



Father's Day Gift Ideas

The ideas that follow came from the wonderful women on my yahoo email lists [childcareland2](#) and [shelleylovetttsecprintables](#). A special thank you to Judy Santos.

Handprint T-Shirts we used Haynes or Fruit of the Loom Men's undershirts ... fabric paint and marker's. We painted the child's hands and press down on the shirt several times using different colors. We then wrote on the shirt "#1 Dad".

Picture Magnets - we used juice can lids and glue a photo of each child on the lid. We then decorated around the edges of the lid with colored twine material and stuck a magnet on the back of the lid.

Stepping Stone - We used ready-mix concrete and poured it into plastic stepping stone trays that I got at a craft store ... you can

also use shoe boxes or meat trays. We followed the directions on the ready-mix concrete and when it was time pressed children hands in the cement ... we also placed small sea shells and colored marbles in the cement as well as wrote the child's name and year.

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CARDS.....Necktie Card, Hammer Card, Train Card,

GIFTS.....Daddy Bookmark, Little Hands Picture Frame, Twig Frame, Golf Ball Mobile, Key chain, Personalized Baseball Hat Wind Chimes for dad made with his favorite tools, Personalized Tool Box and Tool Belt.

From,
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There are two things we've made in the past that were a huge hit.

Reflection magnet:

Materials:

scrap contact paper in masculine colors/patterns

1 CD per child (I collect those ones AOL sends out, ones I've messed up when I am burning, etc. or you can buy cheap ones reasonably)

small picture of the child

sharpie

Cover back of CD with contact paper. Glue on magnetic tape. Glue child's picture in the center. Use sharpie to write:

"I reflect the good in you." around the top of the CD.

The dad's loved these when we did them.

Also, you can ask the mother or someone else to get a print of of

dad's shoes (trace around each shoe placed as if he was taking a step)
and then have the child step in paint and then step into the center of dad's shoe prints. The caption is:
I'm walking in your footsteps, Daddy.
Walk slow so I can keep up.
Walk carefully so I don't get hurt.
Walk where I can learn to be all you want me to be, because I'm following you every day.

I had two dads cry over that one. The children made simple construction paper frames for the footprints pictures.

Rita at Mother's Touch

I think we're going to make the Dads a car wash bucket this year. We'll decorate a plastic bucket and add washing supplies such as rags, a sponge and detergent.....and maybe a car freshener too.

Pat

We have done the T-shirt thing but used painted foot prints and I have written "my kid(s) walks all over me" on the shirt. The dads love it.

Babs

We tie-dyed t-shirts & white socks to match one year. they turned out really cool. The kids wanted to keep them for themselves.

Susan Mesa, AZ

One of my husbands favorite gifts was a soup can decorated and used as a pencil holder (10 years later it is still on his desk). make

sure to hammer down the edges or cover them with heavy tape. decorate as they please.

I use pictures of children and glued them on rocks and the children have decorated around the picture (i used a decopage glue or a hot glue gun).

Cathy

I TOOK PICTURES OF EACH CHILD WITH THE DIGITAL CAMERA, HOLDING A SIGN THAT SAID HAPPY FATHERS DAY, THAT THEY SIGNED IT IN THEIR HANDWRITING

THE KIDS MADE FRAMES WITH POPSICLE STICKS, THEN PAINTED THEM.

NEXT THEY GLUED SCREWS, NUTS, BOLTS AND NAILS AROUND THE EDGES OF THE FRAME.

THEY TURNED OUT GREAT, AND THE PARENTS LOVED THEM.

ANOTHER YEAR THEY GLUED FISHING ITEMS ON THEM.

DAD'S SCENTED SOAPS

Pour Ivory Snow into a mixing bowl and add water until the mixture is a stiff bread-dough consistency. Knead in some food coloring and add a few drops of men's cologne. Pinch off a small piece of the mixture and shape into a ball. Repeat the process until all the soap mixture has been used. Allow the balls to dry for about four days. To give as a gift, place the balls into a clear plastic cup. Wrap with colored tissue paper and tie with a contrasting color ribbon. Add an original gift tag to complete the package.

NUTS AND BOLTS PAPERWEIGHT

In a large mixing bowl, mix together plaster of Paris and water

(two parts plaster to one part water). Stir until the mixture is smooth. Give the students a handful of plaster and let them mold the plaster into a mound, about 3" in diameter. Decorate by pressing with a variety of nuts, bolts, nails, and screws into the surfaces. Set the paperweights on old newspapers to dry for two or three days. Spray paint them silver after they dry. Trace paperweight onto a piece of felt and cut out. Trim edges and glue to bottom of paperweight for protective covering for bottom.

T SHIRT FOR DAD

Have each child bring a white T-shirt for their Dad. Paint each Child's hands with fabric paint and make handprints on the back of the shirt. Write on the shirt **This Dad Needs A Pat On The Back**. Another version of this shirt is to paint the Child's feet and write **My Child (kids) Walks All Over Me**.

