# 10 Day eCourse: Meaningful Crafty Gifts

Email #1

**Subject:** Gifts you can make with a sewing machine

Dear [Name],

If you can sew, you’re in luck because you can make so many easy to make gifts with your sewing machine. Since the gift is handmade and comes from you, it will be even more special and meaningful. Let’s look at a few gift ideas that you can make.

* **Quilts & Blankets** – Making a blanket is an easy gift that you can make for almost anyone. You can make it even more special by using special materials. For example, use some of dad’s or mom’s old clothing as the fabric. Alternatively, you can have [fabric made with pictures](https://www.fabfad.com) you took on it. This will create a very special blanket for someone on your gift list. (<https://www.fabfad.com>)
* **Phone / eReader / Tablet Case** – This is a fun gift to make that doesn’t require tons of skill. If you can do a basic stitch, you can make a case for your mobile device. Be sure to find out what type of device the person you are making it for has so you can get the size right. To make your pattern, you can use the device to get the right size. Put pockets inside it to give them a place to store things to make it a little extra special.
* **Zipper or Draw String Pouches** – Everyone loves little pouches to help organize their stuff like makeup, pens, coloring supplies and so forth. Making a zippered pouch is a great gift idea because they are fast to make, and you can fill them with multiple items.
* **Fabric Bins** – You can make beautiful fabric bins to help organize any room in any house. Giving them as gifts is a great way to help your family and friends get more organized around the house. Tip: Look at their décor and choose a color from it so that they will want to put them out around their home.
* **Pillows** – Making pillows is also a great gift idea. Your pillows can have a funny or sentimental saying on them. For a more elegant pillow, just use beautiful fabric that matches the person’s décor. You can paint on your pillow using ink that is designed for fabric to make any design you want to, or you can use the fabric creators to help you design your own fabric.
* **Aprons** – Everyone loves a well-designed and cute apron. In addition, they are easy to sew. You really don’t even need a pattern. Just cut out the shape you want it to be. Hem it. Add a pock on the front. Sew on a tie or side fasteners and you’re all done.

Making meaningful gifts means that you choose something you know the recipient will love. Chose colors they’ll love, sayings they’ll enjoy, as well as the type of gift they’d really want to use every single day and they will feel as if the gift really means something to them.

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Email #2

**Subject:** Gifts you can make using cross-stitch

Dear [Name],

Creating gifts for your list can be overwhelming. However, you can make some easy to make cross-stitch gifts even if you don’t have expert level skills. Everyone on your list will appreciate your effort so much too.

* **Baby Wall Decorations** – Creating a wall hanging to help welcome a new baby into the world is fun. Ask the parents for a copy of the baby’s footprints and or handprints. Get the date of birth, the day, the name, and the baby’s weight and length to put on the hanging too. Make sure you match the nursery colors so that they’ll want to hang it.
* **Christmas Stockings** – Everyone loves hanging Christmas Stockings, Christmas Eve. It’s a great gift to give to almost anyone with a family. You can give them at Christmas, but you can also give them as wedding gifts, first baby gifts and more. Anytime is really the right time for some amazing handmade cross-stitched stockings.
* **Greeting Cards** – People still love getting mail from the postal service. Don’t discount how thrilled your recipients will feel getting cross-stitched hand made cards from you. You can make them for any occasion since the design is totally up to you.
* **Kitchen / Bathroom Decorative Towels** – Making some beautiful towels for your friends and family to use every day is another great cross-stitch gift idea. You can even buy towels and then use them as the material for the cross-stitch to shortcut this gift idea.
* **Quilts** – Cross-stitching a quilt is a wonderful gift idea too. People love cuddly blankets for their bed and their chairs and sofa. Having cross-stitched designs makes the blanket even more special because you added your special touch.
* **Bookmarks** – This is an inexpensive and fun idea to give to anyone who loves to read on your gift list. You can cross-stitch a favorite quote on the bookmarks, and since they’re small, you can easily produce a lot of them to give out to everyone.

Making cross-stitch gifts don’t require expert level skill if you choose the right design with just one or two stitches to learn. Set up an assembly line and before you know it, you’ll have all your gifts complete and ready.

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Email #3

**Subject:** Crochet projects that bring meaning to your family

Dear [Name],

If you really want to create some amazing memories, look no further than crochet projects. Almost anyone can learn to crochet. You can learn just by watching YouTube videos too. Imagine how happy and surprised everyone in your family will be when they get the gift you’ve made for them yourself.

