



BASKET of Blessings

Even while Jesus was on the cross, He made sure His mother's needs were provided for (John 19:26-27). Bless someone by putting together a blessing basket.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Cardboard Box or Shoebox
- 2 Large Round Plastic Containers
- Matching Fabrics
- Jute Cord
- Clothesline
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Hot Glue Gun
- Craft Knife



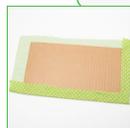
DIRECTIONS:



1. Cut off the top flaps from the cardboard box. Hot glue the corners. Hot glue the bottom.



2. Measure the height of the box and add 3". Measure the perimeter of the box. Cut out a strip of fabric according to these 2 measurements. Wrap the fabric around the inside of the box, folding over 2" to the outside and gluing with hot glue. Hot glue the lower edge of the fabric to the inside bottom of the box.



3. Cut out a piece of cardboard the same size as the bottom of the box. Cut out a piece of fabric the same size as the cardboard, adding a 1" seam allowance all around. Glue the fabric to the cardboard, folding the extra fabric over and hot glue in place.



4. Hot glue the fabric-covered cardboard inside the bottom of the box.



5. Cut out a piece of fabric that is the same size as the length and width of the box plus 2" on each side.



6. Place the box in the center of the fabric and glue the fabric up the sides.



7. Starting 1" from the bottom of the box, glue a length of jute twine around it. Next, glue a piece of clothesline around the box. Alternate jute and clothesline until the wrapping is 1" from the top of the box.



8. Cut off the rings at the top of the two plastic containers.



9. Alternately wrap clothesline and jute around the rings.



10. Hot glue the wrapped rings to the sides of the box.



11. Collect items that people would like or need, such as hygiene supplies, dried food, snacks, clothes, disposable tableware, and so on. Write out some encouraging Bible verses.



12. Fill the basket of blessings with these items. Give the basket to someone who may be in a difficult situation and needs a little help. In sharing, you too will be blessed!