

TOTE BAG INSTRUCTION SHEET

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE CHILDREN OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA!

What to do with the bags:

1. Remove the tags, if any from each bag.
2. Iron the bag if needed to smooth out.
3. Place something inside the bag to prevent the marker ink or paint from leaking through to the back. Cardboard, newspaper (several layers), and paper grocery bags work well.
4. You need only decorate one side, but double-sided bags are great!
5. Please do not have young children work on the tote bags. Even elementary students should be helped and supervised.
6. Remember this is a gift, Feel free to sign your bag with first name and hometown on one corner or the back
7. If you could make a donation each bag costs \$1.50 Thanks! If not thank you for decorating!
8. When completed, please roll into bundles of 12 with a rubber band

How to decorate the bags:

- Use fabric markers or Sharpies, stencils or “bulky” foam stamps. Please don’t use fabric paint or glue-on-beads, as they will peel off before the bag gets to Bosnia!
- You can draw nature scenes, sports, boats, animals, super heros, abstract designs, etc.
- You can print out a coloring page, slip it inside the bag, then trace and color it in!
- Simple English words are OK – Joy , Peace, Love and Friendship (The Bosnian word for Peace is “Mir”).
- PLEASE DO NOT use any religious symbols or references.
- PLEASE Refrain from using BLACK as your main color.
- We often get an abundance of “Girl” themed bags. The camps are pretty much 50/50 boys and girls so we would appreciate your decorated bags for both genders.
- You may use your artistic ability to make this a treasured GIFT for the Bosnian child/youth/teen/or teacher.
- Remember that you are doing this with LOVE and not “just to finish quickly”. Take your time and do a SUPER JOB!

Tote bags need to be returned no later than May 31, unless they are being brought to Synod Assembly (June 4-6, 2015). Please contact Tote Bag Coordinator Rene Cherson if you have any questions: rene.cherson@yahoo.com.

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