



## ***SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS***

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### **Leader Training Guide**

#### **EASY IDEAS FOR MAKING DOOR PRIZES**

**Objectives:** To offer ideas for door prizes for SCFCL meetings and events that anyone can make.

**Lesson Overview/Introduction:** Finding door prizes that are attractive, useful and inexpensive is at times very frustrating. Many people are not crafters and will resort to using dollar store items or items that are "re-gifted", but you can make great door prizes that your members will love. No particular skills are needed and all of these ideas are budget friendly. You may even have many of the supplies used already on hand. All supplies can be easily found at discount or thrift stores.

**Lesson:** One of the best door prizes is any "gift in a jar". You'll need glass jars (look at Walmart, Big Lots, Hobby Lobby, thrift stores, your own pantry) and something to put in them. That could be cookie mix, birdseed, manicure/pedicure items, spa items, popcorn and seasonings, homemade cookies, fudge, brownies, etc., gardening supplies, kitchen items, beauty supplies, or anything seasonal. The size of the jar determines the contents, but look for jars that go with what is going to be in them. Wide mouth jars are easier to fill. Be sure the jar has a lid, to keep the contents in it and to make it easier to transport. Decorating the jar is optional, but a nice ribbon bow and silk flower can finish it off nicely.

Another good door prize is anything with a chalkboard on it. Don't panic! You don't have to be crafty to do this. Chalkboard paint is easy to work with, you can even use foam brushes to apply it. You can find the paint at most home improvement stores and craft stores and one quart will go a long way. Most projects will usually only require a couple of coats of the paint. The list of things to use chalkboard paint on is endless. New or old trays, platters and plates make charming signs. Picture frames that have the glass painted with chalkboard paint can be used for grocery lists in the kitchen, a memo pad in the office, a menu in the dining room, a reminder for appointments at the door and can be used for names on kid's bedroom doors. Small patches of paint can be used on jars to label contents, on glasses to put names on for parties and on anything that is flat enough to write on. You can even make gift tags and wrapping paper with chalkboard paint!

Beautiful cake stands are easy to make. You'll need a glass or ceramic plate and something to make the stand with, usually a bowl, glass or candlestick. You will also need a strong, waterproof glue to attach the pieces. The best one for this is E-6000 glue, found at Walmart, Lowes, and Home Depot. Follow directions on the tube of glue. You can use clear, solid or printed plates and pedestals or mix them up. Vintage plates from the thrift store make lovely stands. Look for fluted edges and unusual designs.

Using the same idea, you can make a jewelry/makeup organizer. Just start with a plate for the base, add a bowl next, and top with a cup or mug, gluing them all together with the E-6000 glue.

Cloches are very popular now. (Cloche – French for bell) "A cloche is a bell shaped covering that is used to protect objects but can also be decorative." A cloche made from chicken wire is a quick construction. You'll need chicken wire, a wire cutter, gloves and a heavy florist wire. Decide on the height of the cloche and cut the chicken wire to the desired height. Decide on the circumference of the cloche and wearing gloves, cut the chicken wire to that width plus about two inches more. Roll up the wire to form the cloche and secure the edge by folding the cut edges of one side to the other side of the wire. Use the welded edge of the wire for the bottom of the cloche. Wearing gloves, gather up the top of the cloche, leaving a few inches of wire at the top to form the handle of the cloche. Secure the gathered chicken wire with a piece of florist wire. Form a ball with the extra chicken wire at the top of the cloche. Your cloche can be put on a plate, a tray or a piece of wood to make a base. To add a little extra, put a small plant inside.

Handmade hand and body lotion is always appreciated. This recipe makes a great lotion. You'll need: 16 oz. of baby lotion (regular scent is best), 8 oz. Vaseline and 8 oz. Vitamin E cream. All can be found at Dollar General. Place ingredients in mixer bowl and mix on medium speed until it resembles icing. For a door prize, use at least a half-pint to pint sized jar for lotion. Look for old jars at thrift stores or use pretty canning jars. Put a label on the jar and even include the recipe for the lotion, if you can. A note.....this stuff is fabulous, make some for yourself!

Another good beauty product to make homemade is sugar scrub. This coconut sugar scrub can be used on your face and body. Only two ingredients are needed. 1 cup of sugar and ½ cup of coconut oil. Mix the two thoroughly and place in a decorative container. You might tie on a pretty facecloth with a ribbon and add a label with directions to GENTLY scrub skin with the mixture and rinse well. It really makes skin soft!

**Lesson Summary:** Don't settle for uninspired door prizes. It's easy and inexpensive to make door prizes that everyone will love. You do not have to be an experienced crafter or break the bank to produce great gifts for your next meeting.

**Suggested Activities:** Ask club members to share memorable door prizes they have received or created themselves. Have a group session to make door prizes for your next event. Go on a shopping trip together to thrift stores to look for supplies or bring items from homes to use.

**Suggested Materials:** Vintage crockery, unusual containers, remnants of ribbon and lace and silk flowers.

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