



Housewarming Gift Baskets

A new home comes with new aspirations and new beginnings. Our friends are experiencing a new beginning, as they are moving into a safe place and beginning a journey to restoration. New homes often require a bit of work to get everything in shape; in our lives a housewarming occasion marks the start of working on a new life. We ask for your support in helping us create housewarming experiences for our friends so that we can ensure a positive transition as they begin to connect to the community. Here are some ideas for housewarming gift baskets for a new home. Remember to include a little note of "HOPE".

- **Cooking Collection**

In a reusable container (large cookie tin, plastic space saver, etc.) place items like: can opener, spatula set, measuring spoons, oven mitts, cooking whisk, vegetable peeler, and so on. Or you can give larger items like baking pans, dishtowels and serving dishes.

- **Bedroom Comfort**

Help us create a comfortable night's sleep by providing pillows, a blanket, an alarm clock, a quilt, a warm bathrobe and pajamas.

Bathroom Essentials

Again for the "first place" housewarming, think in practical terms. Extra towels (in a neutral color and pattern), toilet brush, soap dish, toothbrush holder and bath mat are the type of items that people don't receive right away but always need.

- **Helping Hand**

Many times when people move into a new place, they often don't receive the smaller things. Take a canvas bag or laundry basket and fill it with items like paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, light bulbs, tissues, window cleaner, towels, linen, drinking glasses, etc.

- **Bathroom Collection**

In a small trashcan include soaps, hand towels, a liquid soap dispenser, toothbrush holder, and a bath rug which can be quite appreciated, particularly for those just starting out.

- **Laundry Essentials**

In a laundry bag, place a roll of quarters or a small change bag with some quarters in it, small laundry detergent, spot remover, dryer sheets, directions on how to do basic laundry.

- **A First Aid Kit**

You can buy a complete First Aid Kit, or like the toolbox, make one of your own. A small storage container will suit your purposes. Fill it with bandages of different sizes, some gauze and gauze tape, a small pair of scissors, a pair of tweezers, a burn ointment, and an antibiotic ointment. Include a note that has first aid tips that have worked for you and your family.

- **Home Entertainment Package**

You can add anything to it that comes to mind. A deck of cards, writing pads, word search puzzles, a book, a board game, a walkman or small radio. Think about the things that you do in your alone time at home that others might enjoy.

- **A Garden Basket**

How many times have you looked around and wished you'd planted a small garden or had a new plant when you moved into your home, rather than 5 years later? A basket with basic gardening tools, a pot, a plant, dirt, and fertilizer will be the start of a garden that will be enjoyed the whole time your friends live there.

- **Art in Progress**

You can never have enough picture frames and artwork when you move into a new home. A small basket is perfect for this gift. Include a small level and photo frame, and a disposable camera so they can take photos of themselves in their new home.

- **Personal Pampering**

A little personal pampering is also guaranteed to bring a smile. Send a basket of bubble bath, skin lotion, Q-tips, emery boards, soaps and shampoos. Include a back massager or a pedicure set with polish for an extra treat. For our male friends, put together a grooming kit that includes a razor, shaving cream, cologne, and a manicure set.