



# Tips for a Successful Cardmaking Project

We appreciate your interest in making cards for DOROT. Here are some tips other cardmakers have found helpful.

- Use good quality cardstock for your card base. You can purchase this at Michael's or another craft store.
- Glue white paper on the inside of the card to make personal messages easy to read.
- Include a note or greeting inside the card while also leaving space for DOROT to write a message of our own. You can also write a simple poem or share some information about yourself (e.g., favorite hobbies, pets, school, etc.). This makes the handmade card a very personal and thoughtful gift.
- Make your cards as colorful and decorative as you'd like, but please refrain from using materials that might fall off or make a mess, such as glitter, sequins, feathers, tissue paper, ribbons or buttons. Suggested materials for your consideration include stickers, watercolors, puff paint, and of course, colored markers.
- "Sign" the back of the card with your first name AND, if applicable, the name of the group. If children are involved, please write their ages.
- Write in large, clear block (print) letters. Many have a hard time reading small print.
- DOROT sends cards for birthdays, Thanksgiving, and the Jewish Holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Passover and Purim. We also send general "Caring Cards" with warm wishes for the recipients and September 11 Cards (see below). We do not send Happy Holidays cards, Season's Greetings cards or cards to celebrate any religious holidays in addition to those mentioned above. If you would like to create cards for the winter holidays, we suggest: Warm Winter Greetings.<sup>1</sup>
- If you are making cards for Active Duty Military or Veterans as part of DOROT's September 11 Day of Service and Remembrance Cardmaking, please feel free to thank the card recipient for their service and send warm wishes.

After you complete your cards, please send them to DOROT along with a Cardmaking Project Information Form.

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<sup>1</sup> If DOROT can not accept the cards that you provide because they do not meet our messaging guidelines, we will send them to partner agencies that are able to use them.