

Quick & Easy Christmas Ideas

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Personalized Journals

Cover spiral bound notebooks with wrapping or scrapbooking papers. Make a pocket on the front for a pen. Decorate and embellish with stickers, scrapbooking embellishments etc. Use alphabet stickers to personalize them. Make a bookmark from the same paper as the cover. Punch a hole in it and tie it to the notebook. Be sure to make the tie long enough to fit between the pages of the book. - *Contributed by Hayley, Warrandyte*



Honey Pots & Jam Jars

Buy a jar of honey and a jar of jam. Remove the labels (use a cloth dipped in hot water to soak the paper off and then wipe the glue off with some eucalyptus oil on a cotton ball). Print a label off for each jar – one saying Honey, one saying Jam and using pva glue, attach to the jar. Cut two circles of fabric, 2.5cm larger than the jar lids. Cover the lid with pva glue. Centre the fabric circle over the lid and press down. Tie a length of ribbon around the edge of the lid to hold the cloth down. - *Contributed by Liz, Pakenham*



Lip Gloss

Mix a little vanilla essence into a small amount of Vaseline. Put into small pots, tubes or tins. Decorate with Christmas stickers. – *Contributed by Stephanie, Mt. Gravatt*

Gift Tags

Create matching gift tags from scraps of wrapping paper. Use Christmas cookie cutters to cut out different shapes from the wrapping paper (Christmas trees, holly, Santa and turkeys are all cute). Punch a hole near the top for a tie. Using a gold pen write your message on the back of the tag. Attach to gifts. – *Contributed by Sharon, Doncaster East*



Balloon Bouquets

If you have kids that are hard to buy for and a gift card seems old hat try this. If your budget is \$20 a gift, roll up a \$5 note and gently push it into a red or green balloon. Blow up the balloon and tie it off. Repeat with another three \$5 notes. Tie the balloons together into a bouquet. Add streamers of Christmas coloured curling ribbon to finish it off. - *Contributed by Kaylene, Baulkham Hills*



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