Christmas Prep Blog Review: 5 Last Minute Gifts

Wow, it's already Christmas Eve!

I thought I was done with all my Christmas prepping until I realized I forgot to buy presents for a prepper friend of mine who is coming to dinner tomorrow.

I am sure he will be delighted by my delicious traditional Christmas turkey, but I want to offer him something special because this day is about offering, is about joy, peace and wonderful moments with friends and family.

As I am in a rush and there is no time to start searching for the perfect present, I am going to try one of the projects I will share with you below.

So, if you have unexpected guests or you forgot to buy a present, here are some great and unique ides of stocking stuffer you can make from scratch right know.

Or you could buy this pack of cards containing <u>52</u> <u>encapsulated survival tips, covering everything from water</u> <u>purification to OPSEC.</u>

1. How to Make a Paracord Belt



"These paracord belt instructions and easy to follow instructions show you how to make a DIY paracord rescue belt, my favorite of all the paracord belts I tried.

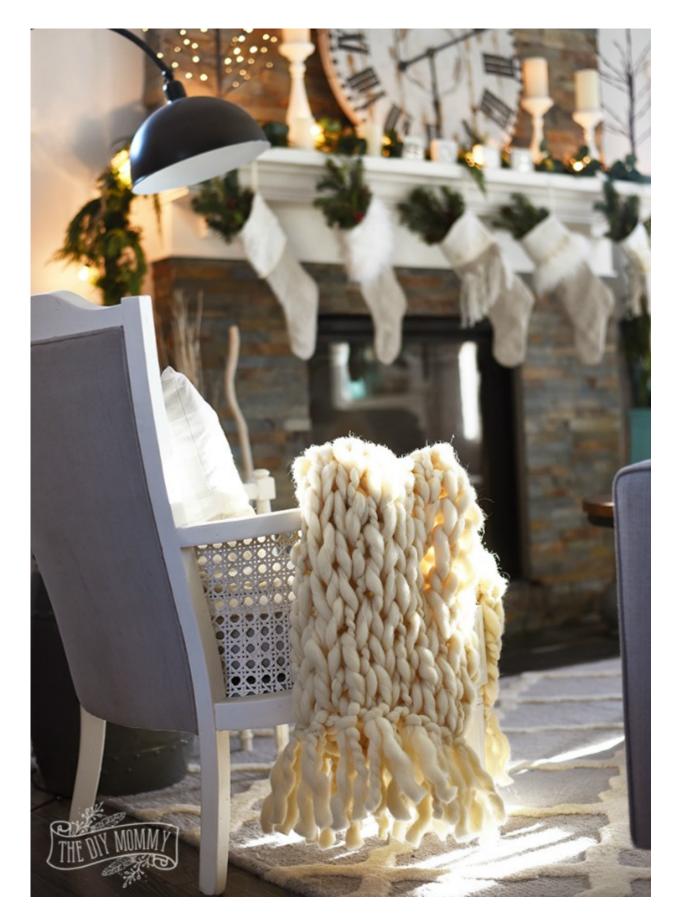
Paracord bracelets can come in handy but only have 8-12 feet of rope, while a paracord belt can have up to 50 feet or more of 550 paracord. In extreme survival situations, 50 feet of rope would be a lot more use for you than 8-12 feet.

However, this paracord belt gives you at least 50 feet of paracord rope that is quickly accessible, and depending on your waist size, up to 100 ft of 550 cord.

This belt is a quick deploy survival rescue belt that uses Slatt's rescue weave. You can unravel, or deploy, the paracord in a matter of seconds."

Read more on **DIY Projects**.

2. How to Make an Arm Knit Blanket



"One of my most favourite projects and the one that been the most popular on my blog this year is my arm knit blanket from January. I made this fringed arm knit blanket in a couple of hours. Let me show you how easy it is to make a soft & squishy blanket like this! For this project, you'll need an extra bulky yarn. Five skeins made my lap-sized blanket with a fringe. I love the way this yarn gets thicker and thinner in parts to give this blanket even more texture.

I did a test swatch, and the gauge of this yarn was 0.5 stitches per inch. If using a different yarn, you'll need to make your own test swatch to see what your guage is and determine how many stitches you'll need to make your blanket. For a lap-size blanket (about 36″ wide by 40″ high), I made my blanket 18 stitches wide by 20 stitches long.

To begin, measure out about 18 arm lengths of yarn for your tail, and then create a slipknot."

Read more on The DIY Mommy.

3. How to Make Flannel and Felt Last-Minute Handwarmers



"Flannel and Felt Last-Minute Handwarmers... a quick gift that you can mass-produce and have by the door, ready to share with someone who needs their heart warmed as much as their hands. Ever needed a last-minute gift to reciprocate or just to show some love and appreciation?

These felt and flannel hand warmers are a quick gift that you can mass-produce and have by the door, ready to share with someone who needs their heart warmed as much as their hands. The felt heart embellishment adds an easy, personal touch.

I'm personally smitten with all of the cute black, red, and gray flannel plaids available this year. I used a bunch for a quilt and decided to use some of the scraps for these cute, quick hand warmers."

Read more on <u>IHeartNapTime</u>.



4. How to Make Homemade Rosemary – Mint Goat Milk Soap

"Oh my goodness you guys! This rosemary-mint goat milk soap smells divine, and that creamy milk-based soap just can't be beat! I have a whole list of our favorite essential oil blends for soap making, and this particular blend isn't on the list – because this is the first time I've ever tried it. I love all of those blends, but to be honest, at least 50% of the soap I make, I'm always trying new things. That's what makes life interesting! Another thing that was a first for me with this batch, is that I used canned goat milk that I bought from our local grocery store. much to my surprise, canned goat milk is brown! Always before, I've used either fresh, or frozen goat milk either from our own goats, or my sister-in-law's goats, and of course, it's the brightest shade of white. Even better, if you get it icy before you add it to the lye for making soap, it stays a beautiful creamy white."

Read more on Frugal Farm Wife.

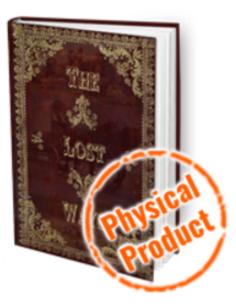
5. How to Make Bath Bombs (video tutorial)



"If you guys have followed my blog for a while or watch my Snapchat's, then you know I'm a little obsessed with bath bombs. There are few things I like more than soaking in a hot bath with a bath bomb.

The essential oils help nourish and moisturize my skin, especially during the winter months. Today I want to share a bath bomb video tutorial to show you exactly how I make my bath bombs. I receive a lot of questions on my bath bombs tutorials and figured this would help answer a lot of them. I'd also like to answer some frequently asked questions and share my new bath bomb recipe."

Read more on <u>A Pumpkin And A Princess</u>.



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