

Thank-You Notes Made Fun

Stock a binder with cool supplies to create an easy and inspiring card-making kit By Debra Immergut

ike many parents, Carrie Wright of Sherwood Park, Alberta, believes that every gift-giver deserves a thoughtful thank-you note. But she also realizes that for her 7-year-old son, Jaiden, the idea of sitting down to write such notes isn't exactly appealing. So Carrie turns a chore into a craft by letting Jaiden decorate blank cards using stamps and stamp pads — "a special treat!" Our binder takes Carrie's idea a step further, organizing supplies into an easy-to-stow and ready-for-action kit that gets kids excited about creating unique thank-you cards.



How to **Your Kit**

Turn a humble three-ring

binder into a one-stop

card-making shop by adding

homemade supply pockets, a handy

printable chart, and plenty of irresistible craft goodies. To jazz up the outside of the kit, have your kids glue cutout decorations

to sheets of card stock, write a title with marker, then glue the sheets to the cover

and spine or slip them into a view binder's clear front and spine pockets.



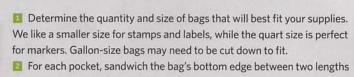
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You will need:

Envelopes, blank note cards, and craft supplies (see suggestions below)

Thank-You Note Tracket

- Plastic ziplock bags in sandwich, quart, and gallon sizes
- · Colored duct tape
- * Three-hole or single-hole punch
- Three-ring binder (we used a 3-inch view binder from an office supply store)
- * Printable Thank-You Note Tracker or Birthday Calendar from FamilyFun.com/magazine



of duct tape, creating one inch of overhang. Use the binder's rings to mark the correct positions for holes, then punch the holes through the overhanging tape. Avoid puncturing the bag.

Affix a printable chart inside the front cover with tape or stickers.

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Stock Your Binder With Supplies Like These:

address book a glitter glue a return address labels a postage stamps a pencils a stamps and ink pad a eraser a sharpener a markers a scissors a hole punch

