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Life may not
be fair but. . .



It's sure entertaining!

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I'M JUST
A
RAGGEDY
ANN

IN A
BARBIE DOLL
WORLD!

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Don't wake me
unless



I sleep past
quitting time!

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Heck with reality.



I want my
fairy Godmother!

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Sorting laundry is organized grime!

Kim makes laundry less of a chore! Cut out and frame the below poem. Space is left around the poem for matting. It is perfect for the laundry room or kitchen. Laundry is especially daunting for a new mother. Wouldn't this make a unique baby shower gift in a laundry basket with baby detergents, softeners, stain removers, etc.

Said to newlywed wife just before the annulment: "Because I'm a modern man, I will share equally in the housework. You just do the laundry, the cooking, the gardening, the cleaning and the dishes. I'll do the rest!"

Laundry Prayer

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Laundry is a dreaded task,
A never-ending chore.
The sorting, folding, ironing,
Just get to be a bore.



But now I have a little trick,
God's placed within my head.
As I touch my family's clothes,
I pray for them instead.

I say a prayer for him,
As cotton shirts I press.
I thank God for my little girl,
As I hang her darling dress.



And as I for the hundredth time,
Fold his favorite tee.
I ask God's blessing for my son,
And for my family.

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Marilyn wrote this for her daughter's wedding. Wouldn't it be a wonderful poem to give with a cruise for the honeymoon? Okay, at least with a few dollars. The poem is one that would be treasured and most likely end up in a scrapbook. The Apache Love Prayer makes a wonderful laminated bookmarker for wedding favors.

A Message to the Newlyweds!

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You leave homeport today
on a course still uncharted,
warmly remembering
how your love started.

There'll be rocky shoals
and stormy weather,
but the seas will calm
when you travel together.

So take our love with you
as your sails start to billow,
and our fond wish for you
to grow old on one pillow.

Chains do not hold a marriage
together. It is threads, hundreds
of tiny threads which sew people
together through the years. That
is what makes a marriage last. --
Simone Signoret

Apache Love Prayer



Now we will feel
no more rain,
for each of us will be
shelter for the other.

Now we will feel
no more cold,
for each of us will be
warmth for the other.

Now there is
no more loneliness,
for each of us will be
companion to the other.

There is only
one life before us,
and our seasons
will be long and good.

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Be to their virtue very kind; be to their faults a little blind.

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This recipe does double duty. Use up the prolific squash from your summer garden or use up those stored potatoes in the winter before they go bad! Either way, your family will love it!

Squash Casserole

- Wash and trim ends of 6 to 8 small firm squash. Cut off dark spots but do not peel. Slice into 1/2" pieces. Add 1/2 tsp. salt to a large pot of boiling water and parboil squash for 10 to 15 minutes until fork tender. Steamer may also be used. Do not overcook.
- Cut up 1/4 cup stick butter and 1 cup Velveeta cheese into slices or cubes. Place in a large casserole dish sprayed with non-stick spray.
- Drain squash and immediately pour into the casserole dish over the butter and cheese to melt.
- Add 1 cup crushed multigrain crackers and a 12 oz. can of low fat (2%) evaporated milk. Gently stir ingredients with a wooden spoon. Taste and add salt if needed. (over)

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Q: If a lettuce, tomato, and squash had a race,
in what order would they finish? (Answer below.)

- Add regular milk to finish covering ingredients if needed.
- Top with shredded cheddar cheese.
- Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 25 to 30 minutes.
- Also can substitute parboiled, peeled potatoes for squash.

Potato Casserole



If you wish to substitute potatoes
the results are still very appealing,
but if you don't like potato skins
then you had better start peeling!

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Recipe adapted by Betty Mason from her
mother-in-law's passed down recipe.

A: The lettuce would be a-head, the squash would be in the middle
and the tomato would have to catch up (ketchup)!

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At different times Sheila has used this poem to cheer each of her four sisters. Depending on the sister, she has sent it with their favorite chocolates, chocolate chip cookies or brownies. For one sister, she filled an empty prescription bottle with mini M&Ms and added a "prescription label". Change the word "sister" in the poem to "friend" and you've got a great "pick-me-up" gift for a friend.

