



# Christmas!

## GIFT GUIDE

**CREATE-ing Joy & making memories  
created by Tee!**

**DIY Gift ideas anyone of any age will love that are thoughtful,  
inexpensive, and FUN to make! Created by Tee for CREATE  
clubCREATE Members aged 5 – 25 (younger kids: always get an  
adult to help with tricky steps!)**



# INTRO

## Welcome to The Gift Drop!

This collection is full of creative, hands-on activities that make thoughtful presents for anyone. There are options for boys and girls and something for both younger kids and older teens. I hope these activities inspire you to get creative and make something special for someone you care about. Whether you're making a gift for a mate, a family member, or just for yourself, remember that the best part is the fun you have along the way and the memories you create.

Giving something you've made by hand is always appreciated, and you'll feel proud knowing you put in the effort and thought. I still make and give these gifts to this day, and they've always been warmly received. The joy and anticipation of seeing someone's face light up when they open a handmade present is something I never get tired of. I hope you experience that same happiness and pride, and that these crafts help you create your own special memories.

When I was growing up, I loved making and giving these sorts of homemade gifts. I still remember the excitement and pride I felt as I wrapped them up, and the anticipation of seeing if the person liked what I'd made. Some of my favourite memories are from those moments, and I always felt that giving something I'd made myself was extra special. Even now, I still enjoy making and giving these gifts—they're always well received, and it's a tradition I'm proud to keep going. I hope you find as much joy in creating and sharing these as I have!

Happy crafting—and don't forget, the real gift is the joy you share!

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# DIPPED GLITTER/COLOUR POUR MUGS



## Materials:

- Plain ceramic mug
- Mod Podge (dishwasher safe)
- Glitter or coloured paints
- Baking paper lined tray (for drying)
- Rubbing alcohol (to clean the surface)

Time Needed: 5 min prep, 30 min activity, 12–24 hr drying

Skill Level: Very Easy

## Steps:

1. Clean your mug with rubbing alcohol.
2. Get your colours or glitter ready.
3. Dip or pour the colours or glitter onto the mug.
4. Let the mug dry on baking paper.
5. Wait 12–24 hours before using or gifting your mug.

Safety Tip: Ask an adult to help with rubbing alcohol and make sure you don't use the mug for food or drinks until it's completely dry.



# COLOURFUL "SAND" ART SCRUBS



## Materials:

- Scrubs of your choosing
- Glass jars
- Spoons
- Funnel
- Ribbon to decorate
- Rubbing alcohol (to clean)

Time Needed: 5 min prep, 30 min activity

Skill Level: Easy

## Steps:

1. Choose your favourite scrubs and colours.
2. Use a spoon and funnel to layer the scrubs in a glass jar.
3. Decorate the jar with ribbon.
4. Clean the jar with rubbing alcohol if needed.
5. Enjoy your colourful scrub or give it as a gift!

Safety Tip: Be careful with glass jars. Ask for help if you need it and don't eat the scrub.



# EXFOLIATING SAND SCRUB



## Materials:

- Beach sand
- Coconut oil
- Honey
- Essential oils
- Food colouring (optional)

Time Needed: Approx. 10–15 min

Skill Level: Easy

## Steps:

1. Mix beach sand, coconut oil, honey, and a few drops of essential oil in a bowl.
2. Add food colouring if you want.
3. Stir until it's all mixed.
4. Use your scrub to clean and smooth your skin.

Safety Tip: Only use clean sand and don't use the scrub on your face or if you have cuts or sensitive skin.

# PEPPERMINT SWIRL SCRUB



## Materials:

- Granulated sugar
- Vanilla
- Coconut oil
- Peppermint extract or peppermint oil
- Red food dye
- Measuring cups
- Bowl

Time Needed: Approx. 10–15 min

Skill Level: Intermediate

## Steps:

1. Mix granulated sugar, vanilla, coconut oil, and peppermint extract in a bowl.
2. Add red food dye and swirl it in for a candy cane look.
3. Spoon the scrub into a jar.
4. Smell and enjoy your peppermint treat for your skin!

Safety Tip: Don't eat the scrub and keep it away from your eyes.

# SALT DOUGH (LIKE CLAY)



## Materials:

- Plain flour
- Iodised table salt
- Water
- (Ratio is 1:1:1, e.g. 1 cup flour + 1 cup salt + 1 cup water)

Time Needed: Approx. 15–30 min plus baking

Skill Level: Easy

## Steps:

1. Mix plain flour, table salt, and water in a bowl to make dough.
2. Knead the dough until smooth.
3. Shape your dough into anything you like.
4. Bake your creations until hard.
5. Decorate when cool.

Safety Tip: Ask an adult to help with the oven and don't eat the dough.



# SALT DOUGH BEADS



## Materials:

- Salt dough (see above)
- Toothpick or skewers

Time Needed: Approx. 15–30 min plus baking

Skill Level: Easy

## Steps:

1. Make salt dough (see above).
2. Roll small pieces into bead shapes.
3. Use a toothpick or skewer to poke holes.
4. Bake until hard.
5. Paint and use for jewellery or crafts.

Safety Tip: Be careful with sharp tools and ask an adult to help with baking.



# SALT DOUGH TEA CANDLE CENTREPIECE



## Materials:

- Salt dough
- Decorations (gems, beads, paint, glitter)
- Tea light candle

Time Needed: Approx. 30 min plus baking/drying

Skill Level: Intermediate

## Steps:

1. Make salt dough.
2. Shape it into a holder for a tea light candle.
3. Decorate with gems, beads, paint, or glitter.
4. Let it dry or bake until hard.
5. Place a tea light candle in the centre.

Safety Tip: Never leave a burning candle unattended and ask an adult to help with baking.



# SALT DOUGH COASTER



## Materials:

- Salt dough
- Rolling pin
- Cookie cutter or stencil
- Knife

Time Needed: Approx. 30 min plus baking

Skill Level: Easy

## Steps:

1. Make salt dough.
2. Roll it flat with a rolling pin.
3. Cut out a circle with a cookie cutter or stencil.
4. Bake until hard.
5. Decorate your coaster.

Safety Tip: Ask an adult to help with baking and don't use the coaster for hot drinks unless it's fully dry and sealed.



# TIE DYED T-SHIRT SCRUNCHIES/BANDANNAS



## Materials:

- Rubber bands
- Fabric dye/bleach (for black clothes)
- Plastic bags
- Scissors
- Needle and thread
- Elastic
- T-shirt or leggings
- Hemming fabric tape
- Pins

Time Needed: Approx. 30–45 min plus drying  
Skill Level: Advanced

## Steps:

1. Get an old t-shirt or leggings.
2. Cut into strips for scrunchies or squares for bandannas.
3. Tie with rubber bands and add fabric dye or bleach (for black clothes).
4. Let dry in a plastic bag.
5. Sew with needle and thread or use fabric tape to finish.

Safety Tip: Wear gloves when using dye or bleach and ask an adult to help with sewing or cutting.