

# Tips For Adding Handcrafted Touches To Gifts And Décor

(NAPSA)—A timeless creative outlet, crafting is a great way to express yourself, discover new talents and connect with family and friends. Whether creating special gifts, memorabilia or accessories, you'll also be crafting moments to remember. Turning Leaf Coastal Reserve Vineyards offers simple tips for creating chic crafts.

**The Keeping of Keepsakes.** From old photographs to concert ticket stubs, special mementos are priceless. Compiling these items in one place, such as a beautifully decorated scrapbook, is an excellent way to preserve them. What's more, a scrapbook makes an ideal gift for almost everyone.

**Bring the Outdoors In.** As your garden flourishes, celebrate by adding outdoor touches to your indoor décor. Personalize decorative pieces such as table arrangements with wild flowers and fresh sprigs of herbs from the garden. Place small arrangements in antique jars and bottles for a shabby chic look. These crafts are festive, earthy and stylish—and can be created at little or even no cost.

**Coordinate a Crafty Gathering.** From the Manhattan skyline to the foothills of Arizona, creative-types everywhere are painting pottery. Try hosting a “paint your own pottery party,” inviting friends and family to paint together at a local pottery boutique. Ask each guest to bring delicious snacks or a handcrafted bottle of wine, such as Turning Leaf Coastal Reserve 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon. Let the oak background and rich black currant and black cherry flavors inspire you. After experimenting with different colors of paint and wine



varietals, send each person home with personally designed pottery and fond memories.

**Crafts in the Kitchen.** Sharing recipes between close friends and family is a great way to exercise creativity, while making menu planning interesting. To keep family recipes and traditions alive, incorporate stories about the birth and evolution of a recipe or even a funny cooking mishap. When gathered with friends, open a bottle of your favorite wine and try experimenting with new recipes, or add a twist to traditional ones by incorporating fresh spices and herbs, which can infuse new flavor into food. You can celebrate your new flavors by serving a unique, tasty hors d'oeuvre, such as Portobello Bruschetta with Rosemary Aioli, paired with Turning Leaf Coastal Reserve 2001 Pinot Noir—its juicy cherry and strawberry flavors taste delicious with the earthy flavors of Portobello mushrooms and rosemary. Your recipe collection will be a perfect mix of new and old world flair.

Bring out the artist in you by handcrafting keepsakes, while delighting family and friends. For more ideas on creating perfect moments, visit [www.turningleaf.com](http://www.turningleaf.com).