Suggestions for decorating the 2 types of boxes that SLFL sends

1. **LARGE** Priority Flat Rate cardboard shipping boxes (12" by 12" by 5.5")
2. **MEDIUM** Priority Flat Rate cardboard shipping boxes (11" by 8.5" by 5.5")

Decorating shipping boxes is fun to do and brings a smile and a bit of joy to our deployed troops!

When the box is closed as shown, the top and the bottom of the box are left blank for shipping labels. The box should be collapsed and flat when decorating. Decorate only three side panels. The fourth side panel is left blank for shipping labels. **Optional** - Three side panels can be painted a solid color before decorating. White flat acrylic house paint works well. Do not paint or decorate the fourth panel that will be used for shipping labels.	Decorated Box

Best Materials to Use for Decoration	Unacceptable Materials
Pencils	**DO NOT USE THESE MATERIALS**
Colored pencils	Watercolor paints
Crayons	Tempera paints
Permanent markers (Sharpies)	Oil paints
Permanent highlighters	Oil pastels
India ink	Washable markers
Acrylic paint markers	Water based markers
All acrylic paints (flat finish is best)	Puff stickers
Flat stickers (seal in place with Modge Podge)	Dimensional stickers
Magazine photos (glue completely with Elmer's Glue-All)	Construction paper
	Chalk & Pastels

Alternate Decorating Process

Use a heavy weight paper 80 # of card stock. Cut paper into panels no more than 11" by 5.5" for **LARGE** boxes. For **MEDIUM** boxes, cut paper into panels no more than 10" by 5" and 8" by 5". A little smaller cut pieces are fine to get better use of the paper you are using. You can cut a sheet of 8 ½ by 11 in half that works fine.

Each paper panel can be decorated using the above "Best Materials". Decorating on paper is a good method for students. It is easier to manage, and the paper is smoother than working on cardboard. It also takes up less space on their work area.

Once the paper panels are complete, use a wide paint brush to apply Elmer's glue (thin with water) and securely attach three paper panels directly to a plain packing box. Do not cover the fourth side of the box. For students' work, gluing may be done by an adult after all the paper panels are decorated. **Note you can drop your decorated panels in any SLFL Donation Drop Box, and we will take care of the gluing onto the boxes for you.

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