Chocolate Stress Busters

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Sisters and chocolate naturally go together!



I'm sorry about your stresses
With these upsetting recent messes.
This medicine will chase the blues away.
Make sure to take some every day.

Chocolate is a sure-fire cure.
I've tried it myself, so I am sure!
And remember when you are feeling blue,
You have a sister who is here for you.

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Chocolate Filling

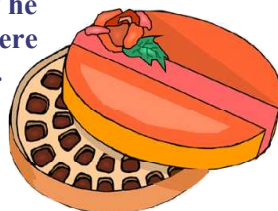
The dentist had just finished checking the little girl's teeth. He turned to her mother. "She's been eating too many sweets. She is going to need several fillings..." Oh, goody!" interrupted the little girl. "Can I get chocolate filling, please?"



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Three Wishes

After finding a magic lantern, the man was granted the typical three wishes. First he wished to be rich and poof... there was a million dollars before him. Second he wished for a mansion and poof... he was in a beautiful castle. Last he wished to be irresistible to women and poof... he turned into a box of gourmet chocolates!



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A little too much chocolate is just about right!

Plush & Quick Lap Robe

This beginner pattern was adapted from one at www.LionBrand.com. They also have wonderful How to Crochet Instructions and over 100 free patterns on their site, so there's no excuse not to learn to crochet!

Materials:

Lion Brand Chenille Thick & Quick (5 skeins)
Size N hook



Instructions:

Ch 49.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across -- 48 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Working through back loops only, sc in each sc across -- 48 sc.

Ch 1, turn.

Rep Row 2 until throw measures 31" from beg.

Border: Work 3 rnds sc around entire throw working 3 sc in each corner. Fasten off.

Terms:

ch = chain
sc = single crochet
rep = repeat
rnds = rounds

Finished Size:
Approximately
26" x 34" with
border.

- A perfect size to throw over legs when watching TV or sitting at a desk.
- As the little kitty suggests... a nice pet blanket.
- A welcome gift for anyone in a nursing home.
- Great to keep in car for rides, sporting events or picnics.

Loopity Loop!

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In one loop and out the other,
The work of art all comes together.
I'll paint the picture as I go,
In one loop and out the other.

In one loop and out the other,
This bedspread seems to go forever.
Perhaps a lap robe might be better,
In one loop and out the other.

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If a dog jumps in your lap, it is because he is fond of you;
but if a cat does the same thing, it's because your lap is warmer.

These darling little angels are made from scraps, hence the name "Scrap Angels". Their humble beginnings make them even more special! They have been around for a while and we hope you'll pass them on as we are.



Doreen Scerri

Get Scrap Happy!
Angels bring love!



Doreen made the above angel using larger circles. The head is a fabric-covered bottle cap. A wooden furniture plug could also be used. She says to check craft shops for yarn and different kinds of hair or use Easter basket grass. Use scraps from your craft box for the halo. Let your imagination flow and fill her with love! See below sample for the placement on tag.



Place your Scrap Angel here
Directions at CraftSayings.com

*Scraps & bits 'n pieces
Came together to make me
Really sweet and
A dorable and so
P retty as you can see.*

*A lways keep me handy
'N your pocket or
G ive me away,
E ven make another one,
L ife gets better when...
angels come to stay!*

Doreen Scerri © 2006

Tag designed by Doreen Scerri



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Scrap Angels

Suggested Glue: Craft glue or PVA glue diluted with a little water.

WARNING: Once you start making these adorable little angels, you won't be able to stop!

Cut two 3 1/2" diameter circles of contrasting fabric. Fold each in half and dab glue between the folds to hold in place.



Take one of the folded circles and fold each end toward the middle to form the sleeves. Dab glue to hold. Clip the glued part together and leave for a few minutes until the 'sleeves' hold their shape. (left pic)

Remove the clothespin and glue the 'sleeves' to the other folded circle. (right pic)



Doreen Scerri

Glue on a sequin for the halo and a button on top of it for the face. The button holes are the eyes so line them up accordingly.

