



Smile  
International

# Shoeboxes



**Create your own Shoebox**

Small gifts make BIG differences

**Sponsor a Shoebox!**

Donate £5, £10, £15, £20 or more!

[www.smileinternational.org](http://www.smileinternational.org)

# How to put together your Shoebox

1. Wrap a **medium-size** shoebox (30cm x 18cm x 13cm) with colourful wrapping paper (No wrapping paper with soldiers, pirates or scary characters). **Please wrap the lid separately**, as all the boxes have to be checked.
2. Decide if your box is for a **boy** or a **girl** and their age e.g. Age 10. Please be as age specific as possible.
3. **What should and shouldn't go in your shoebox.** Please fill your box with only **new items** and do not wrap up each item individually. Please ensure you include items from each category from the ✓ list.

✓ **Toiletries** – bar of soap, flannel, sponge, toothbrush, toothpaste

✓ **Hair care** – comb or brush, hair accessories

✓ **Writing materials** – notebook, colouring books, felt tip pens, crayons, pens, pencils, ruler, pencil sharpener, pencil case, eraser (if you put in pencils, a sharpener and eraser are important)

✓ **Clothing** – hat, scarf, gloves, socks, pants and knickers

✓ **Small toys** – doll, car, skipping rope, ball, small musical instrument, soft toy (*must bear the European CE mark*), puzzle or game, child's jewellery (no pierced earrings)

✓ **Sweets** - sell-by date to be at least June of following year (no chocolate or lollies)

✗ **No liquids** – shampoo, conditioner, bubble bath, aerosols, or blow bubbles

✗ **No earrings** – for pierced ears

✗ **No books/novels**

✗ **No fragile items** – glass and ceramics

✗ **No sharp objects** – razors and scissors

✗ **No make-up** – including nail varnish

✗ **No clothing** – shoes or items other than those listed

✗ **No scary toys** – guns, knives, military or monster-type toys

✗ **No hand knitted stuffed toys** without a CE mark

✗ **No battery operated items**

✗ **No medicines or vitamins**

✗ **No foods** – biscuits, tinned or packet food of any kind and remember, no chocolate

4. If you are adding a donation, please put it in a separate envelope with your donation form **on top of the gifts** in your box.
5. Replace the lid, stick the label on and secure with 2 strong elastic bands.
6. Give your box to your coordinator by **early November**. Check our website [www.smileinternational.org](http://www.smileinternational.org) for detailed drop off information.

This box is for a  
**BOY**

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# Sponsor a Shoebox what a great idea!

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## The benefits:

- We spend your money in the developing world, thus supporting local economies.
- It reduces our carbon footprint – no need for sea containers or aeroplanes.

## It's so quick and easy!

Just choose one of the following

ways to make a world of difference:

- Complete the response form on the back page of this leaflet
- Call **01689 870932** with your credit or debit card details
- Donate online at:

**[www.smileinternational.org](http://www.smileinternational.org)**

## Where will my shoebox go?

Smile International is a charity passionate about helping to relieve suffering and poverty through the distribution of humanitarian aid and long-term development projects. Whether you have donated a shoebox or sponsored a shoebox your gift will be distributed to a child in need in Africa, Asia or Europe. Our shoeboxes are given to children regardless of their gender, race, nationality or religious beliefs. We don't add any literature to our shoeboxes due to the sensitive nature of the countries where we work. **Thank you for your support.**

## Other points

- To order more leaflets contact the Smile International office on **01689 870932**.
- Smile International reserves the right to remove any unsuitable boxes or items and use them for the benefit of the charity.
- At the end of each shoebox season any remaining contributions will be used for the work of Smile International.

