

## HOW TO HAVE YOUR OWN CARD PARTY

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### CHECK LIST

- Work out table seating to get the number of people to invite, people like to have room to move
- Check the access and parking to the Venue.
- Work out time frame & breaks
- Advertising though email, txt, facebook and local scrapbooking shops is a good idea. If you are plan on having a big event maybe the local paper might do an article about it
- A ratio of 1 expert card maker to 3 beginners
- Have a separate area set up for drinks and where people can stretch their legs
- Snacks: for food hygiene reason I recommend that unless it is in your home, then let people bring their own lunches and snack
- If you have a larger event, make sure someone has their First Aid Certificate & a First Aid kit
- Work out if everyone is bringing their own kits, card stock etc or maybe have a few premade kits available for the beginners and maybe some books for ideas
- Photos, we love photos that can be put on the web site and even to be sent to the troops
- Bring some empty ice cream containers or boxes lined with plastic bags for all the rubbish. It helps when it comes to cleaning up afterwards

Please if anyone has any suggestions about what might be added, email me I love hearing feedback as all this is done in spare time (usually after midnight) so mistakes can and always do happen



### CARE BOXES FROM HOME

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CARE BOXES FROM HOME

SUPPORTING DEPLOYED  
TROOPS

BY PROVIDING

CARE BOXES

CARDS FOR TROOPS

HOME MADE COMFORTS

OUR WAY TO SHOW WE  
CARE



## WHAT WE DO

FIRSTLY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR PROJECT

### *Who we are?*

This is a project that started off with my family, we decided to support our troops after having a discussion with my older children about the war.

We start off supporting a few marine units until we found a contact in Afghanistan who was willing to help and from this it had grown and grown, although it is still in its early stages, we are getting there and have expand and welcome friends all the time.

Currently we have over 1500 troops deploy (40+ being female) in Afghanistan alone as well as troops in East Timor, Iraq, Sudan,, Solomon Islands & Egypt to name a few other places.

### *What do we do?*

We started out sending a few care boxes and decided that Christmas was an important time so we made it our aim to get as much as possible to our troops, the boxes come in 3 types hygiene, entertainment and food – this ranges from microwave products for based troops to tuna and snack items for outpost troops, one of the other side project has been card marking lots of people with talent are helping to make cards which are left blank inside for our troops to write home to their families.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### CARD MAKERS & KNITTERS NEEDED

#### *Card making*

The cards we need are general cards—both masculine and feminine designs—are most adaptable to any occasion; they are perfect for a hello or can be sent as a get well, sympathy, weddings, anniversaries, babies, or lots of other letter-writing reasons. These can have sentiments like "thinking of you," "my friend," "hello," or a poem, or no sentiment at all. The largest percentage of the boxes we send (with the exception of the Christmas holidays) are general cards, birthdays and holiday cards as well of course but please remember the information pack is very important please read it first to avoid doing a lot of work that can not be used

#### *Knitters & Sewers*

This is another side project which is brand spanking new! If you can knit, we could use your help winter is hard on our troops in Afghanistan as it does snow in the mountains and other areas! So I have found a pattern for a helmet, it is like a ski mask but without covering the face, again for health and safety reason please read the information pack as only 100% wool can be used, we do not need to put a troops in danger of having injuries worsened by something not wool!

Sewers, well after a bit of searching a found a pattern for neck coolers, these are not hard to make and the pattern and instructions will be on the website soon, we are will be sending theses to Afghanistan, Sudan and Egypt when needed.

### MORE INFORMATION AT OUR WEBSITE

As you can understand this project is more than just sending a box, making cards or knitting something, we are supplying a little of home to our troops, and giving them a way to keep in touch with their loved ones, letting them know we have not forgotten them and are proud, but our first concern is keeping them safe, so if you are interested in helping us we have information packs that everyone **must read** before making card or knitting for us.

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If you have any questions at all please feel free to call or email me, I am happy to help in anyway I can.

Again thank you for having a look at supporting our project and I look forward to getting to know everyone better.

Remember to visit our web page

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