

Tips in Motion

Gift Baskets

Here are some great ways to welcome visitors and new neighbors, give as gifts or make an impression at your child's birthday party. Gift baskets are limited only by your imagination.

Craft and discount stores are great places to find a wide variety of baskets to use for these projects. A plain basket works well but if you feel the need to add ribbon or other accessories, feel free to do so. Below are ideas that you may want to use. Don't be afraid to add items that will personalize your basket if appropriate for the occasion. Have fun with it!

Guest basket -- *For houseguests visiting your area.*

- ▶ Toiletries
- ▶ New toothbrushes
- ▶ Local guidebook (if available)
- ▶ Map
- ▶ List of restaurants and local sights
- ▶ If you have discount coupons for special events, add those as well.
- ▶ Provide a list of any local ordinances or curfews that apply to your area.
- ▶ Let your guests know if you have year-round schools in your city so they are aware as they drive around.
- ▶ Snacks or candy (if appropriate)
- ▶ Be creative. Add something fun, funny or silly that will make your guest laugh and feel comfortable.

Child's basket -- *For a guest or as a birthday gift.*

- ▶ Stuffed animal
- ▶ CD or DVD (music or movie)
- ▶ Gift certificate to an arcade or other appropriate activity
- ▶ Food gift certificates
- ▶ Book or audio book
- ▶ Box of animal crackers or other wrapped snacks
- ▶ Handheld travel games
- ▶ Small puzzles (younger children)
- ▶ Puzzles or Puzzle Books (older children)
- ▶ Again, be creative. Make certain you fill the basket with appropriate items for the age of the child.