

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



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Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted boxes are available online.

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Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.

Select a quality **“special item”** such as a doll, football with pump, or stuffed animal.

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A donation of **£5** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.



Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

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Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the second week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.

To Follow Your Box, visit samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ

SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



SPECIAL ITEM

- musical instrument
- football with pump
- stuffed animal
- doll
- large truck

TOYS

- toy cars
- skipping ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

ACCESSORIES

- hats
- sunglasses
- hair clips
- jewellery & watches
- torch (wind-up or with extra batteries)

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, and sharpeners
- crayons and markers
- notebooks and paper
- colouring and picture books
- solar calculators

A PERSONAL NOTE

- a message to the child
- a photo of yourself, your family, or group

Children may like to include our 'Let's Be Friends' colouring page (see our resources page)

QUALITY CRAFTS

- hair bows
- finger puppets
- friendship bracelets

Check out the Operation Christmas Child boards on Pinterest for specific suggestions.



Do Not Include: used or damaged items; clothing other than hat, gloves or scarves; war-related items; seeds; sweets, chocolate or food items; toothpaste, lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; hand made stuffed toys; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; religious or political literature; sharp or fragile items; books with mainly words.

