

Blessings in a Shoebox

Chalkboard Covered Notebooks Step-by-Step Tutorial



Image 1 – chalkboard covered notebook with chalk and eraser

Image 2 – soap boxes holding two pieces of chalk, embellished eraser, and additional miniature toys

Image 3 – chalkboard covered notebook with soap box, two pieces of chalk, embellished eraser, and additional miniature toys

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

– Romans 15:4

Materials

- The links provided are for buying in bulk but all materials are easily available – buying in bulk allowed me to make enough notebooks to include with my school supplies for all my OCC shoeboxes and many extras to donate as fillers.
1. Notebook – Walmart Back-to-School Sale \$.25 each
 2. [Chalkboard Repositionable Self-Adhesive Vinyl](#) about \$.35 each
 3. [Chalkboard Chalk](#) this is a high quality chalk at \$.28 each
 4. [Chalkboard Erasers](#) \$.20 each
 5. Ruler
 6. [Soap Box](#) \$.28 each (Optional)
 7. Embellishments: Miniatures, Stickers, Glittery Butterfly – Many Possibilities (Optional)

Total Cost Including Soap Box Case and Embellishments = \$1.45 Each

Steps for Chalkboard Covered Notebooks

1. Make sure that your work area is dust free.
2. Measure and cut the self-adhesive vinyl chalkboard 7" x 9". The chalkboard vinyl that I used had ½" measured grid on the back making measuring very easy. You can adjust the size. I found this size to be easy to work with and apply while providing a good size work area.
3. Working from one corner, carefully peel off the backing, align it to the notebook corner and adhere.
4. Continue peeling off the backing and smooth the vinyl as you work using the edge of the ruler.
5. If necessary, reposition the vinyl chalkboard as you work to ensure there are not air bubbles between the chalkboard and the notebook.
6. Add the decorative accessories: glue a miniature to the eraser, add a sticker or embellishment and put the eraser and chalk in a soap box. This step is optional but it will provide safe keeping for the chalks and eraser and make it easier for a child to transport.
7. Hint: tape a small picture to the notebook cover (or in the soap box) that shows a picture of the notebook with the chalk and eraser on the notebook with the heart drawn and then half erased so the child clearly knows how to use the eraser because it may not be obvious to every child.
8. Please consider making a few extras to donate as filler items.