As you can see below, Doreen is addicted to these little angels, but what better addiction could one have! They fit perfectly in Christmas cards. Add a loop of ribbon behind her head for hanging on the tree. Glue pinbacks to some and attach to Doreen's tag for wonderful "Thinking of You" and "Get Well" gifts. Let the love flow!



Have an on again, off again relationship? Sometimes guys are so confusing you just need a sign! Put some candy kisses in a purchased organza pouch to give to him with this poem. It's up to him now!



We come to love not by finding a perfect person,
but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly.

Love is a fire, but whether it is going to warm your
hearth or burn down your house, you can never tell.

— Joan Crawford

Once again!

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I couldn't sleep because I was thinking of you,
Remembering things you used to say and do.
I was committed to you in every way.
Now I wish I could forget about that day...

The day when everything ended.
That's not how we were intended!
I try in vain to forget about us.
We just needed a little trust...

But to my dismay we finally fell apart.
Then you returned and again stole my heart.
Maybe we will be like we were in the past.
Hopefully this time for eternity it will last.

But it's up to you if you want to try again
or do you think of me as only a friend?
So please send back my kisses as a sign
if it's not hopeless trying to make you mine.

A few words for the wrong answer....

I fell in love at first sight. I should have looked twice!
A woman has got to love a bad man once or twice in her life,
to be thankful for a good one.
And if it's true love...
Together is the best place to be. I love you to the moon and back!

True Love!

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Even though we argue and fight,
to prove that I love you...
the next time that we argue,
I'll pretend that you're right!

Dear Lord, Thank you for making him just for me!

Fishy Fish Baits



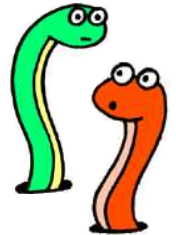
Put a few gummy worms in a plastic bag and attach Yvonne's cute little poem as the topper. This is the perfect gift for your favorite fisherman!

Why don't fishermen ever lose the little fish?
Only the big ones get away!
Lord, Help me see the day,
when I catch the one that got away!
Fishing is the sport of drowning worms!

Great Fish Bait

©2005 Yvonne Lowther

Put a little gummy worm on your hook, then wait & wait, and if the fish aren't biting, just give up and eat the bait!



It takes a patient man who is a thinker,
to catch the big one, hook, line and sinker!



Fishing is life. The rest is just detail.
Good things come to those who bait!
Rise and shine. It's fishing time!
Spare the rod, spoil the day!
TGIF Thank God I'm Fishing!

Fish Bait

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Sprinkle peas at the water edge where lots of fishies swim.
When one comes up to take a "P" be quick and sure to grab him!

For another kind of fish bait, put some dried split green peas in a small plastic bag and attach the adjacent topper. If it doesn't catch any big fish, maybe it will catch a few big laughs!

The biggest fish are caught by the tale!

Mind your Mummy!

These little mummies make adorable favors at a Halloween party for all ages. They are especially a hit with the younger set! Leave out the lollipop & glue on a pinback and the ladies can wear them as a Halloween pin. Toss them in trick or treat bags to be nominated the coolest house on the block!



Yummy Mummy

If you dare to unwrap this cute little mummy, you'll find a treat that's yummy for your tummy!



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- Paint the back of the bowl of a white plastic spoon an icky green color. Spray with a clear acrylic sealer.
- Place a lollipop in the bowl of the spoon. Line up the lollipop stick with the spoon handle and tape together.
- Tear muslin fabric into about 1/2" to 3/4" strips, across the width of the fabric. Wrap fabric strips around the spoon in mummy fashion, leaving a small rectangular opening at the back of spoon for "eyes". Keep wrapping entire spoon until the desired body size is obtained. (About three to four strips of 44" material are needed, depending on the width of strips.)
- Leave the very tip loose so that it can be pulled to open, but secure right next to the end with a tiny dab of glue. Pin until dry and then remove pin.
- Use a Sharpie marker pen to put black dots for eyes peeking out of the green opening.
- Use black ribbon or yarn to tie a bow around the neck. Also do a few with pink ribbons and make a mummy couple.
- Kids will LOVE unwrapping these!
- Note: For a pin that you wish to keep from year to year, skip the lollipop and just wrap the spoon. Glue a pin backing to the back.

