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Making a handmade gift is not only special, a great way to show your affection, and personalized, but also a way to celebrate in a sustainable and eco-friendly way! Just think of how that special person will light up with a gift that was tailored made just for them.

For the Beverage Enthusiast

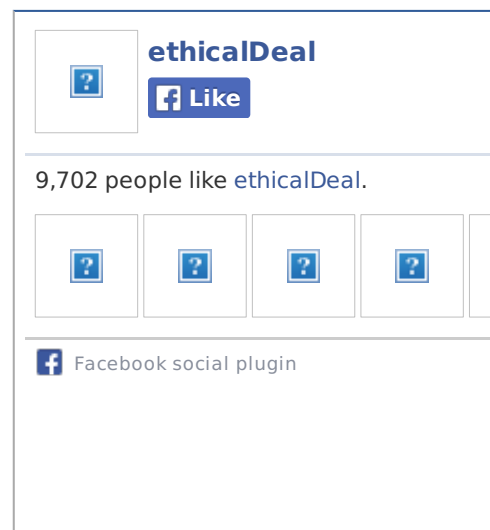


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Most men have a favourite drink – from beer, wine, spirits, to soda. To create the perfect handmade (and eco-friendly) gift for the guy in your life, purchase yourself a kit to make his favourite beverage and brew up something you know he'll love. You can also create custom labels on upcycled containers that create a unique expression of your affection.

Handmade Valentine's Gift: For the Travel Enthusiast



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If your loved one adores traveling the world with you, commemorate your excursions with this handmade Valentine's gift. Buy a world map – an artsy one from the secondhand store would be preferable, but really any map will do – and then symbolically mark off where you've been and where you plan to go. You could either colour in the locations or use fun pins to represent each category. Be sure to add an artistic title to the map and find a great place to hang it to dream together about where to travel next!

Handmade Valentine's Gift: For the Coffee Lover



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If you've got someone in your life that just cannot be without their morning coffee, why not make a chalkboard mug? Simply upcycle a secondhand mug by painting the outside with chalkboard paint and inscribe the outside with a note of affection. The best part about this gift is that you can refresh your words of love as often as you wish!

Handmade Valentine's Gift: For the Family, Mother, Father



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Give a special handmade gift by creating some photo coasters. Head on over to the local thrift store to select some basic coasters or small ceramic tiles, then take them home and decoupage images of your children on each one. Include a picture of yourself, too!

Handmade Valentine's Gift: For the Gadget Lover



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If your partner is in love with their iPad or smartphone, help them keep it safe with a handmade case. Use your sewing skills to create something that suits their personality and style, with appropriately sized pockets and stylish zippers. Make it really special by upcycling their most loved (but no longer wearable) T-shirt or pair of jeans and tuck a note of sweetness in each pocket

as an added touch of warmth!

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Maryruth has been seeking the keys to environmental justice—both at home and at work—for over a decade. Growing up adjacent to wild spaces, Maryruth developed a healthy respect (and whimsical appreciation) for things non-human, but her practical mind constantly draws her down to earth to ponder tangible solutions to complex eco-problems. With interests that range from green living to green business, sustainable building designs to organic gardening practices, ecosystem restoration to environmental health, Maryruth has been exploring and writing about earth-matters for most of her life. Of special interest is the subject of ecopsychology and the role the natural world plays in the long-term health and well-being of humanity. You can learn more about Maryruth's work by [visiting her site](#).

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