If you have more than one child from each family put both Child's prints on the shirt.

On the front of the shirt write "Dad You're The Best" and on the back write "Hands Down." Place the Child's handprints on the back of the shirt.

PUZZLE PIECE FRAME

Purchase mats for frames. 4x6 or 5x7. Let each child glue puzzle pieces onto the frame. Spray paint. Tape the Child's picture on the back. Add the caption **I Love My Dad To Pieces** on the front of the frame. Add magnetic tape to the back.

HUGS AND KISSES

Wash and dry laundry scoops well. Fill the scoops with Hershey hugs and kisses. Cover with cellophane and tie with bow. Attach this poem to the scoop.

When I am at school or when we're far apart

You may get sad but you are always in my heart.

So here are some hugs and kisses for when I am away

To remember that I love you

Each and every day.

I LOVE THIS POEM, GIVEN WITH A FOOTPRINT T SHIRT

"Walk a little slower daddy," said a child so small. "I'm following in your footsteps and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."

HOOKED ON YOU DADDY Items needed: construction paper, scissors, photo of child, yarn, stick (something that can be used for fishing pole). Cut out fish shape big enough to fit a child's picture on it. glue to one side.. on flip side write " I'm Hooked On You Daddy!! Happy Fathers Day (the year and date)."

PENCIL HOLDER

You can take your everyday frozen juice cans and glue all types of pasta shells on with tacky glue. They'll choose either gold or silver spray paint and I'll spray the can for them. These make great pencil/pen holders for his desk.

SAW FRAME Cut out the shape of a hand saw using constructions paper, wood, or any material you wish. Print "You're the best Dad I ever SAW!" Add a picture or hand print. Great gift!!!

Father's Day Time Capsule

Decorate the outside of a coffee tin with a picture of the child. Also write "A Time Capsule for Father's Day 2006" and frame with child's artwork.

Inside the "Time Capsule" put the following items.

1)The child's hand print with a hand print poem on a sheet of paper. (If the lid to your coffee tin is recessed make the hand print out of dough in the lid. This will add to the decorative outside).

2)The child's foot print with the poem "Walk A Little Slower Daddy" on a sheet of paper.

3)An "All About Me" sheet so the father can remember special things about his child at this age.

4)An "All About My Daddy" sheet

5)Misc. art work done by the child

6)Pull the mother aside and ask her to either give you some special items to put inside or save them herself and put them in before the child gives the "Time Capsule" to daddy.

Mary

I have a survey for the kids:

How old is your dad?

When does he look nice? What does he make for you?

What does he say to you? When is your dad funny?

These are example questions. I interview the kids and fill in the blanks then the child draws a portrait of their father. The answers are hilarious and usually a

big hit. Some dads are 3 and some are 100!!!

Vic Petro

Footprint t-shirts: I painted the kids feet and had them walk on the back or front of the t-shirt (preferably one without a pocket). Then on the opposite side I wrote "I walk all over my Dad"

Hand print t-shirts: I paint the kids hands and have them put their hand prints on the back of the t-shirt. On the front I write, "This Dad deserves a pat on the back".

OR

I write on the front "BEST DAD" and on the back, along with the hand prints, I write "HANDS DOWN".

Paper weights: Mix concrete as directed (use sand based concrete without stones) pour into small disposable tins or small disposable containers. Decorate with shells, rocks, glass stones, anything small that will fit on it, even do leaf prints or plant prints. Hand prints can fit in large enough containers too.

Rhonda's Romper Room

I love to take snapshots of the children and then either make a bookmark or cut a hammer or tool of your choice out and put the picture on it (cut to fit of course) and then laminate to keep it safe. I then add the poem Walk a little slower daddy to go with it.... Parents and "guardians" (I change the title to suit the appropriate "father figure") they have always been a big hit.

Leoa

My son and I made "Daddy's Treasure Chest". I found a little chest at a yard sale, painted it, and then filled it with items that my son and I did together. We made a book all about my son and what he liked that year and what he did and was able to do (he was

2) and then we made a handprint mold, a bookmark with a picture of our son and a poem for him, just little treasures like that. To date, that is my husband's favorite father's day gift.

Jessica

One year we made "man snacks" (wings, meatballs, nachos) and invited our dads and grandpas to pick up the kids on the Friday before Father's day. The kids got a plate of food for them and their dad to share, grabbed a couple of root beers and sat outside on the picnic tables. Everyone enjoyed it!

We have also had "Rootbeer and Pretzel" day and invited all the men to come to it.

As an activity, instead of one for mom and another for dad (which sometimes becomes an issue if a parent is not involved) we are having a family mini-golf tournament half way in between. The grand prize is a week of daycare (certainly could be something different)

This year I am going to incorporate an idea for mother's day where they took pictures of the kids making muffins as a 'cookbook', only we are going to make home-made burgers and give them to the dads (frozen) when they pick up with the picture recipe.