* **Baby Blankets** – If you make a baby blanket for your grandchildren your kids will be amazed by your skill and generosity. Making a baby sized blanket doesn’t take as long as making other types of blankets and will get a lot of use. Be sure to create a tight stitch using soft, washable material for the best results. Choose colors the parents want in the nursery and you’ll have a meaningful, thoughtful gift.
* **Wedding Gift** – A wedding blanket or afghan. Find a beautiful lacy looking stitch for this gift. You can use white, off-white, or you can make the blanket with the bride and grooms colors. A pattern with hearts, flowers, lace, and rings will be very special.
* **Wall Hangings** – A great alternative to a blanket is making something that can be hung on the wall. Many people are using alternatives to headboards such as beautifully crocheted wall hangings to put behind the bed as a focal point.
* **Plant Hangings** – You can also use crochet to make hanging baskets and more to hold your plants and other decorative items that you want off surfaces and above the ground. Choose a sturdy fabric to crochet, consider soaking the finished project in starch and allowing to dry stiff in the right position.
* **Gifts for Dad** – A wonderfully fun and special gift for dad that can be crocheted is socks. Especially comfy soft socks to stay warm during cold winter. You can make golf head covers, a scarf, a beany hat and a sweater too. When you do make dad something to make it meaningful make it yourself but also make it useful. Dad probably will pretend to love that crocheted tie, but he’s not really going to get to use it that much.
* **Gifts for Mom** – Moms are usually very easy to please. A meaningful crocheted gift for mom is a beautiful sweater, socks, wash clothes, potholders, kitchen towels, and anything mom will use. Moms love it when their kids make them something special just for them. Use colors mom likes, and she’ll be so thrilled.
* **Quilts** – A fun project for a family is to make a crocheted quilt together. Figure out how many squares you need. Send the pattern to everyone who is participating. Everyone makes a certain number of squares. Then someone sews it together, creating a group gift for someone special.

The fact that you made the gift is going to mean so much more to the recipient than anything you could buy already made in the store.

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Email #4

**Subject:** Scrapbooking your family memories

Dear [Name],

One of the best ways to keep track of all your family memories is through scrapbooking. Scrapbooking means that you use special paper, images, and memories and combine them together to create a very special and meaningful way to keep your memories and share them with others.

* **Yearly Memories** – One way to create scrapbooking memories for your family is to create a yearly all-inclusive memory book. If you’re active, you may need to create quarterly memories. The important part is that you put only the special memories inside so that when you look at it, it means so much more when you keep it super relevant and special.
* **Special Day Albums** –Another way to create memory books is to help your kids create one book for each special memory. For example, a beautiful Sweet Sixteen, the birth of a baby, or wedding memory album the only encompasses the special day is very meaningful.
* **Reunion Scrapbook** – This is fun to do if you’re going to host a reunion. Ask everyone to contribute a special recipe or ‘how to’ that they want to share in the book. In addition, collect profiles and history from each entry too. At the reunion, take pictures of everyone individually and in their immediate family groups, plus the larger and whole group throughout the day. Get everyone a copy.

Scrapbooking is a creative way to preserve family memories for future generations. Since you create them yourself, it makes them more special because you know what memories are important. When you make them for someone else, always leave a bit of space for them to add something they’ve saved from that time in their life too.

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Email #5

**Subject:** Creating a memory book with your kids

Dear [Name],

A fun way to work on your memory scrapbooks is to do it with your kids. Letting each child make their own memory books with your guidance will be a fun and special activity to do together. When you work on it with your kids, the action will be a great memory along with the book you make together.

* **Start with a Box** – Collect memories in a box of whatever event you want to create a memory book about. This way you can store the things as you’re enjoying the experience keeping all the memories safely stored in the box until you’re ready to put the memories together in a scrapbook.
* **Collect Scrapbook Supplies** – You can use a simple binder, or you can get fancy and buy special memory scrapbook supplies. You don’t have to spend a lot of money if you go to discount stores like Tuesday Morning, Ollies, and even Walmart to buy scrapbooking supplies. Collect anything that will work such as tickets, swatches of hair, a baby tooth. Whatever your child would like in their memory book.
* **Come up With a Theme** – The event itself may be enough to create a theme, or you may want to come up with a theme for the memory book yourself. It can have something to do what the memories you’re making. It could also be something your child likes, such as dinosaurs.
* **Get All the Stuff Together** – You’ll need glue, scissors, tape, and all those supplies that enable you to put together the memory book. If you have a printer, you can design some of the pages using software like Canva.com and then print them out on photo paper to add to your scrapbook.
* **Supervise but Let Them Do It** – Don’t make your kids do it your way. Provide the supplies the place and the memories. Give them ideas but let them do it their way. Enjoy the experience. Take pictures of the fun activity so that they’ll remember the memory book creation too.

