



Easy DIY Holiday gifts

Your Children Can Make



Brighten someone's day this holiday season with some simple handmade crafts you can make as a family. Not only are you creating beautiful handmade gifts, but you are also spending quality time with your child. Not to mention, you are helping your child develop her creativity, improve fine-motor skills, and of course, bond with you.

The teachers at New Horizon Academy are experts at creating holiday gifts with children, so we asked them to share some of their ideas. Here are a few of their favorites that you and your child can do at home together. The ideas can be modified for children of all ages— infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children, too.

DIY Lavender Bath Salts

Materials Needed:

- 1 cup Epsom salt
- 1 cup pink extra fine grain Himalayan salt
- 6 drops of lavender essential oil
- 1/4 cup of baking soda
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- Jar with lid
- Ribbon
- Paper or cardstock
- Markers
- Scissors
- Craft glue or double-stick tape

Instructions:

- 1 Combine Epsom salt, Himalayan salt, and baking soda. Mix well.
- 2 Add essential oil. Mix well.
- 3 Fill your jar with the bath salts.
- 4 Place the lid on paper and trace it.
- 5 Encourage your child to draw a picture or write a message.
- 6 Use scissors to cut out the picture.
- 7 Glue the picture to the top of the lid.
- 8 Add ribbon for a decorative touch.
- 9 Attach our bath salts tag.



DIY Hot Cocoa Mix



Materials Needed:

- 2 cups of confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup of unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 cups of powdered milk or instant nonfat dry milk
- 1 bag of mini marshmallows
- Flour sifter
- Large bowl
- Whisk
- Spoon
- Jar with lid
- Ribbon
- Paper or cardstock
- Markers
- Scissor
- Craft glue

Instructions:

- 1 Sift the confectioners' sugar into a large bowl,
- 2 Then sift the unsweetened cocoa into the bowl. Try to eliminate lumps.
- 3 Stir in the powdered milk and whisk well until everything is combined.
- 4 Spoon mixture into jar.
- 5 Add mini marshmallows on top of the mixture. Secure lid.
- 6 Place the lid on paper and trace it.
- 7 Encourage your child to draw a picture or write a message.
- 8 Use scissors to cut out the picture.
- 9 Glue the picture to the top of the lid.
- 10 Add ribbon for a decorative touch.
- 11 Attach our hot cocoa tag.

Gift Tags

