

Hi!

We're so happy you're here! We hope this box will make your Elf life a bit less hectic and bring your family some excitement during this holiday season!

We have tried to make the box as easy as possible. The festivities will start on Dec 1 and end on Dec 24. Set the scenes out for your children to discover each morning. Some scenes will require the elf to travel around to different locations in your home. If a location is not specified, please move the elf to wherever you choose. Below you will find instructions on the recommended staging for each scene. Please modify or change any scenes or activities to fit your family's needs. Feel free to bring the scene to life with anything you have at home.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us via email at elfinabox24@gmail.com

Follow us on Instagram [@elfin_a_box](https://www.instagram.com/elfin_a_box) for daily reminders and scene set-up examples for each day.

Thanks for the support! You've got this!

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Cautions/Warnings: These are to keep your children safe when interacting with Elf In a Box (EIAB).

These warnings apply to all when using EIAB. Children should always be **under direct adult supervision when interacting with EIAB. EIAB is not suitable for children under four years old.**

- ★ Choking Hazards Warning: EIAB uses small objects as props and in crafts. These can be choking hazards.
- ★ Sharp Objects Warning: EIAB contains some sharp objects.
- ★ String/Wire/Ribbon Warning: EIAB uses string, wire, or ribbon in crafts, scenes, and activities.
- ★ Plastic Bag Warning: EIAB uses plastic bags to hold crafts, scenes, and activities. Bags are not for children to play with and should be disposed of after use.
- ★ Food-Related Warning: EIAB uses food products in conjunction with non-edible products to create scenes. Food products used as props should not be consumed.
- ★ Wood Products Warning: EIAB uses wood products in some scenes, crafts and activities that may cause splinters or other injuries.
- ★ Allergies: Please refer to the instruction manual for products used.

****Please note that all boxes have enough supplies for 2 kids.** If you ordered a box to accommodate more children please use the supplies from the **extras bag** to add to the scenes when needed. Any day marked with an **E** requires extra material.**

Helpful materials for setup that are not included:

- ★ Tape
- ★ Glue
- ★ Scissors

Dec 1 Welcome Back

Assemble the plane as shown on the packaging. Place the elf sitting upright just behind the wings. Use the zip tie at the elf's legs to secure them to the airplane. Place the sunglasses on the elf, the sides need to be stretched to fit right. If you are having troubles securing the fit angle the glasses upwards with the edges tucked into the hat to help secure them. Feel free to hang the airplane or place it wherever you would like. Dental floss works great for hanging. Fill in your children's name on the welcome card and sign from your Elf. Display the card for your children to read.

Dec 2 Air Dry Clay E

No message card included for today's craft, so feel free to add one. Sit the elf upright and display the materials around the elf. Using the air-dry clay make Christmas ornaments or shapes. When making cut out ornaments, do not roll the shapes too thin or they will crack in the drying process. There is enough clay for one ornament per child. Have your children press the sequins into the clay. Use a straw to press a hole at the top of the ornament for hanging. Clay usually takes 2-3 days to dry. Once clay is dry you may choose to paint your creations and hang them on your tree. (Crayola Model Magic White)

Dec 3 Letters to Elf Friends E

Please find all the materials (letters, crayons and envelopes) at the bottom of your box like letters to Santa, but letters to Elf friends. Sit the elf upright and display the materials around the elf. Using the letter template provided, have your children write letters to their elf and elf friends. Once complete, place the letter in the envelope beside the elf for them to bring to their Elf friends that evening (get rid or hide the letters so the children believe they are at the North Pole). In the goodbye letter on Dec 24th, your Elf writes a response to the letters they made.

Dec 4 Elf Bucks E

Please find all the materials at the bottom of your box. To create the elf bucks booth, cut along the edges and fold at the gray lines, **but don't cut off gray tabs!** Glue or tape the tabs to create the booth. Place the elf either behind the booth so their head is popping through the window or beside the booth. You can choose to add the apron from day 21 to this scene.

Display the coffee cups beside the booth for your children to colour and create their own coffee cups.

Dec 5 Elf Babies

Your elf family is growing by one! Place the Elf and the baby beside each other however you would like. We think it's pretty cute when the elf holds the baby. Display the message card for your children to read. Have them name the baby and fill in the birth certificate. You may choose to include the baby in each scene for the duration of elf season; it is up to you! The baby hats have been hot-glued on but may require more if your children are going to be playing with the baby.

Dec 6 Wooden Craft Ornaments E

* Glue needed, liquid glue works best*

No message card included for today's craft so feel free to add one. Sit your elf upright and arrange the craft supplies around the elf. To create the ornaments, spread glue on the tissue paper squares and arrange on the wooden ornament. The more tissue paper the better. Let dry and hang on the tree for everyone to see.

Dec 7 ZipLine

Get creative with this day and set it up however you would like. Using the string provided, create a zipline between two objects. If you need to extend your zipline, dental floss works great. Using the zip tie, secure the elf's hands to the candy cane so they are hanging and then place the candy cane on the zipline. Place the message card wherever you would like, we taped ours to the elf's stomach.

Dec 8 Reindeer Poop

Sit the elf upright. Display the message card beside the elf. Fill the red cup up with the reindeer poop. Feel free to sprinkle some around the scene. Place the shovel resting on the elf.
(Reindeer poop: nesquik cereal)

Dec 9 Puzzle Scavenger Hunt

Label each clue 1-7. Cut out the clues and roll each one up. Sit the elf upright and have the elf start to create one of the shapes displayed on the puzzle with one piece. Leave the elf message card out for your children to see. Put clue **one** beside the elf message. Hide the rest of the puzzle pieces with the clues. You may choose to add a treat or prize at the end of the scavenger hunt.

