# **ACTIVITY #4**

### CRAFTY IDEAS!

It's time to get crafty! Here are some great ideas for gifts you can make, using your hands, your ingenuity and all that dazzlin' girl-power creativity you've got to spare!

Who says you have to spend money to tell that special someone you love them?

The best way to give an unforgettable gift is to make it yourself.

Not only will these inexpensive-to-make goodies keep your allowance working overtime...they may be the favorite gifts on everyone's list!

#### GIFT BASKETS

Gift baskets are always a favorite. They're a great way to collect lots of fun things together at once. It's easy to find inexpensive baskets at the 99 cents or other discount stores.

You can fill a basket with an assortment of little soaps and shampoos, or load a basket up with an assortment of homemade muffins or cookies, adding in a couple of bags of m & m's or jelly beans for color. Get some cellophane from the drugstore, and wrap up your basket and tie it up with a bow. These simple tricks work wonders and will make your gift dazzle. Gift baskets are pretty, simple and inexpensive.

## MAKE YOUR OWN GIFT WRAP

Store bought paper is pretty, but you can make a bigger impression by making your own. Take a brown paper bag and throw on some glue and then some sparkly glitter. Use crayons or markers to give it dashes of color. Then use twine to tie it all up, and stick some dried flowers under the twine for a really natural, beautiful touch.

## MAKE YOUR OWN GIFT CARDS

Why spend money on greeting cards when you can make your own? All you need is a few sheets of paper, glue, paint or crayons, and your imagination. Create your own special designs with collage from cut out magazine pictures, press a pretty paper into a book and then glue it on the front of your card. Then write a message that's straight from the heart and you'll have a card that'll be treasured forever!