Carolyn

What You Need:

old denim jeans to cut out the pockets
construction paper
pencil
markers
glue

What You Do:

My guys are always keeping things in their pockets so this year, I decided that if Dad should be celebrated, it should be with "boy stuff" in mind.

Cut out a back pocket of a pair of old jeans, put glue on the back and glue it down on a piece of construction paper. If you cut around the pocket, will have a backing to it and can be glued, yet still make a nice pocket.

If you don't have an extra pair of old jeans, you can make a paper pocket of blue paper and put dots around the edges like stitches and carefully glue just around the edges so it can hold stuff.

On several sheets of different colors of paper, trace your hand "without your fingers spread" as if you were going to put your hand in your pocket.

Cut out the hands (4) and write your dad some notes. ie. I'll give you a hand with...(think of a chore dad does) (washing the car, taking out the trash, fishing, learning how to rollerblade, carrying your golf bag,...)

After you have the hands printed on, stick them down inside the pocket, kind of like a love coupon, and finish the card.

You can write GIVING YOU A HAND ON FATHER'S DAY!

or, IT'S FATHER'S DAY AND YOU DESERVE A HAND.

or, HELPING HANDS FOR YOU ON FATHER'S DAY

You can also use the cloth pockets and put in trinkets such as a piece of gum, a golf tee, a rock, your own handmade business card. Anything that reminds dad of you.

Happy Father's Day to your Dad.

Tammy
Little Bears Daycare

We are going to bake chocolate chip cookies for dad.

Also, take a magnetic photo frame, like the kind you put on the fridge and decorate the edge with stickers and put a picture of the child in it.

I also saw in Family Fun. com, take 6 blocks, paint them and glue a picture of dad and kids, separate the blocks to make a puzzle. looked pretty cute.

Valerie Erps

Father's Day Handprint Shirts ~"Who's Your Daddy?"
Use Haynes or Fruit of the Loom Men's undershirts ... fabric paint and marker's. Paint the child's hands and press down on the shirt several times using different colors. Then write on the shirt "Who's Your Daddy?".

~DeAyn G.
From the Hart School House

Small clay flower pot (1 per child)
sealant (clear acrylic spray paint)
paints
plaster of paris
chenille stems (6 per child)
Shredded gift bag paper

Seal the clay pots. Do this the day before the kids are going to paint. The moisture from the plaster will soak through the pot and

ruin the painting the kids do if you don't seal them.

Day 1

The kids can paint the pot however they choose. Let dry.
Twist two chenille stems together. Then curl the end of one a few times.

Day 2

Pour plaster in. Cover top with shredded gift wrap.
Stick in chenille stems.

This project takes a couple of days, but dads love it. We include the poem "Walk a Little Slower Daddy" on one of the clips or add a picture of the child.

Day 2/3

The kids wrap them in tissue paper before taking them home.

Katrina Woods

Make a card from newspaper and in marker (so it will show up)
write -
Dad, You are in the news!
Happy Father's Day

Linda Inzer

This is my first Father's day in childcare. This is a hard one since so many Father's really get cheated out of this day. I have one father that is a mechanic and another that owns his own Commercial Air-conditioning company. I was thinking of taking a beautiful picture of the mechanics daughter using a small child's plastic tool and somehow putting her picture in it and adhering a magnet to the back side that when he opened up his tool box...his little girl would be there with him at work. I am clueless for the airconditioner dad. He travels a lot. Maybe something to that effect that he can hang on his rearview mirror that he can look at of his children. I wish I knew what some of the parts of the airconditioner were so I could make a small picture frame and using that on it somehow.

Maureen

Father's Day Ideas:

1) Notepad/Holder/Pen: Take old blue jeans (child's or dad's) and cut off the back pocket. Paint a cowboy brand, initial or picture with fabric paint onto the pocket. Cut paper to fit the pocket and put a line of hot glue along top edges to make a pad. Child can draw small picture and you can photocopy onto the paper before you cut it as well. Hot glue twine to back of pocket and tie a loop onto a pen. You can also add heavy duty magnets and hang on the fridge.

2) Photo Frame: Take a picture of your child holding a fishing pole. (take a side view photo). Make a foam or wooden picture frame and add foam fish etc to the edges. From the edge of the fishing pole in the picture, glue a piece of fishing line so it hangs out from the frame. Glue a fish from the end of the line so it looks like the child caught a fish.

3) Placemat: In the middle of the constuction paper (Large size 12x18). Have the child step in white paint and make two footprints, so it looks like he walked on the page. Add the poem "Walk a Little Slower Dad" and double mat with complimentary colors of cop. Have your child write HFD and sign his name on the opposite side of the footprints.

