Card Party Hosting Tips
What People Are Saying

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**Step 1: Gather art supplies**

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<th>Must Haves</th>
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<td>(Viewed by most as necessities)</td>
<td>(The more options the better)</td>
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<td>Card Stock</td>
<td>Glitter Pens or Glitter Glue</td>
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<td>Markers</td>
<td>Colored Pencils</td>
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<td>Magazines (for collages and/or cutting out words)</td>
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<td>(People may not expect it, but truly enjoy it)</td>
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<td>Jagged Edge Scissors (produce a zigzag pattern)</td>
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<td>Googly Wiggle Eyes</td>
<td>Decorative Tape</td>
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<td>Paint &amp; Paint Brushes</td>
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Step 2: Things to Remember

- All cards must be 100% handmade
  - We are unable to deliver store-bought cards
- Holiday cards are great, but we prefer cards that can be enjoyed by the recipients year-round.
- All artists should sign the cards with their first name and location (i.e., From Angie in Ann Arbor, MI!)
- Encourage those who know multiple languages to create cards in other languages.
- Please take pictures and screenshots of video conferences with artists making and holding their cards.

- Uplifting Spirits is our primary goal, so our Golden rule is to be sure that the cards have an uplifting message and do not refer to the condition of the patients.
  - Do not say things like, "Get well soon," "Stay Strong," or "Hang in there."
- Please avoid religious references as we cannot promise they will be delivered from room to room at each location.
- Please avoid fuzz balls and pipe cleaners as they tend not to stick to the cards well and fall off during transit.
  - Check out this blog.post for more info.
Design Thought Starters

**Text Examples**

**PROCLAMATIONS & AFFIRMATIONS**

- **A Rock**
  - You rock!
- **A ruler**
  - You rule!
- **Bee**
  - Buzzing by to say hi!
- **Minions**
  - You’re one in a minion
- **Cat**
  - You’re Purrrrrfect
- **Ninja Turtle**
  - You’re turtley awesome!
- **An Owl**
  - OWL always love you
- **Balloons**
  - Have an uplifting day
- **Pacman**
  - You’re the Chompion
- **Hippopotamus**
  - Hip Hip Hooray!

**JOKES**

- Why can't Elsa from Frozen have a balloon?
  - Because she’ll "let it go", "let it go"
- How do you make an octopus laugh?
  - With ten-tickles!
- What kind of tree fits in your hands?
  - A palm tree!
There has been an increased demand for cards in Spanish, Arabic, Somali, and Romanian.
### Step 3: Package your cards

**Inside of the box/envelope**

- Include a note with your name/group name, email address, and the content of the package
  - **Now Live:** Once your cards have been counted, you will receive an automated email confirming receipt of your cards
- Label and separate cards in different languages

**Outside of the box/envelope**

- The card maker's name and the affiliated group's name in the return address; Please do not use acronyms
- **Package Contents:** general cards, cards for seniors, special delivery (first name), cards for veterans, etc.

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**Johnny Cardmaker**

Cardz For Kidz

12345 W. Cardz Ave
San Diego, CA 12345

Contents: General cards, cards for seniors, & veterans

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**Cardz For Kidz**

516 N. Ogden Avenue #177
Chicago, IL 60642

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Johnny Cardmaker

Email: makecardzforkids@gmail.com

Contents: General cards, cards for seniors, cards for veterans
Step 4: Send us your photos & cards

We love to showcase our artists to the world!

- Please email the following to photos@cardzforkidz.org:
  - Pictures of artists smiling and holding their cards. These could be individual photos, in-person group photos, or virtual screenshots
    - Please note that we may use these pictures on our website, social sites, newsletter, and other promotional materials
  - To be added to our Card Makers page include the following:
    - Your group/club name & logo
    - Desired landing page

Send completed cards to:

Cardz For Kidz
516 North Ogden Ave #177
Chicago, IL 60642
What happens when we receive the cards?
Our Process

Individuals, groups, and companies make inspirational handmade cards.

The cards are then mailed to the Chicago office, proofed, counted, photographed, and sorted.

Cards are packaged and shipped to their final global smile destinations.
Our 'Smile Network' has expanded

- Senior Living Facilities
- Patients' Homes
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Military & Their Families
- Foster Homes/ Non-Profits
Cards are sent around the world

- 40+ countries
- 6 continents
- 40+ locations outside the US
- 15+ different languages

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Please visit our Get Involved page for additional volunteer opportunities.
Thank you!