Q. Why was the mummy stressing? !pdded!w rapped! A. He was too tightly wrapped!

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Q. Why don't mummies take vacations? (Answer below.)

The Mummy!

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Whether it's spiders or bats
Or just big black cats,
It will be creepin' up on you,
To scare you through and through.

So look out for the mummy,
Who wants to fill his tummy,
With some good eats,
Like your bag of treats.

Bonnie uses this poem with her Halloween treats and they're always a hit. Add some Mummy pins to the outside of a black gift bag along with the poem and also add some lollipop mummies inside with other goodies. For added effect, glue some googly eyes, in pairs, to the black bag.

- Loosely roll up about four feet of gauze.
- Glue googly eyes to the gauze.
- Add a safety pin for the mouth. Place in a plastic bag.
- Cut a piece of craft paper to fit across the top of the plastic bag. Write "Mummy Kit" on the paper.
- Fold the top of the plastic bag over and staple it shut with the name tag as the topper.
- If desired add a pin backing for a very unusual pin to wear.
- Now go sign up for the newsletter where this idea came from.... RunnerDuck.com. Marilyn fills her little corner newsletter with lots of great crafting ideas just as cute as this one!



RunnerDuck.com

Mummy Kit

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What's Halloween without a mummy?
So build your own with this little kit,
and when your party starts to unravel
bring him out to scare things up a bit!

A. They are afraid they will relax and unwind!

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Lori Jean puts a decorated candle with this poem. We don't have a picture so use your imagination. This is a great project for the clean burning soy candles at SuperSoyCandles.com. They smell heavenly!



A Christmas Candle

©2000 Lori Jean Knowles

May this Christmas candle renew reminders of Christ's love for you...

Born in a manger one starlit night to bring you a message of love and light.

Please let it's warmth fill your home and bring peace knowing you're never alone.



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Lori Jean Knowles

Lori Jean made this adorable sugar pin. It is so easy and goes perfectly with her poem.

- Cut a heart shape out of white fun foam.
- Generously cover with Aileen's Jewel Glue.
- Sprinkle Ultra Fine Glitter onto the wet glue until completely covered.
- When dry, add a bow and attach a pin backing with E-6000 glue.

Little Prayer Reminder

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They say the best things in life are free, so I send you a piece of my heart, you see.

Wear this when you are feeling blue as a reminder that I'm praying for you.

May God be with you and hold you in His love and give you comfort from heaven above.

A friend is like an ever-burning candle, a warm bright ray, whose light is always there to help along the way.

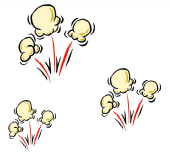
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Wishing you a popping good Christmas!

Amy Johnson sent this cute idea for Christmas. Buy a large Christmas tin or "ice cream bucket" type container. Fill it with a pound bag of unpopped popcorn kernels and a package of lime Jell-O and a package of cherry or strawberry Jell-O. Tuck in the recipe and put the lid on. Attach the "popping by" tag.



Flavored Popcorn



8 cups of popped popcorn
1/3 cup melted butter or margarine
1 small package Jell-O gelatin -- your favorite flavor

- Put popped popcorn in a clean paper grocery sack.
- Pour melted butter over popcorn. Roll down the top of the sack and shake sack vigorously.
- Open sack and sprinkle Jell-O over popcorn.
- Close sack and shake vigorously again to coat the popcorn.
- Pour popcorn into a bowl and enjoy!

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Christmas is that jovial time of year when we sit around in front of a dead tree eating candy out of our socks.



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Turn inexpensive clay pots into works of art. Paint the inside and outside of pots with two or three coats of outdoor paint such as Patio Paint. Using E-6000 glue, glue stars, shells or buttons to pots. Let your imagination go pot-painting wild!