4) T-Shirt: Paint your child's feet with fabric paint and have them walk all over the T-shirt. Write, My son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, Walks All Over Me.

And of course, put a date on everything you do!

Renee in Georgia

Here are some Father's Day ideas that I've collected.

This year we will make "Kid and Dad Car Wash Company" kits. Have the child make hand prints on a plastic bucket. Write Jeny and Dads car wash company on the bucket. Add a spray bottle and 2

large sponges.

Last year we made "My kid is walking all over me" t-shirts. The kids walked in fabric paint and then all over a t-shirt. The dads loved it!

Father's Day MIX

I put everything in bowls on a table and give the kids a large cup to spoon things into. They can choose a little of everything and more of something their Dad particularly likes. When the cup is full we dump the contents into their bag and staple it shut.

Raisin's 'cause you're raisin' me
Goldfish 'cause you are the BIG fish in the sea
Cheezit's 'cause you're the BIG cheese
Pretzels 'cause you guide me in all life's twists and turns
Chocolate chips 'cause I'm the chip off the old block!
Chex 'cause you are always chexin' up on me.
Froot Loops for all our loopy times together
Peanuts because I am your little peanut. (sometimes not there do to allergy issues)
Teddy Grahams for all the bear hugs you give me
Popcorn 'cause you are my POP!
Kisses.....because I love you.

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Father's Day

I have two projects that I use on alternating years.....or whichever is best for the current class. One is a Father's Day Snack mix. I have a bag pattern with a list of items and what they are for (ex. raisins

'cause you're
raisin' me!, Chex 'cause you're always chexing up on me...). The
kids
decorate
the bag, cut it out and glue it together...and they go to a center to
measure
or count whatever they think Dad would like to munch on.
The second project is my favorite but requires a bit more in
donations.
I ask for bandaids, q-tips, gauze pads, cotton balls, cough drops,
rubber
gloves, wrapped alcohol wipes, safety pins etc. I also collect those
small
Pringles cans with tops and frosting cans. We color a paper cover
for
the cans
that has the following poem 'For your bike, your boat or your car.
So
you'll
be MY hero, Wherever you are! Love, ' We fill the cans with
counted
items
that will end up being a little first aid kit. Our kits vary from
year to
year based on whatever is turned in. One year a Mom who was 'in
the
know' put
together several needles with thread inside a felt square for a
little
sewing
kit to add...and another year a Mom who worked at a hospital gave
me
some
samples of antiseptic ointment for the kit. They are very well
received.

Father's Day Snack Mix

A while back someone kindly posted a "recipe" for a Father's Day
Snack
Mix.

I'm going to be making it with my kids this week and have added a

few
more
ingredients, so I thought I'd share. I had to eliminate the "Chex"
cereal
one because we don't have it in stores here. (Rats!)

FATHER'S DAY SNACK MIX!

... Raisins... because you¹re "raisin" me!

... Honey Nut Cheerios... because you¹re
such a sweet guy!

... Peanuts... because I like it when you
get a little nutty!

... Cheezies...because I think you¹re
the big cheese!

... A gold-wrapped candy because you¹re more
precious than gold to me!

... Goldfish... because you¹re the big
fish in my sea!

... Pretzel sticks... because you¹re never
a stick-in-the-mud!

... Popcorn... because you¹re my Pop!

We'll make a card to go with it. It doesn't open. It's just flat and
decorated on one side. On the reverse is the recipe for the snack
mix.

Dad,

You're the "beary" best!

Love,

FATHER'S DAY- projects

One year I asked the students to bring in flat rocks that they could use as paper weights for their dads . We mixed different paints to get some interesting colours, ie: black and green, purple , red. I don't remember the colors we used but they were beautiful. We also glued glitter on the rocks when they were dry. A very easy project. Another year I bought Key chains that had a picture frame attached. On one side, I inserted the child's photo which I had taken with a digital camera and sized to fit the frame. On the other side I put in small paper with a tiny drawing of their DAD with the word DAD printed at the bottom. Some of the mothers told me that their husbands still carried the keychain when the child was in Grade 2. This was a Junior Kindergarten gift.

The child's painted footprint is placed on a paper with this following poem...

Walk A Little Slower

"Walk a little slower, Daddy",

Said a little child so small,
"I'm following in your footsteps,
And I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."
(author unknown)

----the child signs it when dry. It's mounted and laminated, 2 holes punch in the top edge, and either a length of twine or leather strapping put through the holes and tied so it can be hung.

FATHER'S DAY

we also use the plaster paris footprint for this---we go out to the sandbox on the playground--children take off shoe and sock---make their footpring in the sand and we pour the plaster paris in--of course it is a little "raggedy" around the edges--but turns out cute---we let them "write their names in when wet with "sharpened" dowel

FATHER'S DAY- projects

We have made "magic 'rocks for dad too---I forget all these things

until I
hear them "reinvented"---Shave crayons---have kids take the
rocks
outside on
a hot sunny day---have them sprinkle the rocks with the shaved
crayon
and
let the sun and heat do its thing !!!they turn out cute !!

