

## 10 cool time capsule ideas

*We live in a digital age where your life is more likely to be recorded on Facebook and Instagram than in physical form. But why not try memory-making the old-school way?*

*Here are 10 cool ideas for creating time capsules full of treasures to make you misty-eyed in years to come!*



### 1. Birthday time capsule

Imagine a young couple making a time capsule for their daughter on her first birthday, to be opened on her 18th. They may include a newspaper from the day and notes from well-wishers, along with cards and accessories that are a physical reminder of that first b-day party.

### 2. Holiday memory jars

Time capsules don't necessarily need to be buried or hidden away. Save your holiday memories by placing ticket stubs, shells, souvenirs, photos and notes in glass jars and label them with tags.



### 3. Paint tin time capsule

Here's a simple idea... buy an unused paint tin from the hardware store, then decorate the outside with photocopies of family photos. Fill it with kids' artwork, notes, toys, crafts and more. Then write the year on the lid with permanent marker, and seal it up! Do this on an annual basis and you have a physical record of each year that goes by.

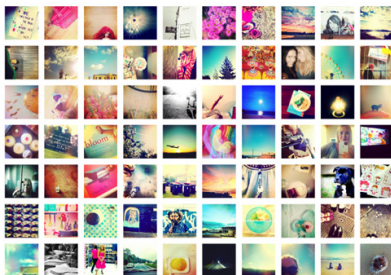


## 4. Shadow box memories

Put your memories on display with this wall-mounted version of a time capsule. Line the frame with decorative paper before filling it with keepsakes, then placing stickers representing the year on the outside of the frame. Hang it on the wall as a quick way to remember years gone by.

## 5. Sealed surprises

This idea is a bit like writing a letter to yourself to be read on some future occasion. It involves sealing up small treasures in a food pouch (or any bag that prevents peeking), to be opened on milestone birthdays or some specific occasion in the far future. You can include bits of advice and memories, as well as small objects that you think will be valued by your future self on that far-off day.



## 6. Instagram poster

So, this is more of a photo project than a time capsule, but it's still a great way to save and store digital memories that might otherwise get lost over time. There are a number of apps and websites that will make it easy to take a huge number of photos and turn them into a collage that can hang on a wall.

## 7. Special day time capsule

Have wedding guests contribute advice and predictions that can be sealed up and then opened up on a future anniversary, or make a time capsule to forever remember a child's first day of school. Selecting significant—and seemingly insignificant—items from any day is a great way to freeze time.



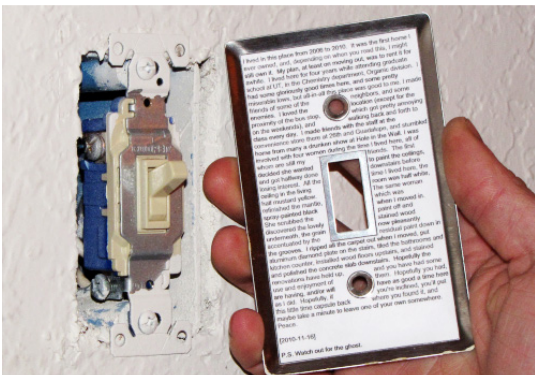


## 8. A lamp full of pocket prizes

This lamp is filled with all the things the owner's mother found in his pockets while doing his laundry as a child. Before washing his clothes, she emptied her son's pockets and placed the items in a jar. Then years later had them sealed in to a glass lamp base and presented it to him when he got married. Tears all round!

## 9. Buried treasure

If you want to go the traditional route and bury your time capsule, here's a tip – use a sealed container made from durable materials. Here's another tip—make sure you know where (and when) you are supposed to dig it up! All of the thought and effort that goes into making a time capsule is useless if it doesn't have a chance to be seen again in the future.



## 10. Leaving your mark

A time capsule doesn't always have to be something for you to look back on in your own lifetime... it can be a simple way to leave your mark. If you're building or renovating, why not leave a few hidden treasures behind for future generations to discover? Ideas include sealing a time capsule inside a wall or leaving a note typed in tiny font behind a light switch. Use your imagination!

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