



Tiny glass vials are perfect for storing beads, sequins and glitter from their original packaging. We found inexpensive packages of them at our local Hobby Lobby craft store in both the scrapbook embellishments and jewelry storage sections (www.hobbylobby.com).

A CRAFTER'S STOCKING

Stocking stuffers are so much fun to shop for – any small treats or toys are fair game, and who doesn't like finding a sock full of treasures on Christmas morning? We've taken this tradition one step further with some cute ideas for filling a crafter's stocking. Check out these charming finds and ideas that we know would get us excited for creating well into the new year.

1. These mini skeins of Lion Brand BonBons are sweet enough to eat. They're available in sets of eight and a variety of color combinations including Brights, Pastels, Beach, Nature, Party and Celebrate. Shown are white and light green; available at www.lionbrand.com.
2. Sequins never get old for both the young and young at heart. Messy? Maybe. But whether you glue, stitch or string them, they add a touch of dimensional sparkle to any project.
3. Fabric flowers are everywhere these days, but they can be time-consuming when all you need is a quick touch of embellishment on a sweater, scrapbook page or home accessory. We love these Prima Flowers from the Madrigal Blossom collection in Maestro Mauve, available in a set of six (www.hobbylobby.com).
4. Glitter – love it or hate it, you can't deny that many a crafter can't live without it. Pink shown is Glitter Scintillement by Advantus Corp. in Bubble Gum; silver is Emporium German Glass Glitter by Wendy Addison in German Silver (www.tinseltrading.com).
5. Beading is addictive, and the dedicated crafter can never have too many choices. Bottle a few gorgeous colors in attractive glass vials; we are particularly fond of these turquoise Czech glass 11/0 seed beads by Bead Treasures (www.hobbylobby.com).
6. Gingher scissors are our top-of-the-line, go-to brand for cutting through fabrics and trims like butter (8-inch shears shown; store.marthapullen.com).
7. It's no secret that we love buttons. Here, we have repackaged some of our custom mix into a glass jar, the neck of which has been wrapped in aqua Divine Twine with a paper tag (buttons and twine available at store.marthapullen.com).
8. A measuring tape is a must-have in any craft or sewing room. Why stick to boring yellow or white when pink ones exist? Tape shown is by Sew-Ology (www.hobbylobby.com).
9. Czech glass beads in shimmering colors can be mixed and matched for a stunning combination. Shown are metallic silver 6/0 seed beads and gold bugle beads by Bead Treasures (www.hobbylobby.com).
10. A rainbow of thread is every sewer's dream, and quality makes all the difference for ease of use and top-notch results (store.marthapullen.com).
11. Raid your stash of craft leftovers for bits of coordinating trim and ribbon, then wrap lengths around a readymade wooden tag for a candy-colored token of crafty goodness that is sure to please!