

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRADE BOX!

AUTUMN RAIN DRIVE HONOR SYSTEM * TAKE A TREASURE, LEAVE A TREASURE



The Turquoise Honor Box * Autumn Rain Drive

1 THE ONE-FOR-ONE TRADE

Take a treasure you love, and leave a special treasure behind for the next friend to find!

2 SAFE HANDS & GENTLE HEARTS

Treat this box and your friends with kindness.
No grabbing, no rushing. Everyone gets a turn!

3 TREASURES WE LOVE

Painted rocks, Pokemon cards, resin charms,
bracelets, stickers, and kind handwritten notes.

"TAKE A TREASURE, LEAVE A TREASURE!"

"That way, there is always magic left for the next friend."

- Mountain Mama's Golden Rule from **The House Where the Music Never Stops**

FAVORITE NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURES TO TRADE

PAINTED ROCKS

Glitter stars, dragons,
and rainbow hearts

TRADING CARDS

Pokemon, sports,
and shiny foils

RESIN CHARMS

Tiny squishies, beads,
and handmade trinkets

KIND LETTERS

Notes that brighten
a friend's whole day!

VISIT THE VIRTUAL SAFE HAVEN & TRADE BOX

Scan with your phone to paint a digital kindness rock,
try the 3-Beat Heart Tap audio tool, and print your
official Certificate of the Invisible Shield!

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HOW TO START A COMMUNITY TRADE BOX

A Step-by-Step Guide for Front Porches, Driveways, Classrooms & Parks



THE MAGIC OF THE HONOR SYSTEM

In **The House Where the Music Never Stops**, the turquoise honor box turns an ordinary driveway into a neighborhood gathering space of generosity, fair trades, and mutual respect.

Setting up a box teaches children:

- * Delayed gratification and fairness over greed.
- * Community trust: leaving magic for strangers.
- * Creative expression through painted rocks.
- * Safe boundaries and respect for personal space.

1 STEP 1: CHOOSE A STURDY BOX

Find an upcycled wooden crate or latch tote. Paint it a bright turquoise color so neighbors spot it easily!

2 STEP 2: SEED YOUR FIRST TREASURES

Gather 8 to 12 painted river rocks, Pokemon cards, resin charms, and friendship bracelets to kick off trades.

3 STEP 3: LAMINATE & ATTACH SIGN

Print Page 1 of this kit, slide it into a waterproof sheet protector, and tape or staple it to the box lid.

4 STEP 4: TEACH THE 3-BEAT HEART TAP

Remind kids to pause and tap their heart: 'Am I taking what is fair? Am I leaving joy for the next friend?'

5 STEP 5: CELEBRATE CONNECTIONS

Check the box weekly with your kids. Watch neighbors leave their own crafts and notes. Kindness is contagious!



Porch Harmony & Community (Spread 14)

SHARE YOUR TRADE BOX WITH AUTHOR VICTORIA CORTEZ!

Take a photo of your front porch or classroom trade box and visit:

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