

## How to Save Money Using Jars

Jam jars, pasta sauce jars, and peanut butter jars are all great containers to save especially when you're on a tight budget. You can use them in place of other things you would buy to save yourself some serious cash! So, read on to see just how much you can save and how creative you can get with your jar related replacements.

### How to Save Money on Decorative Vases Using Any Jars

Just because you're on a budget, doesn't mean you don't want nice things. If you're looking for a nice vase to put those wildflowers you picked in, you can do one of the following things with jars:

- Put the flowers directly in it (for those who like simplicity)
- Paint it with creative designs
- Make raised words or detailing

If you choose the first option, go ahead and skip this section, but if you want to make a [decorative vase](#), you'll need craft materials like glue or paint, depending on what design you want to create. We recommend using whatever you have on hand to maximize savings.

We do have some tips to help guide your crafting however:

- Always use a [primer](#) for color longevity
- Paint on the outside of your vase
- Use hot glue in the place of things like puffy paint

Making your own vases instead of buying them can save you at [least](#) \$20 per vase and even more for more in depth designs!

### How to Save Cash on Tissue Dispensers Using Peanut Butter Jars

If you have tissues that don't have a home, and always get lost, you might want to invest in a stationary tissue dispenser.

For this project you'll need a:

- Peanut butter jar
- Drill or hammer and nail
- Pair of scissors
- Piece of cardboard
- Glue gun

Take the metal top of your jar and drill holes around the top or perforate it with a hammer and nail to make a makeshift mason jar design. Throw away the popped-out plastic

Next, take your scissors and cut a circle of cardboard with an x in the middle like [this](#). Then attach it to the screw cap with a small amount of glue.

You can save [\\$20 on a tissue box](#) this way.

### How to Save Dollars on Spice Holders with Jam Jars

If you want to make your own spice holders to replace ones you would buy like these [\\$5 per spice shakers](#) you will need:

- Jam jar
- Drill or hammer and nail
- Pair of scissors
- Leftover cylindrical cardboard salt container
- Glue gun

Make a hole in the jam jar lid like in the previous section then throw away the metal circle you cut out. Take the salt container and cut the top with the pourer to the size of the jam jar lid and glue it [like so](#).

It's as easy as that!

### How to Save Yourself Costly Furniture Fixes with Jar Top Coasters

If you want to save your furniture from stains, you might want the help of coasters! These things can also be replaced with jars, specifically their lids. However just placing the plain lids on your table might raise eyebrows.

To avoid this and have beautiful coasters decorate your lids with:

- Magazine pictures
- Family photos
- Paint
- Bits of fabric

Just remember to cover the designs in glue like [this](#) to protect them. This can save you [\\$15](#) per coaster set.

### How to Save Money on an Emergency Sewing Kit with Jars

You can also make an emergency sewing kit (sewing items not included) with:

- Any type of jar

- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Scraps of fabric
- Needle and thread
- Glue

Take the top of your jar off and cut a piece of cardboard that size. Then cut a circle of scrap fabric a bit bigger than that for a pincushion cover.

Next, ball up other small scraps of fabric for the pincushion filling and put them in the center of the fabric circle. Place the cardboard over all of this and sew the fabric overhang with your needle and thread [like this](#). After that, glue everything onto the jar.

This can help you [save \\$18](#) as well as any money you would spend on having someone repair your clothes!

### How to Save Cash on Piggie Banks and Parmesan Shakers with Jars

If you want to save money on and with a piggie bank you can do so easily! Piggie banks can cost you about [\\$15](#) but with the below items, you can make one for free!

- Drill or hammer and nail
- Decorations

This one is super simple, just drill or perforate a slit in the [middle](#) of your jar cap to easily insert cash.

**Note: if you want to protect your fingers from any sharp edges we recommend getting rubber grommets like [these](#) to cover the edges of the holes you make, or use some sandpaper.**

For a parmesan shaker, just puncture a multitude of holes on the top of your jar. This can save you [\\$14](#)! You can even use this [design](#) for any spices that need to be sprinkled onto food.

### How to Save \$\$\$ on Lights Using Pasta Sauce Jars

If you need some lights for your home, and you have some jars you can make your own! Just get some socket extension cords [like these](#).

Take the metal top of the jar and make a hole just big enough to fit the end of a lightbulb through. Poke the lightbulb through the hole in the cap and screw it into the socket extension. Then screw all of that back onto the jar

Voila! You now have lights and you just saved yourself [\\$50 for a set of two](#).

**Note: make sure to also drill a few holes around the middle hole you make so the light doesn't [overheat](#).**

## How to Save Money Using Glass Jars with No Modifications

Finally, if you have empty jars laying around, you can save yourself money on items you would have bought without doing any modifications to it.

You can use them for things like the following:

- Cups
- Tupperware
- Bric-a-brac holders

If you're in the market for cups, try jars! Many people like the look and homey vibe of mason jars for iced tea and other drinks. If you were to buy a set of glass cups/jars, you would be out \$20. Just take a look at this [listing](#) from Amazon.

You can also save money on food storage by reusing some of your glass jars. Jam and sauce jars are excellent to store food in, because most have waterproof seals that will keep your food fresh. You can at least [save](#) yourself \$20 by using jars this way.

Also, since the jars are glass, you don't have to worry about [BPA or BPS](#) which are cancer causing substances that leak from plastics commonly used for storing foods. So you may actually be saving yourself money in the long run when it comes to hospital bills.

You can also use your jars to store all sorts of things like:

- [Pens and pencils](#)
- [Cotton rounds](#)
- [Toothbrushes](#)

If you have a lot of something and it's small enough, throw it in a jar! You can save \$10 per item which can add up if you really want to overhaul a desk space or your bathroom!

## Conclusion

You can save a lot of money by using jars creatively instead of purchasing things they can easily replace! So, next time you think about getting rid of a good jar, think about the money you could be saving instead!

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