



# HOW TO MAKE GIFT PACKAGES OF FRIENDSHIP FOR UKRAINIAN CHILDREN?



- ♥ Dear Children and Adults,  
We are really glad to have you join us in making gift packages of friendship for children affected by the war in Ukraine.
- ♥ Before you begin, please read the story of a girl called Lejla. During the war, Lejla received a gift package from Astrid, a girl living in the faraway England, with the help of one humanitarian organization. Her story shows how much joy a gift package with a few knick-knacks can bring to children whose childhood is affected by war, and it will definitely help inspire you some more.



## Humanitarian Aid Package

In 1994, the children of Cazin received little care packages. I remember my excitement as I approached the house that was in charge of distribution. The shoebox was colorfully decorated. The package had toiletries, candy, and a photo and letter from Astrid. That gift was part of my daily life for a long time, as were the comb and mirror part of my makeup bag. I never used the crayons because I did not know how long the war would last and I did not want to run out of them.

I tried getting in touch with Astrid, but the address was incomplete. Maybe someday these items will find Astrid. The photo she sent me of her in a pool is still part of my family album. At that moment, I wished that I had that smile and that pool.

Lejla, b. 1983

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### Steps to Follow

1. For starters, think about what would children who are growing up in wartime, often without food, water, power, or heating, like to receive. Keep in mind that some of them are away from home or may need to pack quickly, bringing only things that can fit inside a single backpack.
2. What would make the children from Ukraine smile? A toy, an article of clothing, school supplies, candy, or something else? If you decide to pack food, make sure it's something that won't melt or go bad! Write down everything you plan to include! Small tokens count too, you don't need to spend a lot of money to make someone happy!
3. Collect the things you want to include and write your letter.
4. Use an old shoebox or any other suitable box for packaging. Decorate it with drawings, stickers or magazine clippings. Be creative and recycle!
5. Take pictures of the whole process!
6. Be sure to clearly label the gift package, telling us if it's for a boy, a girl or if it's universal, while also indicating the child's age (e.g. 10\_G, 5-8\_B, 8\_U)



### Tips on Letters & Delivery

1. Think about what you want to say to a boy or a girl who will receive your gift package. You can tell them something about yourself, send words of support or ask a question or two.
2. Write your letter in English and take a photo before you put in the envelope. Be mindful of the lighting and be sure to sign it!
3. Put the envelope with your letter inside your gift package before wrapping it.



Deliver your gift package, in person or by mail, by Dec 23:



Logavina 32, Sarajevo, War Childhood Museum (Mon-Sun, 11 am to 7 pm)



Skenderpašina 1, Sarajevo, Networks (Mon-Fri, 9 am to 5 pm)



### Send us Photos!!

- Once your gift package is all set, be sure to send us a couple of pictures that capture the packing process, as well as the picture of your letter.

@ Send to: [info@warchildhood.org](mailto:info@warchildhood.org)

Thank you for taking part!  
WCM Team