

# **Do-It-Yourself Healthy Holiday Gifts**

Gifts from a jar are easy to make, inexpensive, and fun to receive! All you need is a canning jar or even a recycled glass jar. Layer it with ingredients and decorate it with a bit of fabric, ribbon, and these gift/recipe tags, and voila! You can even combine a few jars for an awesome gift basket. Here are a few suggestions:

## Minestrone Soup in a Jar

This recipe makes about 12 one-cup servings. Layer ingredients in a 1/2-quart (2 cup) glass jar in the order listed below:

1/4 cup red lentils
1/4 cup green split peas
1/4 cup barley
1/3 cup reduced-sodium beef bouillon powder
2 Tbsp. parsley flakes
3 Tbsp. onion flakes
1/3 tsp. thyme
1/3 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. basil
1/4 cup whole-wheat macaroni







# Taco-Bean Chili Mix

1/2 cup dried kidney beans
1/2 cup dried pinto beans
1/2 cup dried black beans
1 package (1 1/4 oz.) taco seasoning mix (low sodium if possible)
1 Tbsp. dried minced onion
1/2 tsp. chili powder
1/4 tsp. ground cumin
1 1/2 cups tortilla chips, slightly crushed

Layer kidney beans, pinto beans and black beans in a 1-quart jar with tight-fitting lid. Place taco seasoning mix, onion, chili powder and cumin in a small food storage bag. Close with twist tie and add the gift/recipe tag below. Place in jar, spreading out to cover beans. Add tortilla chips. Seal jar.







# Wrap it up, stress-free with a holiday gift basket

You can wrap up great holiday gifts the next time you shop for groceries with some simple (and healthy) gift basket ideas from Hannaford.



### **Little Taste of Italy**

Use a colander for a basket and fill it with fun shapedpasta, a jar of your favorite sauce, cheese shredder, wooden spoons, sauce ladle, fresh garlic bulbs, imported olive oil, Parmesan and Romano cheese. Prego!



#### **Salad Lovers**

Fill a salad spinner with a bottle of your favorite dressing, a bag of spiced nuts, dried cranberries, gourmet croutons, a can of mandarin oranges and baby corn, and salad tongs. For those with a New Year goal of losing weight, add an exercise or yoga video.



#### **Relaxing Spa Package**

Fill a basket with a soothing bubble bath, a candle, loofah sponge, face mask, body scrub, body lotion, and eye pads. You can add fresh lemons, rosemary, tea and honey, too.



#### S'more Warmth

Give the gift of a cozy night next to the fireplace. Fill a basket with fire logs, matches, newspaper, and fire starters. Don't forget the marshmallows, chocolate bar, and graham crackers; add a container of hot chocolate too. For a romantic flare include a bottle of wine.





# Simple Handmade Gifts

Looking for a gift for the gourmet chef or a friend who loves to cook? Try making your own assortment of spice samplers. Create different packets of exotic and gourmet spices and custom blend spices for a meat rub, marinade mix, salad dressing kit, or dip. Be sure to label each packet and include the spices used for a recipe to complement. Try one of the following:

## **Spanish Rub**

Combine 6 tablespoons smoked paprika; 3 tablespoons each regular paprika, dried cilantro and coarse salt; 1 tablespoon dried lemon peel and 1 1/2 teaspoons ground pepper. Great with pork chops, beef tenderloin or shrimp!

## **Tuscan Spice Rub**

1 tablespoon coarsely ground fennel seeds, 6 tablespoons dried basil, 3 tablespoons garlic salt, 3 tablespoons coarse sea salt, 2 tablespoons rosemary, and 2 tablespoons dried oregano. Try it on chicken, salmon or lamb chops.

### **Indian Spice Rub**

Combine 6 tablespoons curry powder; 3 tablespoons coarse sea salt; 4 teaspoons crushed red pepper; 1 tablespoon each ground cumin, ground coriander and dried mint; 2 teaspoons turmeric and 2 teaspoons ground ginger. Try it on chicken breast, tofu, or sautéed potatoes.

Note: Each rub makes about 1 cup. Analysis per teaspoon of rub: about 4 calories, 211 mg sodium

Make your own natural spa body scrub, a gift that offers some quiet relaxation from the stress of the holidays.

## Winter Rosemary Salt Scrub

3/4 cup sea salt 3/4 cup almond oil 1 teaspoon vitamin E oil 6 sprigs of dried rosemary

#### Directions:

Buy fresh rosemary sprigs from the produce section, tie branches together with twine, and hang them upside down until dried. Combine all listed ingredients in a large bowl. Mix until combined and then pour into desired container.

