

GUIDE TO OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD YEAR-ROUND SHOEBOX SHOPPING, PACKING, & TIPS

Savvy shoebox packers know that it's never too early to start shopping, packing, personalizing, and fundraising for shoebox gifts. By preparing shoebox gifts all year long, you can send the Good News of Jesus Christ and the great joy of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to more boys and girls around the world! Use this year-round guide to maximize your impact for the Gospel.

YEAR-ROUND SHOPPING



"If you start purchasing items for the box in January, by November you have made a nice Christmas box." — **Vicki D.**

January



Hats, Gloves, & Scarves

February



Fashion Accessories

March



Quality Crafts

April



Stuffed Animals

May



Hygiene Items

June



Quality Toys

July



Clothing

August



School Supplies

September



Games

October



Letter & Photo

November



\$10 Donation Per Shoebox

December



Prayer



“This year, I am making at least one box a month until collection time. I have challenged my church family to do the same.” — *Yalanda T.*

PACKING CHECKLIST

Purchase—Shop for fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to fill a shoebox. Write down what you have so far or still need to buy:

Toys:

Hygiene Items:

School Supplies:

Other Items:

Pack—Remove items from packaging and pack into shoebox.

Personalize—Include a letter to the shoebox recipient along with a photo of your family or group. You can even decorate the shoebox!

Prepare \$10 Donations—Set aside the suggested donation per shoebox to support project costs such as shoebox gift transportation and Gospel materials.

Pray—Lift up in prayer the shoebox journey and the child who will receive your shoebox gift.

YEAR-ROUND TIPS



- Set a shoebox goal at the beginning of the year to help you plan and stay motivated.
- Visit [SamaritansPurse.ca/occ](https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ) to order preprinted shoeboxes in packs of 25 so you can pack all year
- When shopping or crafting, choose quality items that will last a long time.
- Don't miss out on after-holiday deals, like Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter.
- Take advantage of back-to-school sales in the fall.
- Download an inventory app on your phone to keep track of what you've purchased throughout the year.
- Check out our [Pinterest ideas](#) for making scarves, gloves, hats, and quality crafts.
- Visit our [fundraising page](#) for ideas on raising **\$10 donations** to accompany shoebox gifts all year long.
- [Pray for Operation Christmas Child](#) throughout the year.

**Red text indicates hyperlinks.*

Visit [SamaritansPurse.ca/occ](https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ) to learn more about how God can use a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name to transform a child, their family, and their community with the Good News of the Gospel.