

Home Warming Basket #4624

Overstuff the laundry basket with Excelsior. Cut the wooden dowel to a length of up to 30 inches.

Put a generous amount of hot glue on the dowel and firmly push it down, through the Excelsior. The extra 6 inches of the dowel should be used for support and all should be well glued into the Excelsior. Glue the Peanut Corn to the back of the dowel for extra stability. Remove the lid from the Family Assortment, wrapping the protective papers around the back of the box and attaching them to the box. Shrink-wrap the box to keep the candy protected. Glue the top of the box, with the Kilwin's logo showing, at a corner-to-corner angle. Attach both lid and assortment to the front of the dowel.

Fill the remaining ingredients being sure that everything shows well. The power strip, light bulbs, etc. lend a bit of humor to the gift and catch the customer's eye. The gift is also practical for moving day, as it contains everything from water to duct tape to coffee and nuts.

Shrink-wrap the entire basket – tall dowel, ingredients and all! Completely encircle the basket in the #40 ribbon and use the remaining ribbon to make an extra-large bow with long tails.

Use a display sign with your price inserted (available online).

Miscellaneous Items		Cost
1. Laundry Basket	Willow Specialties, pg. 107 I, #8272.25 (5.50)	5.50
2. Bow	Floral Supply, pg. 7, #R3378, Vibrant, size #40, 5 yds.	3.75
3. Shrink Wrap	Nowco, pg. 67, NB26, 30x26	.55
4. Excelsior	Floral Supply, pg. 87, your choice	1.00
5. 3/4" dowel	Local hardware store	.75

*The following items are all available at Walmart stores.

6. 4 bar towels		
7. Roll of Duct Tape		
8. AA Batteries		
9. Power Strip		
10. Flashlight with batteries		
11. Box of light bulbs	cost approx.	<u>20.00</u>
		31.55

Kilwin's Items	Cost
1. 11010	Kilwin's water (4) .41
2. 1640	Cherry Coins 1.65
3. 4533	3 Pretzel Rods, Wht, Mk, Dk, Pkg. 1.14
4. 4545	Sprinkled Mk Marsh Puff, Pkg. .61
5. 4548	Sprinkled Triple Marsh Puff, Pkg. .72
6. 1311	Chocolate Tool Set 3.30
7. 970	Caramel Corn 1.17
8. 969	Peanut Corn 3.41
9. 10002	Maple Sugar 2.80
10.1608	Mixed Chocolate Nuts 2.78
11.1607	Jordan Almonds 2.72
12.1620	Mint Malt Balls 1.83
13.1619	Chocolate Malt Balls 1.86
14.1613	Toffee Almonds 2.88
15.988	Cashew Brittle 3.49
16.9950	Kilwin's coffee .76
17.1233	Salt Water Taffy 1.99
18.1637	Red Licorice 1.59
19.1395	Family Assortment, 28 oz. 16.31
20.1402	Cherry Cordials, 11 oz. <u>7.16</u>
	58.67
Total Product Cost	90.22
Labor	_____
Total Cost	_____
Sell Price	_____

*Catalogs for basket supplies: Willow Specialties, 34 Clinton St., Batavia, NY 14020, 800.724.7300, fax: 585.344.2999. Floral Supply Syndicate (Mike), 805.347.9994 or 805.389.1232(24 hrs.). Ampelco Ribbon Company, 800.GIFT BOX, Frank and Sue Breen, 4818 Skyline Dr., Perrinton, MI 48871, 989.682.4835, fax: 989.682.9235. Bags and Bows, 800.225.8155, fax: 800.225.8454. Oriental Trading Company, 800.526.9300, fax: 800.741.2599. Nowco, 800.284.1332, fax: 800.244.4015. Reed & Barton, William Maxwell, 22869 Sagebrush, Novi, MI, 248.347.1167 (phone/fax). Chocolate Concepts, P.O. Box 1360, Hartville, OH 44632, 330.877.3322, fax: 330.877.1100.