

The Type-A Boo Basket

For the girlfriend who already has a system.



THE IDEA

Start with her. Not the seasonal aisle.

The best basket feels like evidence that you pay attention. For someone who likes things organized, “more stuff” is not automatically a treat. Pick a few things she will actually use, then make them feel special.

“Type A” is shorthand here, not a personality diagnosis. Use what you know about this specific person. She might love a tidy planner and hate novelty stationery. She might want candy and absolutely no productivity tools. Both count.

Give yourself 45 minutes of planning and assembly, plus shopping time. Aim for four gifts at most: one useful thing, one comfort, one treat, and one note. The container should have a life after October.

- Budget first. Write a total you can comfortably spend.
- Check favorites, allergies, dislikes and things she already owns.
- Use a tray, tote or box you have before buying a basket.

The test: could you explain why you picked each item without saying “it was cute”?

THE GIFT FILTER

Five questions. Much better choices.

Answer these from things she has actually said or used. If you do not know, ask a small, ordinary question. Do not guess a scent, a skin product, or a clothing size.

01 / What is almost finished?

Her favorite tea, the pen refill she uses, or the chocolate she buys herself. A reliable refill beats a random new routine.

02 / What makes an evening easier?

Warm socks, a bookmark that stays put, or a snack for the show you watch together. Choose one.

03 / What has she specifically mentioned?

A title on her reading list is a clue. A generic bestseller is a gamble.

04 / What would become clutter?

Duplicate mugs, tiny plastic decorations and organizers with no job. Leave them out.

05 / What feels like the two of you?

A shared joke, the snack from your first trip, or a note about something she did this week.