

# How to Pack a Shoebox

Follow these simple steps...



## Select a shoebox

Use any regular-sized shoebox or pliable plastic box. If wrapping your shoebox, please wrap the lid separately.



## Boy or Girl?

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years.



## Fill your shoebox

Fill your shoebox with a well-balanced variety of items from the following categories:

- **School Supplies** - Items such as pencils, pens, pencil crayons, note pads, and picture books
- **Toys & Other Gifts** - Items such as stuffed animals, small musical instruments, hair clips, toy jewelry, t-shirts, socks, and candy (loose, individually wrapped hard candy in a sealable bag)
- **Hygiene Items** - Please place soap in a sealable bag
- **Personal Note** - Include a personal note and/or a photo in your shoe box (not inside the donation envelope)

### **DO NOT INCLUDE:**

- **Toothpaste** (due to customs regulations)
- **Food and any chewy, crumbly, or soft candy:** Including gum (due to customs regulations)
- **Used items** (due to customs regulations)
- **Playing cards**

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- **Liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze, or break** – Shampoo, creams, lip balm, bath gels, mirrors, or glass, etc. (these can damage other items in the shoe box).
- **Items that can scare or harm a child** – War-related toys, knives, and toy guns, etc.



## Make your Donation

Please donate a minimum of \$7 for each shoe box you prepare to help cover project costs, including shipping. Simply make your **donation online** [www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ).

## Drop off your shoebox(es)

### November 15-21

#### First Alliance Church

12345 40 Street SE Calgary

[www.faccalgary.com](http://www.faccalgary.com)

(drop off shoeboxes at the tables set up on Main Street near the North Entrance of the church).



#### How to Get Here

From Barlow Trail:

Take 114 Ave SE **EAST**  
to 40 Street. Turn **SOUTH**  
on 40 Street.