

# Gift ideas presented

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be sure that the quilt or comforter is the same size as the dimension indicated for the fabric, or one has to plan on altering the dimensions to suit the available material. One should choose the fabric that can be easily cared for, machine washable.

A person should cut the outer fabric and liner each in a rectangle that measures 45 by 63 inches. Two layers of quilt batting the same size or slightly larger should be cut.

On a piece of paper, one should make an oval that measures approximately 14 by 23 inches. This is the pattern for the bottom of the bag. The circumference should measure 62 inches. A one inch seam allowance is added all around. One oval from each outer fabric and liner is cut, two ovals should be cut from the filler.

The liner fabric should be laid right side down, with the filler placed next, and the outer fabric put on top, with the right side up. All the layers should be quilted

through by machine. A plain diamond design can be used for the quilting or any quilting pattern that is desired.

Both the rectangle and the oval should be quilted. After the quilting is finished, one should bind all edges with bias tape, either with the one inch width or the new extra wide double fold. On one long edge of the rectangle, the fabric should be turned under 1 1/2 inch, turning it towards the liner side.

One should stitch 1/4 inch from the fold of the bias tape, this forming the casing for the drawstring. The right sides of the two short sides should be brought together.

Thirty inches should be measured below the casing stitching. The remainder of the two sides should be sewed together in a one inch seam.

With right sides together, the oval should be joined to the long edge of the rectangle. The side seam should be placed at the center of a short side of the oval. A one

inch seam should be stitched.

A 30 inch zipper can be inserted in the side seam opening, with the top of the zipper at or slightly below the casing stitching line. One should insert a 75 inch length of heavy cord in the casing. Opposite the zipper opening, the cord to the casing should be secured. Knots are tied in each end of the cord.

Some of the other ideas that the two ladies presented to their audience included a lingerie travel bag, a fabric-crayon apron, and cookie pops, which were actually sugar cookies attached on a stick and decorated.



## Pewter polishing tips given

LEBANON - Contemporary pewter made today is lead free and does not darken as antique pewter does. (Both kinds are made today). Care and polishing of contemporary pewter is simple. Wash accessory in hot, soapy water; rinse and dry. Polish by rubbing in one direction. As with all metal accessories, store so that the sides of vase or bowl are not rubbing against another hard surface. Otherwise, scratches may show on the surface.

Antique pewter contains lead and this is what darkens and adds to its charm. However, some tarnish should be removed. If you use a commercial cleaner, use silver polish or a specially made polish for pewter. After cleaning, wash in hot, soapy water; rinse with hot water and dry by rubbing in one direction.

To make a cleaner for heavily tarnished pewter; make a paste of fine whiting and boiled linseed oil. Dip a

small piece of 0000 steel wool into paste and rub pewter in one direction. When as much tarnish as can be is removed, polish.

To polish a dull finish, make a paste of rottenstone and boiled linseed oil. Dip a soft cloth into the paste and rub over pewter. Rub in one direction. When clean, wash in hot, soapy water; rinse dry and polish.

To polish a bright finish, make a paste of fine whiting and denatured alcohol solvent. Dip soft cloth into paste and rub on pewter, in same direction. When clean, wash in hot, soapy water; rinse with hot water, dry and polish.

Whiting, denatured alcohol, rottenstone and boiled linseed oil can be purchased in a paint store.

## Farm Women Calendar

Today, December 2  
Lancaster Co. Society 12 meeting, 6 p.m. at Shady Maple.

Lancaster Co. Society 10 Christmas party at Lime Spring Farm.

Lancaster Co. Society 1 brunch, 10 a.m. at Willow Valley Restaurant.

York Co. Society 1 Christmas party at Grandview Golf Club.

Lancaster Co. Society 6 family Christmas covered dish dinner night.

Lancaster Co. Society 9 Christmas party at Refton Fire Hall; husband invited.

Monday, December 4  
Lancaster Co. Societies executive board meeting at Janet Leaman's.

Wednesday, December 6  
Berks Co. Society 1 Christmas party, 6:30 p.m. at Olde State Barn, Oley.

York Co. Society 1 Christmas party.

York Co. Society 26 family Christmas banquet, 6:30 p.m. at Avalong Farm Dairy Restaurant.

Thursday, December 7  
Lancaster Co. Society 20 meeting, 1 p.m.; bring one dozen cookies to be chanced off.

Lancaster Co. Society 28

Christmas party, 7:30 p.m.; hostess Helen Rohrer.

Lancaster Co. Society 15 Christmas party, 6:30 p.m. at Rhoads Restaurant.

Saturday, December 9  
Lancaster Co. Society 8 Christmas party, 6:30 p.m.; hostess Vera Frey, Marietta Rl.

Lancaster Co. Society 2 meeting; hostess Luella Low.

Lancaster Co. Society 18 meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Lancaster Co. Society 19 Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m. at Indian Springs Golf Club.

Lancaster Co. Society 17 covered dish Christmas party; at Chestnut Level Church House.

Lancaster Co. Society 13 family Christmas party; Ronks Fire Hall.

Lancaster Co. Society 25 family Christmas party; Conestoga United Methodist Church, Conestoga. Bring hot and cold dish.

Lancaster Co. Society 8 Christmas party, 6:30 p.m.

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