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Gifts: Tokens Of Friendship And Love

Gifts are a form of communication, what do you want to say?

Trophy Life

Make gift-giving an interesting and unexpected experience. It doesn't take a lifetime to master the skill when you learn to utilize personal stories for inspiration. Take normal everyday trophies for example—first thought, probably not: wow, great gift. Here's the trick: add a personal touch to the mix, and transform your trophies into a heartfelt conversation starter.

Think of this as an Academy Award presentation for beautiful behavior. Let's say, the Oscar goes to Mom for her dedication and amazing attitude.

THINGS YOU'LL NEED:

3 trophies
Box or photo caddy
Printed photos or graphics
Spray paint
Double stick tape
Flowers and water tubes

Look for old trophies (swimming, golf, spelling bee, karate) to salvage from the attic or a thrift shop, or check the trophy store's unclaimed-item bargain bin.

Channel your inner Warhol by taking a can of spray paint to render your beauties a solid, unexpected color, like white, olive green, black, royal blue something that works with the recipient's office (or trophy room) decor.

Stay Away From Gold And Silver; Too On-The-Nose. We're Making Pop Art Here!

Look for a lacquer box, photo-caddy or other pedestal to complete the presentation. Make over an old box with paint, or if you're feeling craftier, give it a total renovation with decoupage made with magazine tear-outs or copies of family photos.

Complete The Gift With A Card That Reads:

**"TO THE BEST
MOM,
GIRLFRIEND
AND
2ND BASEMAN
IN
THE WORLD!"**

