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How do you say thank you to a woman who gives of herself every day? How do you say thank you for a lifetime?

Here are just a few ideas to make the mother in your life feel special on her special day.

Buy a one-of-a-kind, handcrafted piece of jewelry from [Koukla Mou Designs!](#)

“Koukla mou” is a Greek term of endearment that means “my doll.” Every piece of Koukla Mou jewelry is crafted with love and attention. The [Mother’s Necklace](#) is made to order and features Swarovski crystals that represent the birth months of a mother’s precious little “dolls.” (And it only costs \$26.) If you don’t see something that your mother will love, you can request a custom item.



Create a memory jar.

Gather Mom’s children together and have them write down special memories on little slips of pretty paper, then fold them up and place them into a jar. You can buy an inexpensive decorative glass jar from [The Container Store](#), or decorate your own canning jar. The thought is the same! Mom gets to unfurl memories whenever she likes!

Plant a tree.

Give a gift to a deserving mother and to Mother Nature at the same time! Young children love to help out with this gift—they get to get their hands dirty for a good cause. Visit a local greenhouse to learn which trees can safely be planted in your region at this time of year, then invite Mom to choose a spot. If you can’t plant a tree where she lives, you can probably get permission from a local park; it won’t really matter that no one knows it’s “her” tree—your family will know.



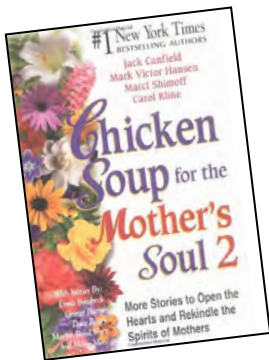


Give the mother in your life a spa day.

Many full-service spas offer special Mother's Day packages. And if they don't, request one! Tell them it's for a mother, after all, and she deserves it! Pamper Mom with a pedicure and a massage!

Cook Mom dinner.

Whether or not you can cook, she will appreciate your efforts! Invite her and a guest over to your house, and wait on her hand and foot. Light candles, play her favorite music, and (attempt to) cook her favorite dish. If she has young children, have them help!



Buy her a Chicken Soup book!

There are now several to choose from: Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul (both I & II), Chicken Soup for the Mother & Daughter Soul, Chicken Soup for the Mother & Son Soul, Chicken Soup for the New Mom's Soul... the list goes on. You can be sure to find some literary soup for whatever stage of motherhood your Mom is in! You can find these books new and used at [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) or at [Better World Books](https://www.betterworldbooks.com).

Buy a flock of geese.

Don't worry—she'll never have to feed them. If you purchase a flock of geese, or ducks, or even a hive of bees from [Heifer International](https://www.heiferinternational.com), you can give a gift in a mother's name to help a family on the other side of the world. You can give Mom a card or e-card that details how she has helped someone she has never even met. Geese can lay up to 75 eggs a year, and can feed families in desperate need of the protein these eggs provide. Bees earn income for families through the sale of honey and pollen. Purchase a selfless gift for the selfless mother in your life!



Make a tribute video to Mom!

This one will take some creative effort, but it is also free! Get your family together and write a goofy song, perform a skit, or recite a poem. If you are really brave, upload the video to YouTube, and then send her the link!

Buy Mom some postage stamps!

Now, that's not a very exciting gift, is it? It is if you buy them from [PhotoStamps!](#) Upload a photograph of her, a beloved grandchild, even a favorite pet, and get a sheet of 20 PhotoStamps for just a few dollars more than regular postage. Mail your Mother's Day card with one of them and see if she notices, then enclose the rest in her card! She'll have to laugh every time she pays a bill!



Buy her a t-shirt from [Planet Mom T-shirts!](#)

Shirts feature sassy and playful slogans such as, "Secretary of Transportation," "Because I Said So," "This Mom Deserves a Raise," "Mother Superior," "I Need a Playdate," and many, many more. There is sure to be a t-shirt "fitting" for the special mother in your life.

How about a digital keychain?

Mom can carry her favorite photos everywhere she goes, once you upload them to this affordable keychain. (Only \$17.99 at [Best Buy.](#))



Give Mom a musical memory.

Visit a store that offers a wide variety of music (such as Amazon, CD Universe, or Barnes and Noble) and find a compilation CD from a year that is special to Mom. Maybe the year you were born? Or the year she graduated from high school? Or the year she got married? (Some examples include: Hit Parade, Billboard, Totally Hits, etc.) Every time Mom pops in this CD, the music will take her back and help her celebrate a special time in her life. If she has several children, get her a collection of each of their birth years! She'll remember the songs she used to sing along to when she was up all night rocking babies to sleep.

The best gift you can give a mother is your time.

So tell Mom in advance that she gets to have you for the whole day! What does she want to do with you? Lunch out? (Some restaurants offer free meals to moms on Mother's Day.) A day out shopping? A walk in the woods? A trip to an art museum? Or does she want you to clean her house from top to bottom? It's up to her—it's her day!