

- Making artwork (that perhaps you take and glaze or frame)
- Making cards or other art pieces for each other or for a family member
- Bringing in a kit or supplies for something your mentee can continue working on at home
- Anything that creates a memory between you

Remember that a gift is a gift.

If you give a gift, your mentee gets to choose what to do with it. Some mentors become disappointed or resentful if their mentee doesn't use the gift as intended or if the gift becomes lost or damaged. If you let negative feelings about the gift enter your relationship, that thinking can damage other parts of the mentoring experience. Recall also that your mentee may not have practice in graciously accepting gifts. While we hope you will not feel this disappointment, your Mentor Director can help you process these feelings and offer the perspective that you are respecting your mentee's individuality and voice.