



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox-sized container (approximately 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall).
2. If possible, remove items from original packaging to limit waste in the receiving countries.
3. **Please do not put any monetary donations in the gift boxes.** Go online to boxofjoy.org to make your \$9 donation for each gift box, or scan the QR code to process your donation.
4. Secure the lid to your gift box with a single rubber band (please do not tape the gift box).



GIFT IDEAS

PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

TOYS

- Handheld toys
- Small plush animals***
- Small balls (tennis, etc.)
- Ball (deflated) with pump***
- Cars or trucks
- Doll***
- Mini puzzle
- Finger puppets
- Unopened fast-food toys
- Binoculars
- Lego building blocks
- Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument
- Jump rope
- Yo-yo
- Slinky
- Mini board games
- Balloons
- Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

*Highly desired items.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, colored pencils
- Solar calculator
- Pencil sharpener
- Small board books
- Erasers
- Pencil case
- Crayons***
- Pens, markers
- Ruler
- Glue stick (no liquid)
- Safety scissors
- Coloring book***
- Notepads
- Stickers
- Flash cards

HARD CANDY & GUM

Please do not include any candies that will melt (Jolly Ranchers, chocolate, etc.). Please place candy in a sealed bag.

APPAREL

- Socks
- Shorts
- Underwear
- T-shirts***
- Flip-flops
- Bandanas
- Hats
- Plastic poncho
- Dresses***

NECESSITIES/HOME

- Comb or brush
- Cup or bottle with lid***
- Bar soap***
- Toothpaste (still in the box)***
- Toothbrush and floss***
- Bandages
- Hand wipes
- Lip balm
- Manicure kit
- Nail clippers or emery board

ACCESSORIES

- Watch
- Purse or wallet***
- Sunglasses***
- Necklace***
- Hair ribbons***
- Hair bands or headbands***
- Barrettes
- Bracelets
- Earrings
- Scarf
- Cross or rosary

USEFUL ITEMS

- Sewing kit
- Utensils
- Compass
- LED flashlight keychain
- Drawstring bag***

PLEASE DO NOT PACK

The items listed below are not acceptable for packing in a Box of Joy. Please do not include:

- Toy Weapons • Knives or Tools • Combative or Military-Style Toys • Bottled Liquids (Shampoo, Body Wash, Nail Polish, Etc.)
- Glass or Breakable Objects • Food or Beverages • Cash, Checks or Gift Cards • Chocolate or Jolly Ranchers
- Medicine or Vitamins • Bubbles • Gels (Hand Sanitizer, Etc.) • Vaseline • Lotions • Battery Flashlights • Liquid Paints or Glues

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