Painted Pots

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I really love to paint
but surely, Monet I ain't!
Like him, I love the garden lots
so my "canvases" are my flower pots.

I paint them pink & yellow & blue.
Sometimes I decoupage them too.
They come in many shapes & sizes
and often I glue on shells & surprises.

So with this collection for you that I've built
maybe no one will notice if plants start to wilt.
But I hope you will find them to be such fun
that you always remember to water each one!

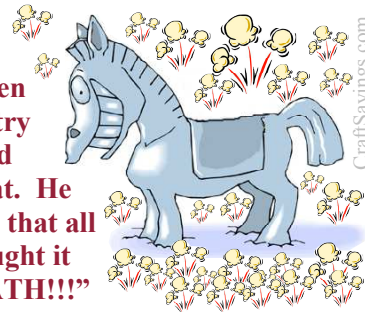
A weed is simply a plant that wants to grow where people want something else. In blaming nature, people mistake the culprit. Weeds are people's idea, not nature's.



Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas.

Hot Mule

We've had near record temperatures here, but poor Donna wrote, "It has been unbearably hot in our part of the country ... 3 digit temps! My poor old mule died the other day, because of this awful heat. He got into the popcorn field. It was so hot that all the popcorn popped, and my mule thought it was a snow storm, and FROZE to DEATH!!!"



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Q: What kind of garden does a baker have? (A: A Flour Garden!)

MY BEADS

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While slipping beads upon a string
The colors of the rainbow I do see.
Oh what happiness it does bring
Making this for you all done by me!

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Remember...
The work will wait while you show your child the rainbow, but the rainbow won't wait while you do the work!



This is an easy project that kids can make and give. Thread a piece of elastic string onto a blunt large eye needle. Then string away! Add different colored beads and mix in letter beads for name if desired. Knot off and trim elastic. If you are not sure what size to make it, then make it a little larger than you think might be needed, tie a small bow in the elastic and give instructions to size it and then knot and trim. Pictured beads were available at Wal-Mart.



Necklace Snack!

Next time you craft and the kids want to mess too, let little kids string colorful fruity cheerios onto a string of licorice. Tie into a knot. They'll have a wonderful time and if they eat the craft supplies, it's okay. Should their necklace make it to completion, they'll be proud to wear it and will have a handy snack too!

But...
I'm not making a mess Mom.
I'm crafting like you!



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You stay young at heart when you craft with a child!

Carolyn wrote this little blessing to engrave on a glass domed cake plate and I'm sure it was beautiful! It also makes a wonderful tile magnet. Print this using a color laser and decoupage onto a 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" tile found at any hardware store. If you don't have a color laser printer, a print shop can print it for you or just laminate it. There's a multitude of ways to use this little blessing.



Heaven's Butterfly

©2005 Sue Pitchfork



Souls are reborn
in a moment of flight
to return back to Earth.
What a beautiful sight!

A butterfly kiss,
a wing soft but swift,
carries the message
your loved one is missed.

Between the two worlds
for a moment of glory,
a butterfly's blessing
tells its own story.

So when you see one,
smile and you'll know,
your loved one is safe.
God just told you so.

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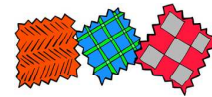
Sue wrote this beautiful poem to go with a butterfly ornament to help comfort someone who is grieving. She says a butterfly wind chime would be ideal. Also laminate the poem for a wonderful remembrance book-marker.

Perhaps they are not stars
in the sky, but rather openings
where our loved ones
shine down to let us know
they are happy. -- Eskimo
Legend

Silently one by one, in the
infinite meadows of heaven,
blossomed the lovely stars,
the forget-me-nots of angels.
-- Henry Wadsworth

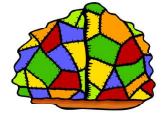
Regard heaven as your father,
earth as your mother, and all
things as your brothers and
sisters. -- Shinto saying

This poem is all too true for so many of us. It would be wonderful framed and hung and is the perfect gift for a crafting friend. To go one step further, give one of your handmade creations with the poem. However include the last verse with the wrapped gift and attach the long poem on the outside.