Father's Day

I always get such great ideas from this group. I would love to
share
my
favourite Father's Day activity ever. Every year I invite my
students
to
bring their Dads (or other significant male) to school one evening
with
a
large cardboard box. We meet in the gym. I supply paper, paints,
paper
plates, glue, markers.....and I give them 30 minutes to build a car
(flinstone like) with their Dad. After building, the Dads receive a
key to
their new car on a shinky dink plastic keychain the students made
as
their
gift ahead of time. (I get Walmart or a key shop to donate miscut
keys)
Then we start our cars (pretend) and drive them to the drive-in
movies.
Then
we serve everyone popcorn and pop, turn down the lights, the big
screen
in
our gym comes down and the movie begins. The movie is a DVD
that I
make
ahead of time of our wonderful year together in kindergarten. I
often
get a
tear or two out of the Dads. It is a wonderful, memorable evening

for
all.

Father's Day

I am responding a little late but last year I had my class make a 'Father's Day Snack Mix'. They decorated a paper bag with a picture

of their Dad and

glued on a list of snack items that included the following:

"Popcorn....because you are my Pop!

Raisins... 'cause you are raisin' me

Chex.... 'cause you always chex on me

Goldfish.... 'cause you are the big fish in MY sea

Cheez-its..... 'cause you are the big cheese!

ETC.

They filled a two cup measuring cup with the snacks of their choice

and

them dumped it in the bag, folded it over, punched two holes and threaded/tied

curling ribbon to hold it shut.

It was quick and easy but a little \$\$\$\$. This year I think I am going to

send a request for donations home. :)

"Leather" Picture Frame

Begin by gathering a piece of cardboard, masking tape, brown liquid

shoe polish and a cleaning rag (one that can be thrown out when finished.)

First cut the cardboard into a frame shape. Allow your child to cover

the frame with 2" masking tape pieces making sure to cover the frame

completely. Then have the child rub the shoe polish all over the masking

tape, making sure to get the edges, too. (Smocks or messy clothes are a

good idea here.) Before the polish dries, have your child use the rag

to rub in the excess. When dry, the frame will have a "leathery"

look.

You may then put a portrait or child-drawn self-portrait in the frame.

If you wish, glue a safety pin to the back as a hangar.

Car Freshener

I plan to try this simple craft this year with my girls. Gather a thin piece piece of cardboard, felt, yarn, glue, scissors and a favorite scent such as oil of lemon, peppermint, vanilla or a favorite perfume/cologne (not a strong one.) Use a cookie cutter or other stencil to draw a shape on the cardboard and two felt pieces. Cut out the cardboard and felt and glue the felt pieces to both sides of the cardboard. Make a hole in the top and use yarn to make a hangar. Drop about 10 drops of the scent on to the felt. I plan to adapt this idea a little by cutting a free form shape from a picture of the girls. I'll cut the cardboard and felt into the same shape as the picture. I'll scent the felt first, and when dry, glue the three pieces together as described above. Then my husband's van will look AND smell pretty!

Easy Tie Dyed Shirts from ChildFun Mama Katie Drapalski

Instead of buying one of those expensive tie dye kits, we used fabric dye, which is inexpensive and can be bought almost anywhere. To make the dye, we put 2 spoonfuls of fabric dye in a spray bottle and diluted it with water (we used the small kind of spray bottle so it was about 2 or 3 cups of water). Then we wrapped the shirt with rubber bands in a spiral design, a bulls eye design or a haphazard design. Then we dropped it

into a bucket of water and wring out the excess water. Then let them go to work! The small spray bottles made it a lot easier for even the smaller kids. When they've completely covered it, set it out to dry. When dry, unwrap and launder in cold water. Line dry.

Toilet Paper Windsocks from ChildFun Mama Barb Gibney

Cover or paint toilet rolls. Cut streamers from crepe paper or ribbon and tape onto one end. Colour and cut out basic fish shape X 2 out of stiff cardstock paper. Glue these onto each side and you will have fish windsocks to blow in the wind. Place two holes at the heads of the fish and tie a string or ribbon through leaving about 15 inches. Have fun flying in the wind...

Dreamcatchers

Dreamcatchers, which look like spiderwebs, are Native American devices designed to net bad dreams and let the good ones wiggle through.

Materials:

Two pipe cleaners

Five-foot length of yarn (ribbon, crocheting yarn or packing string works well)

Beads

Feathers

Instructions:

1. Fold in the ends of the pipe cleaners, so children won't scratch themselves.
2. Twist the pipe cleaners together end-to-end to form a circle.
3. Set aside one foot of the yarn.
4. Knot one end of the remaining yarn to the circle. Loop the yarn through the circle and over the side. Continue looping in a random pattern,

creating an open web effect.

