

Items Still Needed for Care Packages

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Check this list before you go shopping to see what's still needed.

Let me know if you find a great place to buy an item!

Biggest need right now: deodorant (22); bootlaces (\$1 at Job Lots—need 15); crossword puzzle/Sudoku magazines (need 10—small sizes preferred); white men's gym socks (need 35); gently used books (need 30—don't buy, just donate; **ONLY** simple, easy mysteries, light hearted material—**NOTHING** deep!)

To make 50 care packages, I need:

item	# needed for packages	# I have right now	# you should buy	best places to buy / tips
letters	15	10	5	write one! (will make 30 copies of each letter, so every soldier gets one copy of every letter)
drawings from kids	50	40	10	get your kids to draw pictures!
food/drink				
food items: (must be single-serve bags; <u>NO</u> chocolate/choc. chips) granola bars, beef jerky, power bars, nuts; junk food	1,200	800	0	buy big box of granola bars, etc.
drinks: (must be single-serve packets)	750	620	100	hot chocolate, Gatorade, Crystal Lite, iced tea, Hawaiian Punch, etc.; coffee single-bags ; herbal/regular tea bags
candy: NO chocolate!! hard candy, gum	1,200+	---	---	DON'T BUY! Instead, have your dentist sign up for Halloween candy buyback –see website for info
cough drops	1,400+	100	300 - 600	look for big bags with 200 - 500 pieces
miscellaneous				
bootlaces 72" (NOT 45" construction bootlaces)	50	58	15	sometimes dollar stores have, but make sure get big enough size (not 45"-50" for construction boots; need 60"-74" for hiking boots); Job Lots has cheap laces

anti-itch cream (hydrocortisone) 4-6oz	50	250	0	check dollar stores have; 1-2 oz only; DON'T get big size
foot powder 1-4oz tubes (NOT big size)	50	87	0	can get 1oz (small) or 4oz (medium); DON'T get big ones
bug spray 4-6oz (NOT big size)	50	0	50	please buy foot powder first
sunscreen (regular size, but not huge)	30	30	0	DON'T NEED
moleskin	100 sheets	65	35	CVS—3 sheets/packet; some stores have a roll
chapstick	60	130	0	DON'T BUY – have more than I need
over the counter allergy/cold medication, aspirin, Tylenol (travel/small sizes only)	50 boxes/ bottles	12	38	
band-aids	50 sets (15 boxes)	15	0	LESS URGENT – buy other items first will split box up among several packages
dry wipes/wet wipes in single serve packets	100+	100	0	CVS has small packets with 10 “flushable” wipes DON'T buy tubs of baby wipes—too big always need more of these—soldiers clean themselves with this when don't have showers
Q-tips (used to clean guns)	2,000	2,600	0	DON'T NEED – have enough now buy BIG tub of 100-500 at CVS, Target, etc.
rags (old clothes) –used to clean guns	15	30	0	DON'T NEED ANY MORE old clothes, socks, etc. (ok to give more than I need—we'll just make the bag of cleaning supplies bigger); DON'T BUY—just donate old clothes
Entertainment				
magazines (sports, trucks, travel, economy, news preferred)	100	100	0	HAVE ENOUGH NOW NO popular culture magazines (NO People, Cosmo, etc.); ONLY accepting Sports Illustrated or topics—travel, sports, history, science, economy, Newsweek, etc.
books	50	43	30	pop culture, simple mysteries; NO high literature, NO deep, emotional novels, NO chick lit
decks of cards	50	70	0	and/or travel games
gently used music CDs	50	35	15	nothing offensive; nothing religious
batteries (AA, AAA, D)	50+ pairs	100 pairs	0	Target, etc. sells packs of 20-30
Sudoku/crossword puzzle book	50	50	10	Target sometimes has on sale I like magazines that have a variety of puzzles, since everyone likes different ones; buy SMALL ones, not 8x11
pens	100	150	0	DON'T NEED more now can your office donate a few boxes?
notebooks/pads of paper	50	25	25	not urgent—buy other stuff first

Gifts for Iraqi/Afghani kids				
pencils	650	675	100	Staples—box of 72
pencil sharpeners	600	600	100	DON'T NEED dollar store – cardboard w/8-12 sharpeners NO TUBS – JUST BUY CHEAP SHARPENERS
erasers for pencil tops	600	600	100	buy big bag of erasers for tops of pencils
stickers	90 sheets	90 sheets	20 sheets	DON'T NEED any more now Target—book of stickers for \$3 NO American flags, NO English words, no immodest women (aka Little Mermaid), NO Christian/religious
toys	500	450	50	small items only (Dollar Store party prizes)
Toiletries				
toothbrushes	50-100	172	0	buy back of 8-10
toothpaste (full size)	50-100	300	0	full sizes are fine
deodorant	50-100	53	25	full sizes are fine
soap	50-100	110	0	full sizes are fine
white gym socks	50	65	34	men's sizes only; buy pack of 15-30
razors	120	140	0	DON'T BUY – don't need any more
tissues	50	200	0	DON'T BUY – have WAY more than I need
toilet paper	50	70	don't buy	buy big pack of 20-30; PLEASE contact me before buying—make sure nobody else bought this
hotel toiletry samples	200	200	(can still donate)	don't buy!! take free from hotels, etc.; only donate unopened/unused items
for women				
tampons	50	50	0	DON'T BUY MORE
sanitary napkins	50	50	0	DON'T BUY MORE
hair bands (black, brown, white)	10	10	0	don't need any more
Other items, less important (buy stuff above first)				
silly string	50	5	45	use to find trip wires
duct tape (dun colored preferred)	50	0	50	
rubber bands	300-600	600	0	can your office donate? (don't buy, just donate)
paper clips	300-600	600	0	can your office donate? (don't buy, just donate)