



Send holiday memories in the mail

Picture this: Holiday memorable moments

Supplies for either activity

- Envelope
- Paper or cardstock
- Scissors
- Art supplies (optional)
- Additional decorations (optional)
- Ribbon or string (if sending a hug)
- Tape (if sending a hug)
- Postage

Create a card activity

Create a thoughtful handmade card to send to someone you care about.

Directions

1. Fold and cut paper to a shape and size that will fit into the desired envelope. When choosing the envelope and card shape, keep in mind postage costs and Postal Service recommendations.
2. Decorate the card in any way desired. You might decorate by drawing, using stickers, cutting out a window, or writing in calligraphy. Look for ideas on Pinterest or YouTube.
3. Include a personal message inside your card. The most thoughtful cards are personal. Share a memory, tradition, or story that will mean something to your recipient.
4. Address, stamp, and mail.



Mail a hug activity for kids

Attach paper handprints to a ribbon or string the length of your child's wingspan for an easy way to send a "hug" in the mail!

Directions:

1. Trace child's hands onto paper. Allow the child to decorate the hands however they like, perhaps with markers, crayons, paint, stickers, glitter, etc.
2. Cut out the handprints.
3. Measure the string across the child's outstretched arms, from wrist to wrist, and cut to length.
4. Attach the strings to the hands using the tape.
5. Either write on the hands or ribbon, or include a note card that says who the "hug" is from and the date. Include any other message you want to share!



Note about mailing and postage

According to the United States Postal Service, standard-size, rectangular cards need only a standard or forever stamp. Anything that is a unique size, such as a square, or that includes lumps, ridges, clasps, strings, or buttons will require more postage. Find more at <https://www.usps.com/ship/letters.htm>.