5. When you run out of yarn, tie a knot.

6. Tie on beads, feathers and other decorations with the extra yarn.

7. Hang wherever dreaming takes place.

Pine Cone Bird Feeders (from childfun)

Pine Cone Bird Feeders

Materials needed:

pine cone

peanut butter

bird seed

yarn

hanger

plastic knife

waxed paper

Instructions:

Tie yarn to pine cone for a hanger, use a knife (plastic) and spread peanut butter all over pine cone. pushing it into the cone. roll in birdseed, shake off extra, and hang outside.

Wavemaker

Materials:

Clear, Plastic Bottle (at least 10 inches high)

Rubbing Alcohol

Blue Food Color

Vegetable Oil

glue

Instructions:

Fill the bottle three-fourths full using rubbing alcohol. Add blue food

coloring (make it a deep blue) Fill the bottle with cooking oil, leaving a small space at the top. Glue the top on for safety. The substances

will not mix and the alcohol will move like a wave over the oil when moved up and down.

Heating Pad Sock

(Here is a Poem to add to this QUICK and EASY ,but WONDERFUL gift):

This little pillow filled with rice
Is such a comforting device,
Microwave for 2 to 3 minutes on HIGH
And kiss those aches and pains good-bye.
Apply it to a troubled spot
The heat will ease the pain alot.
Or warm those little toes, so cold.
You'll find this nice to have and to hold
Or freeze it for awhile,
And fix that boo-boo in style.
Instead of a compress made of ice,
Use this pillow filled with rice.

Use athletic socks or kids fancy socks. Also you can use cinnamon oil
or menthol oil in the bags for soothing smells. Tie off with rubber
band and ribbon.

First Aid Kits

In the past I have made little first aid kits for Dads that can be
kept
in the glove compartment of the car. I ask for parent donations of
things like
safety pins, bandaids, rubber gloves, gauze pads, q-tips, cotton
balls,
cough
drops, handi-wipes, etc. Then depending on what comes in, I make
a
counting
project out of it. Kids have a small Pringles can aqnd move from
center to
center counting and adding several of each item to their can. Prior
to
this
though I have them decorate a cover for the can with a poem that
reads
'For your
bike, your boat or your car...So you will be MY hero, where ever
you
are!'

I wasn't very organized this year however and will be returning to school on the Monday following Father's Day for our summer session. I am thinking of making a Dad's Snack Mix this year. I am thinking of giving each child a ziploc bag so they can create a little snack bag for their dad. I am trying to come up with a poem or 'recipe' that would give each piece of the snack a significant meaning like raisins 'because you're 'raisin' me', gold fish crackers 'because you're the big fish in my sea', popcorn 'because you're my Pop', etc.... Anyone else have any other ideas????

Father's Day Idea-Treat Bag

Found this one in my latest issue of Family Fun magazine. It was sent in from a daycare provider. Figured since I gave the Moms a muffin for Mother's Day, maybe I should give the Father's something to eat, too!

Father's Day Treat Bag

Have each child put the following snacks in a paper bag and staple on a note explaining the significance of each.

Tootsie Roll - to show the big "roll" you play in my life.

100 Grand Candy Bar - to show you how much you are worth to me.

Bag of Popcorn - to let you know that without our "Pop", our family would not be "corn"-plete.

Bag of Peanuts - to tell you I'm "nuts" over you.

Hershey Kiss - to show you how much I love you.

Mint - to show my appreciation of your commint-"mint" to me.

Roll of Lifesavers - for how you protect me from danger and show me right from wrong.

pillow case poem for father's day

Everyday I am growing up

And soon I will be so tall

That the handprints on this case

May be very hard to recall.

So here are two of my handprints

On this pillowcase to stay

and show you how my fingers looked

This year on Father's Day.

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Father's Day

In the past I have had my Kindy Kids make a first aid kit in a small frosting container. It was a counting project (1 large gauze pad, 2 rubber gloves, 3 cotton balls etc.) and dependent on parental donations

beforehand. A

poem

on a cover sheet that was colored and laminated said "For your bike,

your boat

or your car...So you'll be MY hero...where ever you are!" I have had children

give them to Dads, stepdads, favorite uncles and Grandpas.

I am a Year Round teacher and we are on break right now. I didn't get my

donations act together soon enough before our current break so this

year we will

be making a snack mix for a Father's Day gift. I am planning to run some

mailing labels with the 'recipe' so they can stick it on a ziplock bag to hold

it. I am going to have the items in individual bags so they can create

their own

mix in a paper cup before storing it in the baggie. Some of the items

I (and

a few of my internet buddies) have come up with so far are:

Raisins - because you are 'raisin' me.

