

Busy shoppers can find beautiful, unique gifts at Mom & Me Candles

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If you're not sure what to buy for the people on your Christmas list, why not set a price, and let the ladies at Mom & Me Candles do all the work? Owner Vicki Dillow is sure your recipient won't be disappointed. Mom & Me Candles, along with adjacent business Crafts, Quilts and More, offers a giant selection of handmade decorations and candles all year long. Shoppers can find decorations for every holiday and season, and everything is reasonably priced.

When customers become club members, they can receive candles at wholesale, and other items at a discount. A lifetime membership is \$20, and yearly memberships are \$5.

Dillow says her store will be having themed specials every day until Christmas. One day, everything in the store with snowmen will be 20 percent off — another day, anything red or green will be on sale.

Additionally, on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Mom & Me Candles will be having a Moonlight Madness sale. The store will be open until midnight, and everything will be discounted.

A gift idea guaranteed to be unique is a gift basket from Mom & Me. If you're shopping for a man, don't stop reading yet. These gift baskets can be designed for men and women of all ages.

Baskets can be created with just about any theme and price range imaginable. Dillow says many Christmas-themed baskets include angels, snowmen, Santas, ornaments, jellies (Dillow says fruit baskets run too fast), sachets, candles, and soaps. Items such as bears, notepads, mugs, and jewelry can also be included in the baskets.

She says men appreciate receiving candles and jellies. Baskets can also be created with a golf, fishing, or University of Kentucky theme.

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Vicki Dillow, co-owner/operator of Mom & Me Candles, welcomes customers to her store.

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Customers can even call Mom & Me and order a basket over the phone based on the desired price range.

If you're not convinced that you want a gift basket, the shop offers other beautiful gifts, such as floral arrangements, wreaths, centerpieces, personalized miniature Christmas trees, sachets, soaps, homemade jellies, candy, wall hangings, and, of course, candles and incense.

Mom & Me offers candles in all shapes, sizes and scents. Dillow says they have a large selection of Christmas scents, including eggnog, sugar cookies, holiday spice, spiced plum, and cinnamon — to name a few.

Dillow and her helpers Vicki Gibson, Lou Dick, and daughter Sherri Stephens, who operates the Mom & Me Candles location in Lexington) serve as "Santa and elves" during the holiday season. Orders for gift baskets begin pouring in in November, and they often put in long hours creating the personalized baskets. A business in Ohio has ordered 60 baskets for its employees. Dillow says many local businesses order up to ten baskets at a time for holiday gifts.

Mom & Me has been in busi-

ness for more than five years. It has grown from a small mother-and-daughter-run craft shop into a business with retail spaces literally across the country.

Their candles are known for being highly scented. They include as much scent as the candle can hold. Mom & Me's candle wicks don't contain lead. Their candles are made and wrapped in the basement of the business' location on Hwy. 90 near Brocton.

Other Mom & Me locations include one on Ogden Street in Somerset and one in Lexington's Turfhand Mall. Dillow says the business also displays goods in areas of other stores throughout the state. Many club members buy large amounts of the candles at wholesale, and then re-sell them.

Mom & Me candles are unique, and Dillow says she and her workers are always experimenting to invent new scents and new colors. They can create specialty candles in any color, and scent combination customers prefer. They can also fill or refill containers which customers bring to the store.

Mom and Me Candles and Crafts, Quilts, and More will be open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Christmas.

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