

Upcycled Glass Jars as Memory Jars

Got some empty glass jars lying around? Let's transform them into beautiful memory jars! Whether it's to hold special notes, photos, or little mementos, these upcycled jars will help you keep cherished memories close. Perfect for a family crafting session, these jars can be personalized with all kinds of fun decorations, making each one unique and filled with love!



Materials List: Gather Your Upcycling Goodies!

- **Empty glass jars** (any size will do—cleaned and label-free!)
- **Mod Podge or glue** (for attaching decorations)
- **Colorful paper or fabric scraps** (to wrap around the jar or create labels)
- **Ribbons, twine, or lace** (to tie around the jar for an extra touch)
- **Stickers or washi tape** (for fun, decorative accents)
- **Permanent markers or paint pens** (to write on the glass or paper)
- **Small trinkets or charms** (to glue onto the jar for added personality)
- **Scissors** (for cutting paper, fabric, or ribbon)
- **Memories!** (like small photos, handwritten notes, or keepsakes to fill your jar)

Instructions: Let's Create a Memory Jar!

1. **Prep Your Jar:** Make sure your glass jar is clean and free of labels. If there's any sticky residue left, a little soap and warm water will do the trick!
2. **Wrap It in Love:** Take your colorful paper or fabric and cut it to fit around the jar. Secure it with Mod Podge or glue. You can even use patterned paper or your favorite fabric scraps to make it extra special!
3. **Add Personal Touches:** Time to decorate! Use ribbons, twine, or lace to tie around the top of the jar. You can also add stickers, washi tape, or even glue small trinkets like buttons or charms onto the jar for a fun, personalized look.
4. **Write It Out:** Use permanent markers or paint pens to write something meaningful on the jar. It could be the year, a special name, or a motivational quote like "Cherish the Moments" or "Memories Inside!"
5. **Fill with Memories:** Now that your jar is beautifully decorated, it's time to fill it! Add small photos, handwritten notes, ticket stubs, or any little treasures that remind you of special moments.
6. **Seal It with a Smile:** Once your jar is filled, place the lid back on (you can decorate the lid too!) and set it somewhere special, or gift it to someone you love.

Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!

Want to make your memory jar extra magical? Try adding fairy lights inside for a glowing effect, or paint the jar with glow-in-the-dark paint so your memories shine at night! You can also create themed memory jars, like a "Vacation Memories" jar or "Birthday Wishes" jar to celebrate specific occasions.