



TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CARDMAKING PROJECT

We appreciate your interest in a cardmaking project and bringing a smile to DOROT older adults! 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 for the older person to receive.
- 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. As people get older, many have a hard time reading small print.
- Do not write "Get Well." Just because someone is older does not mean he or she is sick.
- DOROT sends cards for birthdays, Thanksgiving, and the Jewish Holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Passover and Purim. 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.¹

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

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Attn: Cardmaking Program

¹ 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.