Stuff aka Our Crowded House

©09/2004 Brian Langley
St James, Western Australia



Our house is full of fabric
And threads of every shade.
The lounge is full of patchwork parts
For the quilt that's almost made.

The table we should dine on
Is two feet deep at least
In cut out, coloured, bits of cloth
Arranged so they're not creased.

There's a cupboard in one bedroom
That's bursting at the seams.
It's full of pastel coloured stuff,
All pinks and blues and creams.

There's boxes filled with net and lace,
There's ribbons, braid and more.
It's stacked in almost every room
From ceiling to the floor.

The place she calls her sewing room
Has cupboards, wall to wall
All filled with artsy crafty things,
She says she needs them all.

There's paint and glue and colored beads,
There's books and magazines,
Macramé string and leather tools
And studs that go on jeans.

There's six machines all in her room.
She says she needs one more.
There'll be no room to fit it in,
It won't get through the door.

Why does she need so many?
I'm sure I hear you ask.
Well, some of them are specialised
And only do one task.

There's two that do embroidery
And one does cover stitch.
There's 4 and 5 thread sergers but
I'm not sure which is which.

I've had to build an extra room
To store her bulk supplies
Of stabilisers, quilting squares,
And it is no surprise. . .

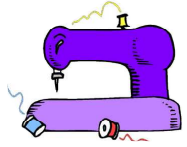
That like the other rooms she has
It's absolutely full
With rolls and rolls of fabric
And boxes full of wool.

But I suppose I can't complain
And say I've had enough.
I can't get in my shed at all.
It's full of blokey stuff.

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So as we start to dig it out
And figure what to do
I hope you like this gift I've made
Which comes with love to you!



This is one of the many tunes you will find on the personalized Tunes for Tots tapes. Make up a Responsibility Board to go with it.

- Line off a whiteboard with tape, paint or marker.
- Write the chores across the top and days of the week down the side.
- Decorate w/paint, stickers, wood or foam shapes, etc.



• Hang it down low in their room where they can help you check off the blocks each night and discuss their behavior for that day. Sing this little song to them with their name inserted in each blank or order the tape personalized with their name. See CraftSayings.com/tunesfortots for name availability & order info. If my 2-year old grandson is any indication, children love their name on tape!



Responsibility

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Fall in, now who do we have here, _____?
Ah now _____, responsibilities are very important!

Responsible for all my actions I will be.
Responsible for everything I can do for me.
Responsibility I will be sure to see.

_____ brush your teeth both nite and morn.
_____ hang your clothes you have worn.
_____ put your toys where they belong.
_____ do your chores as you sing a song.

_____ wash your face and take a bath.
_____ finish dinner and eat your veggies fast.
_____ tries to work at helping out mom and dad.
_____ 's actions won't be bad, so you won't be mad.

_____ goes to bed every night on time.
_____ doesn't have to fuss, cry or whine.

Because _____ goes to sleep by nine.

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If you're willing to work hard but just need the opportunity, please check out www.SuperSoyCandles.com. The monetary rewards are substantial but it goes further than that! I'd love to explain. Feel free to e-mail me at shirleyt@craftsayings.com.



Teacher's Pointer

- Paint a 3/8" wooden dowel (chalk-size) white or gold.
- Drill a hole in a wood or plastic apple and glue onto dowel.
- Glue a pair of angel wings to the back of the apple.

Theresa also glues a triangular eraser from the Dollar Store to the bottom of the pointer, but I couldn't find one. I also substituted feathers for wings. If desired use a white fine tip marker to write sayings or a teacher's name on the apple or a black marker to write on the dowel. Examples: "A's Rule!" "#1 Teacher" "Teachers Rule!"

100 Years From Now



One hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in the bank, nor what my clothes looked like.

But the world may be a little better, because I was important in the life of a child.

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An Angel of a Teacher

At least once in every student's life, there should be one who looks beyond behavior and sees the possibilities.

Although a student's roadblocks aren't easy to discern, a teaching angel's specialty is making students love to learn.

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