



Holiday Fun With Your Children

Holiday Postcards

If museums can make art postcards, why can't you? Transform kids' designs into a pack of picture postcards that make a great gift.

Select four designs your children have drawn over the year (or ask them to draw new designs). Simple black-and-white drawings will copy and reduce best (have younger children use large black felt pens).

Then, take the artwork to a photocopy shop and reduce it to a 4 1/4- by 5 1/2-inch size. The four postcards can be pasted on a standard 8 1/2- by 11-inch sheet of paper. Ask for the designs to be photocopied on card stock and cut by the store staff (to copy and cut about 100 postcards runs approximately \$12).

Postcard packets can be grouped by child, by theme or by assorted designs. Insert a slip of paper with a gift message, then seal the whole lot in zip lock plastic bags. Finish off with a bow.



Perfect Potholders

Tap kid's creativity to turn plain oven mitts and pot holders into handy kitchen art fit for gift-giving.

1. Trace the oven mitt or pot holder onto a sheet of paper and experiment with different designs.
 2. Next, re-sketch the perfected design on the mitt and color it in with the fabric markers.
- *We recommend using Marvy or FabricMate brand pens.



CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Colored fabric markers
- Pencil and paper
- Oven mitt or pot holder

Time needed: Under 1 Hour



Handmade Bookmarks

These personalized page savers are perfect presents for family and friends on your gift list.

Materials needed:

- Markers, stamps, or stickers
- Paper, ribbon, fabric or yarn
- Contact paper, optional
- Scissors

Time needed: Under 1 Hour

1. First pick a theme or genre that is a favorite with the recipient.
2. Make bookmarks out of paper, wallpaper, ribbon, fabric or yarn. Fancy bookmarks can have beads or ribbons hanging from a string on the top or can come decorated with rubber stamp patterns. Postage stamps, tickets, photo-booth pictures, cartoons and tiny drawings can be laminated in Con-Tact paper.
3. Tuck the bookmark with a gift certificate to the local bookstore in a decorated envelope.



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