

Shoebox Gift Suggestions

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Girls Age 2-4

A "Wow" Item

- Doll
- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)

Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket

Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (*loose-fitting sundress*)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Hair bows
- Friendship bracelets (*woven with yarn or embroidery thread*)

Crafts and Activities

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Crayons
- Markers
- Pens
- Coloring pads
- Coloring books
- Picture book
- Notebooks
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape
- Watercolor set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Finger puppets
- Slinky
- Etch A Sketch
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (*include extra batteries*)



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- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Building blocks
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Tennis ball
- Finger puppets
- Slinky
- Etch A Sketch
- Play cars/trucks/boats
- Plastic tools
- Plastic dinosaurs
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (*include extra batteries*)



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Girls Age 5-9

A "Wow" Item

- Doll (*Consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed.*)
- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)

School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape

Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (*loose-fitting sundress*)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Hair bows
- Friendship bracelets (*woven with yarn or embroidery thread*)

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Boys Age 5-9

A "Wow" Item

- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Toy truck or boat
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)

School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape

Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Wrist watch
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses

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Crafts and Activities

- Coloring Books
- Watercolor Set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Puzzles
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Binoculars
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Costume items to play dress-up, such as crowns and costume jewelry
- Plastic toys and toy figures
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch



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- Puzzles
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Binoculars
- Building blocks
- Tool set

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Baseball and mitt
- Tennis ball
- Plastic dinosaurs, animals, action figures (*nothing war-related*)
- Toy cars
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch
- Hacky sack



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Girls Age 10-14

A "Wow" Item

- Doll (*Consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed.*)
- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)
- Compact mirror
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant
- Washable/reusable cloth menstrual pads

School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape

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Boys Age 10-14

A "Wow" Item

- Soccer ball/football (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Toy truck or boat
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant

School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape

Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Wrist watch
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Bandana



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- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (*loose-fitting sundress*)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Decorative hat
- Wrist watch
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Bead jewelry/bead kit
- Hair accessories
(*hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands, etc.*)

Crafts and Activities

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Sewing kit, fabric (*1-2 yards*), and ribbon
- Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool
(*Do not include gardening seeds.*)
- Playing cards
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch
- Kaleidoscope
- Marbles



Boys Age 10-14

Crafts and Activities

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Tool set with work gloves
- Fishing kit
- Brightly colored rope or twine
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel (*no seeds*)
- Magnets
- Kaleidoscope
- Skipping rope/Jump rope
- Playing cards
- Marbles

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Baseball and mitt
- Tennis ball
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Hacky sack
- Toy cars

