

## Buckets Full of Holiday Joy

**Great gifts for your horse and barn friends.**

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Are you at your wit's end when it comes to deciding what to give your horsey friends this holiday? Before you collapse with a case of colic, take heart: here are some nifty gifts for your trainer, your riding partners, and even that favorite horse on your list. What's really great is that you don't have to wrap these presents. Just stash them inside a colorful feed bucket. Then tie a big bow on the handle, perhaps add some easily removable holiday stickers, and your bucket of joy is ready for presentation!

**Trainer treats:** A gift certificate to a local restaurant or movie theater—even professionals like to get away from the barn once in a while    Baseball cap or visor with the stable's name embroidered above the brim    Set of stable towels (moderately priced hand towels work fine) in the barn's colors; add monogram    Inexpensive work gloves    Photo frame that includes a group snapshot of barn clients

**For the rider who has everything:** Coupons for the local bistro or burger stand so they can grab a quick lunch after a long ride    Some boot socks, a pair of boot pulls and a jar of polish    Saddle soap and a small sponge    Gift certificate, purchased from their instructor, for an extra lesson    Maps or road atlas of local freeways and highways for those who do a lot of hauling to shows or trail rides

**Happy horse stuff:** Gift bag of horse treats (If you're creative, locate a recipe and make them yourself!)    Fly mask and fly spray    Hoof dressing in brushtop can    Bottle of color-enhancing shampoo, body sponge and sweat scraper  
Certificate to local feed store

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