

Mother's Day Kit

You will need:

- ♦ **Gift envelope** – 1 per child; coloured envelopes are available from Lincraft (or, if you're a hoarder like me, you have saved quite a few from family birthday cards)
- ♦ coloured card
- ♦ stickers or craft motifs to decorate the outside of the envelope (scrap-booking or card-making stickers & decals are ideal)
- ♦ **printed list:** see below; you can print it from the computer in a fancy font, or children can write their own for a more personal touch
- ♦ **Contents:**
 - coloured birthday candle
 - small novelty eraser
 - a coloured marble
 - a coloured rubber band
 - a safety pin
 - a bandaid
 - a coloured paper clip
 - a cotton wool ball
 - a small balloon (water bomb balloons are a good size)
 - a fancy button

What to do:

There are several ways you can do this:

Simple:

- ♦ Assemble all the items.
- ♦ Paste the list to the front of the envelope and decorate with a few stickers.
- ♦ Put the items inside the envelope.
- ♦ Make a small "To Mum with love from....." card to put in the envelope
- ♦ ...and seal it all up.

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- a candle to light up your life
- an eraser so you can make all the mistakes disappear
- a marble in case someone says you've lost yours
- a rubber band because you stretch yourself beyond your limits
- a safety pin for the unexpected
- a bandaid to help heal wounded feelings (Sorry, Mum)
- a paper clip to help keep it all together
- a cotton ball to cushion the tough days
- a balloon to celebrate life
- and a panic button if all else fails

Alternative 1:

- ♦ Cut a piece of coloured card to fit inside the envelope and glue each of the items to the card, with the words next to each item.
- ♦ Because the marble and eraser will put extra bulk in the envelope, cut the card significantly smaller than the envelope to allow for the extra space needed.

Some of you may have seen this before. It was given to me on my birthday by a friend with whom I have shared the highs and lows of life and, in particular, of raising our kids over the last 30 plus years. She labelled it a **Friendship Kit**, but it occurred to me that with a few minor alterations it would make an equally relevant present to Mums on Mother's Day. Older children can appreciate the sentiments attached to each item; it could provide the basis for a discussion about relationships and expectations between kids and parents.

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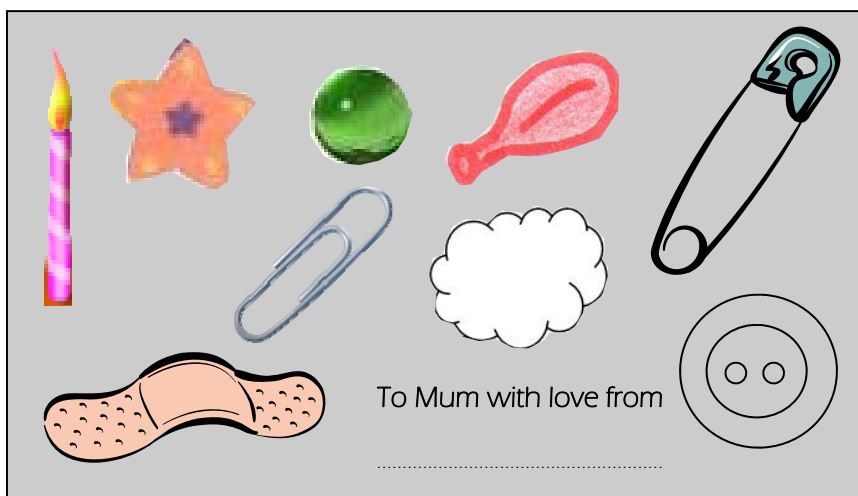
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Alternative 2:

- ♦ Cut a piece of coloured card slightly smaller than and slightly less than double the length of the envelope.
- ♦ Fold it in half to make a card that opens.
- ♦ Paste the list on the front of the card instead of on the envelope.
- ♦ Write: 'To Mum with thanks' above the list.
- ♦ On the inside of the card glue all the items and write 'With love from.....' at the bottom.



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