



SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Girl  Age 2-4

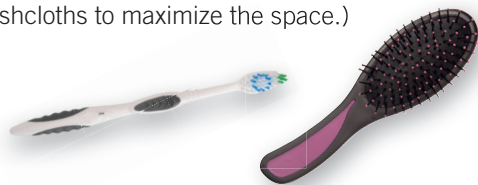
A “WOW” ITEM

- Doll
- Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- 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
- 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 & 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 & 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.)
- Finger puppets
- Slinky
- Small kite
- Etch a Sketch®
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries)





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Boy  Age 2-4

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PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
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- 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



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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



CRAFTS & 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
- Building blocks



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)





SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Girl  Age 5-9

A "WOW" ITEM

- Doll
- Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- 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
- 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)



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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



CRAFTS & 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



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



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 toy figures
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch®





SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Boy  Age 5-9

A "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- 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
- 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)



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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



CRAFTS & 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



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- 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



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
- Etch a Sketch®





SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Girl  Age 10-14

A “WOW” ITEM

- Doll
- Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- 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
- 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.)
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries)
- Compact mirror
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant
- Washable/reusable cloth menstrual pads



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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



CRAFTS & 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



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



TOYS

- Foam ball
- Kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch a Sketch®
- Kaleidoscope
- Marbles





SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Boy  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



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- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
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- 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)
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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



CRAFTS & 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



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TOYS

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- Kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- Baseball and mitt
- Tennis ball
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Hacky sack
- Toy cars





Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

[FAQ: Can This Go in My Shoebox? →](#)

^ These frequently addressed items **ARE NOT** allowed in shoebox gifts:

Vaseline®

scary items (things that will frighten a child rather than bring joy)

war-related items (such as toy soldiers, military vehicles, or wearable camouflage)

liquid paint sets or liquid glue

rubber balls with liquid filling

liquid lip gloss

matches or fire starters

seeds

sand/rocks/shells gathered from nature

all types of food, candy, or gum

medications or vitamins

toothpaste

nail polish

money or play money

baby powder

baking soda

razors

liquids or lotions

breakable items or glass containers

aerosol cans

used clothing or toys