Creating a memory book for your child is a fun activity to do anytime the weather is not good for going outside. A rainy day or a cold evening spent together creating more memories is a fun way to spend the time together. You’ll both appreciate the time, but you’ll also appreciate the memory book that your child can save forever.

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Email #6

**Subject:** Shadowbox displays make amazing gifts

Dear [Name],

A fun and meaningful crafty thing you can make are shadow box displays. They make fun gifts that the recipient will really appreciate because normally the shadow box is comprised of something you want to remember such as the birth of a baby, graduation, or some other celebration.

A shadowbox generally is a very deep picture frame that allows you to display three-dimensional memories. They can be actual items such as gold plated or silver-plated baby shoes, ballet shoes or badges, medals or other memories of service or fun activities. All you need is a deep frame, pins, glue, double-stick tape, and other supplies to create it.

**Here are some ideas for shadowboxes:**

**Babies First Shoes**

All you need is a shadowbox and few pictures of baby wearing the shoes. However, you may also want to include the shoes, which can be covered in gold, silver, or even copper to make them stand out in the frame. Of course, you can leave them as they are too. Put the shoes in the shadow box along with a few other memories like a rattle, bracelet, or necklace to make the shoes stand out. You can use a label maker to add the child’s name and birthdate in the frame.

**Sports Memories**

If your child receives a sports award, incorporate a shadowbox. You can use the sports team colors and save tickets from each event. Use a game ball, or other memories along with the award that you’ll put in the shadowbox to add more interest.

**Wedding Shadowbox**

A wedding is also a great reason to make a shadowbox. Use the bride’s flowers, the invitation, the wedding program, and other things you want the bride to remember. Give this to the bride before she leaves for her honeymoon for a wonderful send off.

**Fun Scenes**

Another use for a shadowbox is for general décor. You can create fun scenes inside the shadowbox. If you have a beachy theme, creating a fun shadowbox scene with sand, shells, ribbon, and pictures is a great way to capture the beach feel.

**Family Shield Shadowbox**

If you know your family’s coat of arms or have a family history tree, a shadowbox is the perfect way to display the story of your family. What makes these shadowboxes meaningful is that they’re going to be one-of-a-kind creations based on any memory that you want to keep. They make excellent gifts due to requiring your special touch and personalization.

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Email #7

**Subject:** Teaching your child to make 'grandma's secret recipe'

Dear [Name],

Keeping family traditions going is an important part of raising a family. The traditions won’t be saved unless you share them with your kids and grandkids. A great way to pass on family traditions is to share food memories with your kids and grandkids.

**Create a Special Memory**

Teaching your child to make grandma’s secret recipe is going to be a very special memory for their childhood. Sometimes it can be hard to pass on these recipes because most grandmas don’t measure everything out. They just know how to make what they make, and they make it. However, you can help your child learn to make grandma’s secret recipes by taking the time to learn it yourself including measurements.

**Learn Life Skills**

Learning to cook is an important life skill, but it will be even more special due to learning to cook grandma’s secret recipe. It’ll make the task of learning to cook much more memorable and fun. Whether it’s grandma’s special mashed potatoes, chicken salad, or pie doesn’t even matter. What matters is that you do the tasks together.

**Learn Kitchen Safety**

Learning to make grandma’s secret recipes teaches kids about kitchen safety, eating well, and about the responsibility involved in feeding people. In addition, you’ll get a great opportunity to spend quality time with your child or grandchild teaching them your mom’s best banana bread recipe. When you’re done cooking together, give them a copy of the recipe, the directions, and some photos of cooking it together for them to add to their memories.

When you make preparing these recipes a special event, they’ll remember it and probably do it for their child or grandchild too. The great thing is that children as young as two can help stir things and feel as if they’re participating. What’s even better is when you start younger the kids look forward to it even more. Moreover, you’re keeping a family tradition going.

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Email #8

**Subject:** Making hand and footprints in clay

Dear [Name],

One thing that is so sweet about young kids are their little hands and feet. It’s so hard to believe looking at your 32-year-old that they were ever small and sweet. However, if you have clay hand and footprints to look at you can bring the memory home every time you see it.

You can make a wall hanging with clay, but you can also make hand and footprint stones that can make a sweet garden path. It’s up to you what you do with this idea, but the opportunities for memories are amazing.