Hide the clues in the following locations:

Clue 1: Give to your children

- Clue 2: Place where your children keep their toys
Clue 3: Place where your family keep your shoes
Clue 4: Place in the fridge
Clue 5: Place somewhere on the Christmas tree
Clue 6: Place in the bathtub or kitchen sink if you don't have one
Clue 7: Place where you hang your stockings

Dec 10 Reindeer Craft E

* Glue needed, liquid glue works best*. Sit your elf upright and arrange the craft supplies around the elf. Display the message card for the children to see and answer the riddle. Follow the directions or just allow your kids to use their imagination. To create the reindeer take two popsicle sticks and make a V shape. Add the pom pom nose where the V connects and two eyes on each side of the V about in the middle of the popsicle stick. Using the third popsicle stick wrap the pipe cleaner around to create antlers. Be mindful as these are sharp. Finally glue the popsicle stick antler to the V by placing it just above the reindeer ears about 1.5 inches down on the popsicle stick.

Dec 11 Snowball Fight

Stage a snowball fight with the materials provided. Use the string as a divider line and create two teams using the elf and other stuffed animals or figures from around your house. Display the message card for the children to see.

Place the snow however you want around the fight we made a pile.

Instructions:

1. To make snow, add magic snow powder to a medium size plate.
2. Measure out 2oz of water.
3. Pour water slowly over the magic snow powder.
4. Once the snow has absorbed the water, use a utensil to fluff up the snow.

[Link to magic snow powder product information](#)

Dec 12 Taco Tuesday

Please find all the materials at the bottom of your box. Cut along the edge of the taco. There are a couple ways you can set up this scene. Fold the taco in half and lay the elf on their side. Or follow the gray outline at the bottom of the taco to cut a square and slide the elf's feet through, and sit them down so the taco covers the upper part of their body. Display the message card for the children to see. Might be a fun night to have tacos for dinner.

Day 13 Santa Always Watching

Use your creativity and set this day up however you want. Sit the elf upright, display the message card beside the elf and place the googly eyes on objects around the elf. The googly eyes are self adhesives, although they can be challenging to peel off the backs so you may want to use tape or glue. We think this day would be fun to set up in the fridge or pantry and place the googly eyes on the food items.

Dec 14 SuperHero

Slip, tie or place under the elf's collar to hold the cape in place. Sit the elf upright. Display the message card and stickers beside the elf. Have your children complete the kind deed and add a circle to the message card once complete.

Dec 15 Stargazing E

Using the supplies, stage a star gazing scene. Lay the elf under the tent. You may choose to tape the stars to the tent, or if you want to get really fancy you can attach them to some dental floss and hang from a space above to give the effect that the elf is looking up at the stars. Arrange the glow sticks around the scene for the children to use. Note: The stars glow in the dark so you can choose to stage in a dark room.

Dec 16 Wishing Ornament

Sit your elf upright and arrange the craft supplies and message cards around the elf. Together with your children, write down a wish or a kind message and place it inside the ornament. Add the filler inside the ornament. You may wish to add sparkles as well. Hang on the tree for everyone to see.

Dec 17 Gumdrops Wreath E

No message card included for today's craft so feel free to add one. Sit the elf upright and display the materials around the elf. Have your children create a gumdrop wreath by dipping the Q-tip into the paint and dotting the wreath.

Non-Toxic washable paint used

Dec 18 Toilet Paper Decorating

Sit the elf upright. Display the message card and mini toilet paper roll beside the elf. Take some toilet paper you have at home and "decorate" an area of your home. You may want to wrap the elf in toilet paper too. Using the mini poop emojis, you can display them around the scene however you would like. This one should get lots of laughs!

Dec 19 Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

Sit the elf upright. Display the message card beside the elf. Place the guitar in the elf's hand or lap like they are playing it. Arrange the rocks around the Christmas tree. Play the song Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree to help your children answer the riddle. Feel free to place this scene wherever but we think near the Christmas tree is a great option.

Dec 20 Smartie Pants E

Sit the elf upright and display the message card for your children to see. Take your children's pants or underwear and arrange the smarties on the clothing items. (nestlé smarties)

Dec 21 Baking Elf

Sit the elf upright and display the message card for your children to see. Arrange the E's on a baking sheet and tie the apron on the elf. Feel free to bring this scene to life with some flour and other baking items.

Dec 22 Rudolph Says

Sit the elf upright and display the message card and Rudolph nose for your children to see. Play the game together.

Dec 23 Polar Express

Create the train by cutting along the edges of the train and folding. **Do not cut the gray tabs off.** Glue or fold the gray tabs together to create the train. Place the elf inside the train. Display the ticket and bell around the train. We think it would be fun if time allows you to watch the polar express movie or read the book to your children on this day.

[Polar Express Read Along](#)

Dec 24 Goodbye Party E

Congratulations, you made it to the last day, and we're going out with a bang! Blow up the balloons and place them around the scene. Place the goodbye message, and pin the nose on Rudolph's game beside the elf for your children to discover. With the red stickers provided, have your children pin the nose on Rudolph. It is optional to use a blindfold as they play. Place the reindeer food underneath the Christmas tree as the Elf's final surprise! (Reindeer:food: sprinkles, sparkles, oatmeal)