

It was my mother's birthday and I needed to get a present. The only problem was, I had no idea what to get her. My brother bought her a book and my dad bought her a necklace. Her two favorite things are reading and jewelry. What did that leave me?

I spent all day brainstorming ideas. I thought I could get her a cat, but then I remembered she was allergic to animals. I thought I could get her a new purse, but then I realized I didn't have enough money. I thought I could make her something, but I didn't know what to make.

I went to the backyard to think. I noticed all of the beautiful plants growing around the yard. I never realized what a great gardener my mom was. That's when I got an idea. I could give her seeds for her birthday!

I ran inside and opened the refrigerator. I took out an avocado, a red pepper, and a tomato. I ate all three and saved the seeds. I washed them off and put them on a paper towel to dry. When they were dry, I wrapped them in tissue paper and tied a piece of ribbon around them. I made a label for each one so she would know what kind of seeds they were. I finished making her birthday card and wrote "For Your Garden" on the inside.

At her birthday dinner, we all presented our gifts. My mom loved the necklace. My mom loved the book, too. When she opened my present, she smiled and said, "Ryan, this is the most creative gift I've ever gotten."

After dinner we ate cake. My dad joked about how old my mom was. She reminded him that his birthday was right around the corner. It's a good thing she did, because I had forgotten. Now, if I only knew what to get him!