



Do It Yourself Box Gifts:

Granny Peace Brigade

We welcome all ages, women and men.

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Tip: Assemble your ingredients first and then find a box that will hold everything. Add a label, a couple of snappy pictures and the recipient's name to personalize your gift

Play Dough Box

• buy a can of Play-Doh or make your own (recipe on page 2) • garlic press • plastic knife • popsicle sticks • wooden dowel • plastic lids • small tray/plate • buttons/beads

Rescue/First Aid Box

• flashlight • band aids • fabric strips/ bandages • ace bandage • sling • eye patch • gauze • stethoscope • surgical mask •

Diary/Scrap Book Box

• blank journal or notebook (Glue a picture of the child you are giving this to on the front of the notebook.) • drawing supplies like colored pencils, crayons and/or watercolors • stick-on labels • origami paper or other colored paper • blunt scissors • glue stick •

Goopy Glory

(Mess Alert! This may be best outdoors on warm days when you can just hose the kids down. The kids will need help from an adult.)

• hypoallergenic, unscented shaving cream • plastic tray • food coloring • popsicle sticks, combs, plastic fork, etc. • smocks or old T-shirts for kids and adults • *(The adult sprays blobs, lines, or squiggles of shaving cream on the tray and sprinkles in some food coloring The kids do the rest.)*

Mini Garden

• potting soil • seed packets or beans (*lima beans work well*) • small watering can or plastic measuring cup • popsicle sticks • stick-on labels or paper and tape • spoons for digging • small flower pots or plastic cups (*If you use cups poke drainage holes in the bottoms.* •

Bug Explorer

• a nature guide of insects • small sketch book and colored pencils • plastic magnifying glass • camera (*for older kids*) • sandwich bags • bug collecting jars (small plastic food containers) • insect collecting net • instructions on where to look for bugs: (*Under boards and rocks – Look for ants, crickets, beetles, termites. • In or around streams, ponds, lakes – Look for mayflies, dragonflies, damselflies, stoneflies, , aquatic beetles, true bugs, flies. • Under loose bark, in logs and stumps – Look for termites, ants and beetles. • On crops – Look for grasshoppers, beetles, flies, aphids, leafhoppers, spittlebugs, plant bugs. • In the air – Look for butterflies, moths, flies, bees, wasps, beetles, leafhoppers, grasshoppers. • Around outdoor lights at night – Look for moths, beetles, true bugs, mosquitoes.*)

Collage Box

• roll of wrapping / craft / freezer paper • recycled gift wrap/ribbon • children's glue • fallen pinecones, other natural materials • scrounge materials: old keys, plastic bottle tops, buttons, fabric scraps, etc. • craft feathers, glitter, etc. •

Big Box Tip:

With a bit of decoration a large carton can become a space ship, secret hideout, clubhouse, cave... Help cut the needed holes and perhaps donate a pillow and flashlight to the enterprise.

Play Dough Recipe

1 cup flour
1 tbsp. oil
1 cup water
1/2 cup salt
2 tsp. cream of tartar
food coloring

Thoroughly mix all of the ingredients in a saucepan.

Cook on low heat. Stir constantly until the dough pulls away from sides of pan and it becomes difficult to move the spoon. Cool until it can be handled. Scoop playdough onto wax paper.

Knead until smooth. Store in an airtight container.