Chex cereal - for all the times you 'chexs' on me

chocolate chips - because I am a 'chip off the old block'

mini marshmallows - because I know you are an old softy.

popcorn - because you are my Pop!

pretzels - because you see me through the twists and turns of life

Froot Loops - for our 'loopy times' together

teddy grahams - for all the bear hugs you have given me

CheezIts - because you are the Big Cheese in my life!

Hugs and Kisses - all from me!

Father's Day "KING for a day!"

Hi!

I am really stuck on a great/sentimental gift for father's day so I thought i'd come and ask for some input.

How about a "KING for a day" theme? I'm thinking of having the

kids

(K's and 1's) make:

1. a crown out of tagboard & aluminum foil, sequins and glitter for Dad to wear

2. a bag of coins (yellow construction paper) - on one side, it will be a hand-drawn picture of themselves with Dad and on the other side

it will be things that the "king" can redeem (e.g. 1 big hug, 1 hour of quiet time, 1 car wash)

3. a bell - so that the family would be at the "King's" beck and call - made out of an inverted terracotta pot, a ribbon out of the top and a wooden bead on the inside.

What to you guys think? Any other "king" like things for the kids to make?

I'm also thinking of decorating basic white towels with several handprints and enclosing a "handprint" poem.

Father's Day Candy Gram

Dear Pop (Popcorn)

I love you because you work so hard (raisin) me. I could go to (Mars) or search the (Milky Way) and never find a (Sugar Daddy) like

you. Even tho' you're a big (marshmallow) and we like to (Snickers) I

still think you're a (Smartie). Plus you're a (LifeSaver) when it comes to homework. Happy Father's Day. You're the biggest (fish - goldfish cracker) in my sea.

(candy hearts) and (Hershey's kisses)

Fingerprints

My dirty little fingerprints

I've left on every wall,

And on the drawers and table tops,

I've really marked them all.
But here is one that won't rub off,
I'm giving it to you,
Because I'm thankful for a (mother or father) just like you!

Fingerprints

Sometimes you get discouraged
Because I am so small,
And always leave my fingerprints
On furniture and walls.
But everyday I am growing,
-I'll be grown up someday,
And all these tiny handprints
Will simply fade away.
So here's a final handprint
Just so you can recall,
Exactly how my fingers looked
When I was very small.
I love you!

A Reminder

This is to remind you
When I have grown so tall,
That once I was quite little
And my hands were very small.

Handprint

Here is my hand
So tiny, so small
to hang somewhere
upon your wall.

This is my hand.
My hand will do
A 1000 loving things for you
And you will remember
When I am tall...
That once my hand
Was just this small.

This is the hand
You used to hold
When I was only
__ years old.

My Hand

I give my hand
to you this day!
Remember me now,
as I grow and play!

I used my thumb and fingers too
To make this flower just for you.
It doesn't smell, it doesn't grow.
It's from me to let you know;
Love you (Mom or Dad)?
Love you not?
Love you, (Mom or Dad)!
Love you a lot!

Tiny Handprints

Tiny handprints grow so fast
Their awkward groping soon will clasp
A ball, a book, a sweetheart's hand
A diploma, breifcase, wedding band.

Tiny handprints grow so strong

It doesn't take them very long
To snap a shirt, to paint, to draw
To labor hard, to drive a car.

Tiny handprints grow to be
A person that is quite unique
A wonderful mix of so many things
With his own feelings, thoughts and dreams...

Meredith Harris

Here my handprints are done
For everyone to view
I had so much fun
Doing this for you.

So look upon this handprint plaque
Hanging on your wall,
And memories will come back
Of me when I was small.

(Student's name and date)

A piece of me
I give to you.
I painted this flower
To say "I love you."

The heart is you.
The hand is me.
To show we are friends--
the best there can be.

I hope you will save it
And look back someday
At the flower we shared
On your special day.

** Father's Day Footprint **

Print out the following poem and then glue on a very large footprint cutout.

Then have the children make a footprint over the words with watered down tempera paints. You can laminate it and put string on the back for hanging, or put in a frame..

Footprints

"Walk a little slower daddy," said a child so small.
"I'm following in your footsteps and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."

A Pat On The Back For Dad

Materials:

Men's T-shirts
Fabric Paint

Directions:

Have the children make handprints on the back of the T-shirts, then

write,
"This Dad Needs A Pat On The Back."

Snacks For Dad

Materials:

Construction paper
Small coffee cans
Clear contact paper
Stickers, paints, markers, crayons, etc.
2 boxes of fish shaped crackers
1 large bag of pretzels
1 large bag of raisins
2 boxes cheerios
Popcorn

Directions:

First, make decorated snack food containers for Father's Day. Cut the construction paper to fit the coffee cans. Let the children decorate the construction paper with stickers, paint, markers, crayons, etc. Glue the children's decorated papers onto the coffee cans and then cover with clear contact paper.

Next, make a Father's Day snack to put into the cans. Let the children help mix the fish crackers, pretzels, raisins, cheerios, and popcorn together. Fill the cans with this snack.

