

Kids' handmade gifts are real keepers

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What's the perfect holiday gift for your child to give to grandma or grandpa this year? Handmade gifts can be easy, inexpensive and more personal for both the giver and receiver.

"It's something that comes from the heart," Milt Spivack, co-owner of Paint Yourself Silly, said of handmade holiday gifts.

"It's something that is created by the family member and I think it means a little bit more than something that is just picked out and is going to be lost in someone's closet, you know, shortly after being opened," he said.

At Paint Yourself Silly, 6538 E. Tanque Verde Road, children can pick out an item and paint it. It is then fired and ready in about a week. The store has several holiday ornaments, bowls and other items. Spivack said family keepsakes are a popular item, with kids decorating bowls, plates or mugs with their handprints. Items range in price from a couple of dollars to more than \$50.

"Kids make pieces that are kept by the family forever and that are prominently displayed in people's houses," Spivack said.

Call 885-4755 or go to paintyourselfsilly.com for more information.



Six year old Merritt Stovall paints a unicorn in the Paint Yourself Silly Studio. She thinks painting pottery is fun!



Nine year old Savannah Foley proudly displays the personalized platter she just finished painting. She's excited to see how it will look when done!