



Baby Bags DIY Project

Civic Circle Area: Donate

The impact of COVID-19 continues to change our daily lives and routines, but volunteering and civic engagement are just as important as ever. This project can be modified to adhere to social distancing guidelines set by local and national authorities, to do virtually or to do at home and deliver via mail or drop off.

In 2019, the National KIDS COUNT found that over 12 million kids in the United States live in families with incomes below the federal poverty level. Give low-income moms the help they need by filling baby bags with basic items. Ask other families to help!

What You Need:

- Baby bag or canvas bag
- Items to fill the bags (diapers, blankets, pajamas, crib sheets, baby toys, baby wipes, shampoo, etc.)
- A facility to deliver the bags to such as a hospital, clinic, foster care agency or shelter

Steps:

1. Call a hospital, low-income pediatric clinic, foster care agency, shelter or nonprofit that works with mothers and children and tell them about your project. Ask them if they would be interested in receiving and distributing your Baby Bags.
2. Collect or purchase new baby items.
 - Be a conscious consumer: when purchasing items, purchase supplies from companies whose values and policies reflect your own.
3. Buy or make a baby bag or canvas bag and fill them with collected baby items.
4. Fill the baby bags with items.
5. Make a "welcome baby" card and deliver the baby bags.

Reflection Questions:

- Why is this an important project?
- What part of the project did you like best?
- How do you think the moms will feel when they receive your baby bag?