Father's Day Card/Poster **

Need:

3 Different Colors of cardstock (or construction paper)
Pens or crayons
scissors

With one piece of cardstock, trace around Dad's right hand. Cut

out
around
hand. Repeat with child's hand on another piece of cardstock. On
the
top
of
the third page, PRINT : Upon this page two hands you'll see, One's
my
Dad's,
the other one is ME!
Then glue on the Dad's hand, then the child's hand on top of the
Dad's.
Sign
and Date the bottom. This is a great thing to keep doing each
Father's
Day,
and watching your child's hand grow! You can make this into a card,
or
into
a poster and frame it.

If desired, the following poem may be written on the back:

My Dad's hands are strong
And they're big and their tough
But when I need help
They're gentle enough.

My Dad's hands can teach me
To work and to give
And by their example
I'll learn how to live.

Right now my hand's small
And learning good from bad
Some day I hope my hands
Will be just like my Dad's!

CRAFT IDEA: Desk Organizer

Cut PT tubes into various lengths. Paint each tube a different
color.

Glue

the tubes (grouped in a bunch - 4-5) to a piece of painted

corrugated
cardboard. Use to hold pencils, rulers, paint brushes, scissors,
etc...

I'm not a trash collector but there's a few things that I NEVER
throw
away.

They include:

- 1.. yarn and ribbon scraps
- 2.. shirt cardboards
- 3.. leftover wallpaper, wrapping paper, and fabric
- 4.. men's dress shirts
- 5.. buttons
- 6.. egg cartons
- 7.. milk jugs
- 8.. clothespins
- 9.. shoe boxes
- 10.. MAGAZINES

All of these things can be used in some type of art project for and
with
the kids.

***CANDLE IDEA**

Get candle wax and small candle holders. Pour the wax in and
insert
wick and its ready to burn.

***SAND CANDLES**

Fill a baby food jar with colored sand and insert wick. Next, pour
melted wax on top. (To make
colored sand mix salt and food coloring then microwave for a few
seconds)

***MORE SAND CANDLES**

Fill a shallow pan with sand. Make an impression in the sand, add
the wick and pour melted wax
in the sand. Layer with different colors. After the wax has cooled
remove candle. Some of the
sand will stick to wax.

***FATHERS DAY YUMMY CUP**

Take a regular plastic cup (tumbler), bright colors are cute! Let the kids decorate outside w/ marker. Help them write the occasion : Happy Fathers Day! Love you !
etc... We used med. blue cups w/ light blue tissue paper stuffed inside cup. Then let the kids fill w/ goodies for their Dad! We used a baggie of gummie bears, some gum, a small notepad (on the first page we made a coupon for Dad to take the whole day OFF!).

*** FATHER'S DAY**

Sung to tune of "This Old Man"
Father's Day, Father's Day
Is a very special day.
Here's a great big hug
And lots of kisses too.
Each one says that I love you!

***FATHER'S DAY POP-UP CARD**

Materials: Pencil, Scissors, Glue, A ruler, 2 sheets of colored paper (approximately 8.5" x 11"), Crayons, Markers, Glitter

Hold one piece of paper with the short side at the bottom. Fold in half, bringing the top down. Firmly crease the fold with your fingernail. Using your ruler and pencil, make a dot at the center of the creased fold. Measure one inch to the right of this center dot, and using the ruler draw a straight 2" line (at right angle to crease). Repeat the measure and cut on the left side. At this point you should have two 2" slits at the top of your card. Open the card, positioning the center, cut out, section forward. It should form a cube when opened.
Crease

the front and bottom section of the cube, and close the card, folding the cube flat (facing toward you so that it pops up when you open the card). Take the second piece of paper and glue it to the other side of the card. Your Father's Day card will be rectangular (approximately 5.5" X 8.5") and will open from the bottom. For the pop-up you can draw and then cut out a heart or other design of your choice (make it taller than the box - around 3" high and about 2" wide). Get creative. You might want to cut out a picture to place on the pop-up cube or glue on a family portrait. Put glue on the cube section only and fold the card closed, being certain the pop-up lies flat. Your design will pop up, covering much of the cube when the card is opened. Now the fun really begins. You might want to write Happy Father's Day on the front of your card, with a message to Dad inside. Color and decorate the card, inside and out using crayons, markers, and glitter. Use your imagination!

*FATHER'S DAY TIE

Cut out ties about 8 - 10 inches long out of construction paper. Have the children decorate them with paints. On the back put their names and date and laminate it. Put a piece of elastic through two holes punched into the top on each side.

Judy Santos

I like to use this poem and decorate the sides of the poster with

the children's footprints.

Lin3154



Footprints

"Walk a little slower daddy," said a child so small. "I'm following in your footsteps and I don't want to fall.

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Sometimes they're hard to see;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
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Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.

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