

Topics: Traditions,
Holidays and
Observances, Time,
Measurement

Materials List

- ✓ 2-Liter preform or another cylindrical container w/ cap
- ✓ Mylar or equivalent shiny material
- ✓ Gift wrap or other decorative paper
- ✓ String/yarn
- ✓ Paper clip
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Optional: pens, markers, seasonal stickers, ribbon
- ✓ Optional: Tags cut from colorful cardstock

Learning Standards

CCSS ELA/Literacy:
Writing K-12

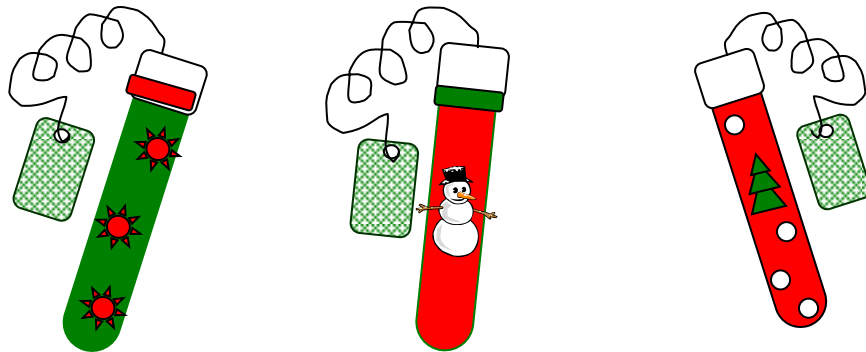
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Time Capsule Ornaments

Preserving the Year to Hang on a Tree



A great gift idea for children to bring home for the holidays, these personalized ornaments contain memorable information about the maker. They can be enjoyed as a decoration for the tree and as a walk down memory lane!

To Do and Notice

1. Cut the gift wrap or decorative paper into festive shapes and decorate the outside of the container. Optional: add seasonal stickers or other decorations.
2. Roll a piece of shiny material and place it into the container.
3. Fill the ornament with a variety of items that represent the maker. These items can vary according to the maker's age and interests. The possibilities are endless! Here are a few suggestions:

For Younger Students:	For Older Students:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Height/weight measured with ribbon • Outline of hand and/or foot • Shape cut in child's favorite color • Child's picture • Favorite small toy • Drawing • List of favorites: food, color, animal, sport, book, movie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of favorites: sport, book, car, song, game, movie, store, TV show • Drawing • Poem written by student • Description of vacation(s) taken • Best friends' autograph • Predictions for the coming year • Who student would most like to meet

4. Close the ornament container the cap.
5. Tie a piece of string or yarn around the ornament. Alternatively, curl a piece of ribbon using scissors or a pencil and tie around the ornament.
6. Optional: Make a tag out of colorful cardstock with a message or name. Tie the tag to the ornament with string, yarn, or ribbon.
7. Hang the ornament onto a tree using an opened paper clip.

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