



OCC Collection Week  
Nov 12-19

## Smart Shopping tips for shoebox gifts:

- **Keep your eyes open for bargains year round!**
- Always check **Going out of Business, Seasonal and Holiday Clearance** sales at your favorite stores (including grocery stores, Hobby Lobby & Michaels Crafts). Clearance items are often featured at the end of an aisle on the "end cap." Make use of **in-store coupons** (Kohl's cash).
- Buy school supplies with **Back-to-School promotions** beginning in July. This is a great time to pick up \$0.25 crayons, \$0.17 one subject notebooks and more! School supplies can be found at Walmart, Target, Office Depot, Staples, Big Lots, Walgreens, etc.
- **Don't be afraid ask:** If quantities are limited, share about OCC & they will often let you buy more at the discounted price. Your dentist office may donate toothbrushes, hotels bar soap.
- **Walmart:** 18 pk. washcloths \$4, 10 pk. Ivory soap \$3.50, 6 pk. toothbrushes \$1, Barbie doll \$5, 10 pk. Sparkle Girls dolls \$19.88, Sweet Love soft doll \$4.88, Soccer Ball \$4.88
- **Dollar Tree** (all items \$1): 12 pk. pencil sharpeners, 16 ft/metric tape measure, misc. stuffed animals or baby dolls, toy cars, 12 pk. combs, hair accessories, 8 pk. beaded necklaces, soccer ball pump, harmonica or flutes, yo-yo, jump ropes, flip flops, bar soap.
- **Old Navy:** \$0.25 bouncy balls (2-inch diameter) can be found in vending machine or ask for how many you'd like to purchase at the store counter.
- **Menards:** rebate items, tools for older boys, seasonal toys.
- **Target:** \$1 Spot, party favor area (yo-yo, flutes, noise makers, sunglasses).
- **Facebook:** follow Shoebox Shoppers or The Pencil Granny & Friends for tips
- **Oriental Trading Company** ([www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com)): school supplies, novelty toys (kazoo's, hand clappers, party horns), yo-yo, stuffed animals, jewelry, sunglasses, marbles, toy cars.
- **For Teachers Only** ([www.forteachersonly.com](http://www.forteachersonly.com)): you don't have to be a teacher! Pencil pouches (empty or pre-packed), inflatable globes (like a beach ball), pencil sharpeners.
- **Best Choice UPC labels** (<https://bestchoicebrand.com/save-a-label/>): \$30 cash for each bundle of 1,000 Best Choice UPC labels. This is a great way to help with the shoebox shipping!
- **Garage/Estate Sales or Thrift Stores:** "like new" items only please!