use/need and will donate)**
* **Game Day/New Year Party(nuts, chips & salsa, dips, crackers, cheese)**
* **Italian Items (bread sticks, olives, pepperoni sticks, pizzelles)**
* **College Care Packages (Candy, small snack bags, stress gadgets, small toiletries, warm/fun socks)**

**Small Baby Items (rattles, toys, lotions, shampoo, pacifier, cups, onesies)**