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Mother's Day 14 May 2006

This is the ideal time to pay tribute to one of the most important women in your life



ROSES

Does your Mom love roses and have a garden? Purchase some flowers for inside and buy flowers or roses for planting outside. If you live close, plant them together.

SHOWS / THEATRE

See what shows are coming to your area (www.computicket.co.za) and purchase tickets to the theatre, a local musical, a murder mystery theater or a comedy show.



PHOTOS

Remember all those photos you've taken. Dig them up and put them in an album, each group of photos should bring back great memories of times you've shared together.

MAGAZINE

Subscribe to her favourite magazine. Then buy her a copy, wrap it neatly and surprise her!



ARTISTS

How about creating a basket filled with art supplies? Include paint brushes, different types of paints, markers, pencils and sketch books.

NAIL POLISH BASKET

In a pretty bucket or basket, add a variety of nail polish, emery boards, nail clippers, polish remover, cotton balls, hand cream, cuticle cream and a nail buffer.



Recipes & photos from Internet, magazines & recipe books

Thought there just couldn't be any more fabulous basket ideas?



BAKER'S DELIGHT

If mom loves to bake, line a large mixing bowl with a dish towel. Add cookie mixes, hot chocolate mixes, brownie mix, muffin mix, a package of walnuts, measuring cups and pot holders – and then take her out for lunch to a delicatessen coffee shop.

WINE LOVER

Buy a couple of your mom's favourite bottles of wine and add cheese, crackers, a cork screw, a pretty bottle top cork and a couple of elegant wine glasses.



COFFEE / TEA BASKET

On a pretty tray, arrange Biscotti or rusks, a bag of filter coffee and a café au lait bowl. Or tender shortbread cookies, a box or tin of special tea and a pretty mug, or one of those teacup-and-teapot combinations - add packets of organic sugar. Decorate with any fresh flowers and wrap in cellophane.

A YEAR IN PROVENCE BASKET

A loaf of crusty French bread, assortment of French cheeses, smoked ham or salami, bottle of wine, pretty flowered napkins and decorate with bow-tied bundles of dried lavender or thyme.



INDIAN BASKET

Arrange homemade or purchased garam masala and other curry spice mixes, poppadums(?), coconut milk, a pretty mirrored, iridescent or Indian print tablecloth and your favourite Indian recipe.

ANGEL

In a pretty basket, lined with soft pink or purple tissue paper, arrange angel soaps, an angel/cherub figurine, a journal, lotions, angel sachets or angel pins.



MEMORIES OF MY TRAVELS

If mom loves to travel, fill a small travelling bag with a travel journal, stationery, fine writing pen, travel candle, family photo album and soothing linen sprays for the nights away from home.

If you're the mom - take the initiative and surprise your family with these vouchers - be creative in what you want and use your kids' crayons and paper to draw one - here are a few examples....

GIFT VOUCHER

This gift voucher entitles me, **Sally New**, to
a glass of wine and a bath drawn by my Husband, Peter

When: **Sunday 14 May 2006**

Will you, Peter, please keep the children occupied and if necessary, prepare dinner? I LOVE YOU!



GIFT VOUCHER

*This gift voucher entitles me, Sally New, to
breakfast in bed*

When: Sunday 14 May 2006

Can I please have toast, scrambled eggs and filter coffee? I LOVE YOU!



GIFT VOUCHER

This gift voucher entitles me, **Sally New**, to
dinner and a movie

When: **Sunday 14 May 2006**

Can you arrange a babysitter for that evening? I LOVE YOU!



Let your inner child come out to play be as creative as you dare to be!