**What You Need**

You’ll need to get some quick-setting cement, a bucket, water, cardboard box, ruler, and a pencil. You can also buy kits at any craft store for either wall hangings or for the decorative stones for your garden path. You may also want to use some form of string or yarn to hang it as a wall hanging.

**What to Do**

Mix the cement with water according to the directions. It should look like fully cooked oatmeal inconsistency. You’ll pour the cement into the box at least 1 to 2 inches thick. Smooth it out with the ruler and let set for about five minutes. If using as a wall hanging, use the pencil to put holes in the corners, where you can string it to hang.

Then help the child put their hands and/or feet in the mixture so that the cement is pushed down about ½ an inch into the cement mixture. Let the cement dry for 48 hours. After tearing off the cardboard, you can turn it into a wall hanging or a stone for the path. You can make some stepping-stones with shapes such as flowers, butterflies, etc.

You can do this activity with a child of almost any age. Of course, they will all need supervision so that they don’t get the cement all over the place and wash it off before it dries from anyplace it lands other than inside the box. This is a fun activity for a party too so that kids have something to take home with them when it’s over.

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Email #9

**Subject:** Make a holiday photo collage to remember your vacation forever

Dear [Name],

If you want to give everyone something, a photo collage is a good option. It’s fun and simple to make, doesn’t require a lot of tools and it looks great for hanging on the wall too.

**You’ll Need**

* **Elmer’s Glue-All** – You can also buy Mod Podge for this, but the glue works the same and costs less.
* **Sponge Brush** – This will be for spreading the glue over the pictures and images.
* **Wood** – You’ll want a piece of wood as large as the hanging you want to make. You can go ahead and add the twine or wire to the back of it for hanging too.
* **Photographs** – Using photo paper print out the photos you want to use for the project.
* **Paper Decorations** – You can also add touches of interest with other paper decorations that you either print out yourself or cut from magazines.
* **Twine for Hanging** – You can use twine or wire to hang your creation when you’re done.

The rest is very simple. Just cut out the pictures you want on the board. Before using any glue, lay out the images and decorations on top of the board. Experiment with the layout, overlapping as needed so that the entire board is covered, and it looks good.

Once it’s all in place, use the sponge to coat the board with glue. Add a coat on the pictures. It will be slightly luminescent. After it dries, you’re ready to hang the creation where you wish.

An alternative idea is to find a piece of glass or Plexiglas to cover it when it’s dry. You can set it on a table as a display instead. To affix the glass, it works best if you have a nice border around the board so that you can add a lot of glue to ensure it sticks well.

This is a fun way to remember your vacation forever. This is especially fun if you all work on your memory boards together at the end of your vacation. The experience of creating the memory board will be an additional fun and meaningful memory for your family to talk about for years to come.

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Email #10

**Subject:** Ideas for making a memory locket

Dear [Name],

Want to make a memorable and fun gift for someone on the top of your list? A memory locket will surprise and thrill almost anyone because it’s so specific and special. Today you can make a memory locket that has more to offer than just a picture if you [invest in Charm Me Story Lockets via Amazon from Hobby Lobby](https://www.amazon.com/slp/story-lockets/g6x2goo7sog4377).

You can also buy empty lockets and add your own ideas for memories such as beach sand, a seashell, or something that helps you remember the part of the vacation, holiday, or even that you want to remember. When making your memory locket, think outside the box by putting things in there that only you understand.

For example, if something special happened to you at the beach on day 3 a number 3 with beach sand might be all you need inside that locket. Perhaps you want to add miniature shells that you’ve painted pretty colors to make it stand out even more. You may even want to add a map to the background of the place it happened.

Memory lockets can be very direct and very subtle in their meanings. You can make it obvious the meaning, for example, giving your hairdresser a pretty locket with miniature scissors inside is a nice gift for them, but you can also make it so that only the receiver understands the significance. For example, if you want to commemorate your first date adding details that help you remember the first date will make it super special to you.

With all the miniature things you can buy to put inside a locket today you can literally let your imagination go wild as you shop for just what you want either online or offline at stores like Hobby Lobby. However, searching online for memory locket ideas and supplies will probably be the easiest way to find exactly what you need.

Don’t forget, a locket doesn’t have to be worn around the neck. It can be a brooch, a watch, a necklace, on a belt or as a decoration on a pretty box. Lockets can be used for all sorts of things including jewelry and other décor. Only your imagination can hold you back. These memory lockets will truly make someone’s day.

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