



Your Love Is Reaching Our Neighbors

The gifts you give are an immeasurable blessing to families near and far. A little girl is warmer because of a quilt sewn. A mother is happy because her children received school supplies and a bag to carry them. A father is learning a new skill that will provide income for his family because he's learning to sew using a Fabric Kit he received. A grandmother has regained her dignity because she was able to bathe using the soap inside a Personal Care Kit. And a baby is sleeping soundly because he is swaddled in a soft blanket from a Baby Care Kit.

Thank you for sharing your love with our neighbors in need and letting them know they are not alone.

General Assembly Instructions

For quilts and all kits, please also follow these guidelines:

- **Please give new items only, except where handmade items are allowed.** Sending top quality items shows the greatest care and respect for the dignity of the recipient. Quality items also withstand the harsh conditions many recipients face.
- **Please donate only completed quilts and kits.** If you have extra components left after an assembly, consider keeping them to get a jump start on next year, or donate them locally to a shelter or school.
- **Please do not donate items with any religious holiday symbols, messages or your congregation's name.** LWR provides quilts, blankets and kits based on need, regardless of religion. Religious references may be misinterpreted by the governments of the receiving countries, jeopardizing the delivery to the people who need the items most. Secular symbols such as rabbits, eggs, and poinsettias are acceptable.
- **Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.** LWR and our overseas partners have access to areas of the world others do not because we are impartial humanitarian organizations. If our intentions are misinterpreted as being politically motivated, it puts our work, our partners, and the people we assist at risk.

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Please review the General Assembly Instructions on Page 1 before collecting items for the School Kits.

"But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."

James 1:22 NRSV



Include the following items in each School Kit:

- Four 70-80 sheet **SPIRAL** notebooks (280-320 sheets total) of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other (**NOTE: when packing, place the ruler inside the notebook to prevent sliding**)
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks); preferred fabrics include sturdy cotton, canvas, denim, and twill



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- One lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath-size towel (20" to 27" X 40" to 52"), dark color recommended
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- One sturdy comb. There are many different types of hair texture, so no picks or fine-toothed combs; remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

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All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging. Pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Visit lwr.org/schoolkits or call **800 597 5972** for an easy-sew backpack-style bag pattern, tips for purchasing pre-made bags, and printable signs to help with your next assembly.

UPDATED SHIPPING NOTE:

LWR's approximate cost to transport, process, store and deliver one School Kit near and far is \$4.00. See Page 15 to learn how to support the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund.



Visit lwr.org/kitvideos to watch a video with tips and tricks for assembling School Kits!



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"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3 NRSV

WANT TO GET THE MOST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK?

Buy in Bulk!

Purchasing kit items in bulk saves time and money. Here are some tips to get started:

ONLINE: Many websites carry items appropriate for LWR kits and often have sales. Inspect items carefully to make sure they meet LWR guidelines and are of good quality.

CLUB STORES: Does anyone in your congregation have a membership to a wholesale club? You can get bulk prices for kit items from these stores.

ASK: Some local stores may be willing to place a bulk order for you and even cut you a discount if they know that you'll be using the supplies to help people in need. It never hurts to ask!

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