**HOW TO MAKE A SCHOOL SUPPLY KIT!**

**Why School Supplies?**

At Cradles to Crayons, we strive to provide children living in low-income or homeless situations with everyday essential items. School supply kits are some of our most requested items. Because of the current public health crisis, more and more families are experiencing financial insecurity; and as a result, many more children won’t have access to essential learning tools. Help us prepare to serve more kids and families by creating school supply kits at home!

**What You’ll Need:**

1. New school supplies purchased at your preferred website or store (Appendix A)
2. Scissors
3. Markers or crayons
4. Gallon-sized plastic bags OR a new backpack

**Instructions:**

1) Purchase new school supplies from your preferred website or local store (Appendix A)

2) Cut out the Well Wish Note templates and color in the notes. If you don’t have a printer, feel free to design your own notes on index cards or paper!

3) Put one Well Wish Note and school supplies together in either a gallon-sized plastic bag or new backpack. Be sure to reference Appendix A for the packing list!

4) Donate your packs. To find the nearest drop-off location to you, please visit: [https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/take-action/donate-goods/find-local-drop-off/](https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/take-action/donate-goods/find-local-drop-off/)
Appendix A

Reminder: Each item must be new!

For your convenience, product suggestions are linked below.

*Optional*

- Backpack

Required

- 2 notebooks
- 2 folders
- 4 pencils
- 4 eraser caps
- 4 pens
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pack of markers
- 1 ruler
- 2 glue sticks