



Caring Card Decorating

- Purchase 3 x 5 index cards (colored or white)
- Decorate **both** sides of the card with lots of color & put on a greeting
- Bring the cards to the House and place them in the tote on our front porch



Please read the following guidelines & FAQs thoroughly before beginning to decorate the cards

Decorating Guidelines - Do's and Don'ts

You **CAN** use crayons, markers, colored pencils, stencils, and/or ink stamps - but please **DON'T** use **any type of sticker or anything glued to the card (such as a photo cut from a magazine), any glitter (including glitter pens or loose glitter), paint, chalk, tape, or staples.**

You can include messages such as “You are strong”, “Keep Smiling”, “We’re thinking of you”, etc. or you could include simple riddles, tic tac toe - but please **DON'T** use **religious messages/references, religious pictures/symbols, frightening images or references to specific illnesses or diseases.**

NOTE: If the cards have any of the items listed in **red** above, we won't be able to use them.

Be creative and have fun!

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Caring Card Decorating FAQs

Why am I decorating these cards? To make a family member sitting at their child's bedside smile. Sitting with a sick child can be a very stressful time. A bright and cheerful decorated card can bring a smile to a parent's face and may relieve some of that stress that they are going through.

Who receives the decorated cards? Mostly moms, dads, grandmas, grandads, aunts, uncles etc.... The patient (child) is often too sick or little (think babies) to see the card.

What words can I put on the cards? Try to put yourself in the position of the person who may be getting the card you're decorating. Please **don't** write on words such as - good job, congratulations, it'll get better, you can beat cancer, well done graduate, happy birthday, this is a good day, have faith, religious references and similar words or sayings. Some words and sayings which are more thoughtful could be - you have strength, we are thinking of you, or silly jokes or riddles.

What pictures or drawings can I put on the cards? You can be very creative with lots of color on **BOTH** sides of the card. Cartoon characters (Disney, Looney Tunes, Cartoon Network etc.), animals, hearts, flowers and trees, abstract designs are all great to include, but be creative. Drawing scary pictures (frightening characters, guns etc.) is **not** what we're looking for.

Other important info - unusable cards, community service hours

Cards we WON'T be able to use - If we get cards with the following items on, we won't be able to use them for our Programs - frightening images, **any** type of stickers, glitter (this includes glitter pens, pencils, and glitter glue), paint, tape - scotch or decorative, such as washi etc., pictures cut from magazines, comics etc. If cards are returned to us with grease marks, they're unusable too.

Community Service Hours for School or College - From March 2020 we will only certify **up to** a maximum of 3 (three) hours per month for decorating cards. The amount of time given will be determined by RMHC upon reviewing the cards. We cannot guarantee your hours will be signed off immediately upon return. Cards that are dropped off at the House will be reviewed after the 1st and 15th of each month and paperwork will be signed off at this time - please keep this in mind when turning them in and plan ahead if you have a deadline. We will not certify hours for decorating the cards with stickers, glitter, paint etc., as we will not be able to send the cards into the hospitals. Effective June 15th 2021, no hours will be certified for decorating lunch bags.

Court Ordered Community Service Hours - we will **NOT** sign court paperwork for decorating cards.