

From the kitchen and prepared with love

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Every Christmas, you spend hours in the kitchen baking cookies to give to your family and friends. There's just something special about piling a plate with freshly baked cookies, covering it with foil and delivering it to so many happy faces.

Sadly, with each passing year, it seems like your cookie list is getting smaller and smaller as friends and family move farther away. You wish you could send them a plate of cookies, but you just don't think the cookies would hold up. Why not send them cookie mixes in a jar instead? Sure, recipients will have to bake the cookies themselves, but it sure beats them not getting any at all. Interested? Read on to learn how to make cookie mixes in a jar.

First, go through your cookbooks and select a few of your favorite cookie recipes. Study the dry ingredients in each recipe and make sure you can fit them into a quart-sized jar. If you can't, then you may have to cut the recipe in half and work from there.

Next, gather all of the necessary supplies – several quart-sized jars, the dry ingredients used in each recipe and some fabric, ribbon and recipe. Select a recipe and get started on the first jar. Measure out the dry ingredients needed, and mix all like ingredients together, such as flour with baking soda, powder and salt, and brown sugar with granulated sugar.



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