

Creating a Suitcase for Holidays Around the World

Teacher Notes:

1. Send home the attached letter asking students to bring a cereal box with one side panel cut out.
2. When cereal boxes arrive, tape the top flap of the cereal box closed with packing tape.
3. Set cereal boxes on their sides so that the cut-out side panel creates an opening at the top. This will be the “top” of the suitcase.
4. Students should paint cereal boxes brown, or wrap them in brown paper.
5. Give each student 2 handles (see attached) to staple to the top of the suitcase.
6. Students will add the suitcase label and stamps to the suitcase.

Suitcases may now be used to hold students’ souvenirs as they travel around the world learning about holidays in other countries.

Suggested ideas for souvenirs include (but are not limited to):

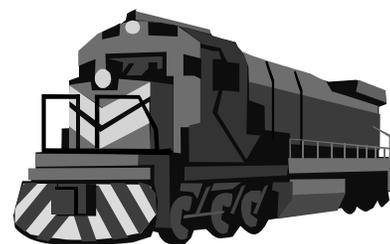
- ✓ Mexico – handprint poinsettias
- ✓ Brazil – firework paintings
- ✓ Antarctica (optional stop) – toilet paper roll penguins
- ✓ Kenya – finger drums – made from Styrofoam cups and masking tape
- ✓ Australia – heart koalas wearing Santa hats
- ✓ China – red/green paper lanterns
- ✓ Germany – Christmas trees
- ✓ Greenland – candle votives (from baby jars)

These are merely suggestions for craft ideas. Teacher’s Clubhouse does not have the specific instructions for making these crafts, but most can easily be found by searching the Internet. If not, other crafts may need to be used.

All aboard! Your child's class is planning a trip around the world aboard the Polar Express. As we travel around the world, your child will be creating souvenirs to bring back home as keepsakes from our travels. He/she will need to bring a cereal box with one side-panel cut out to school by

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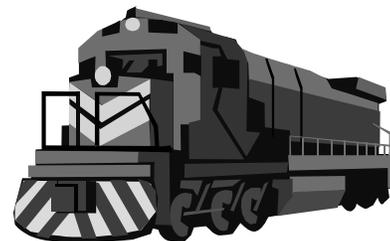
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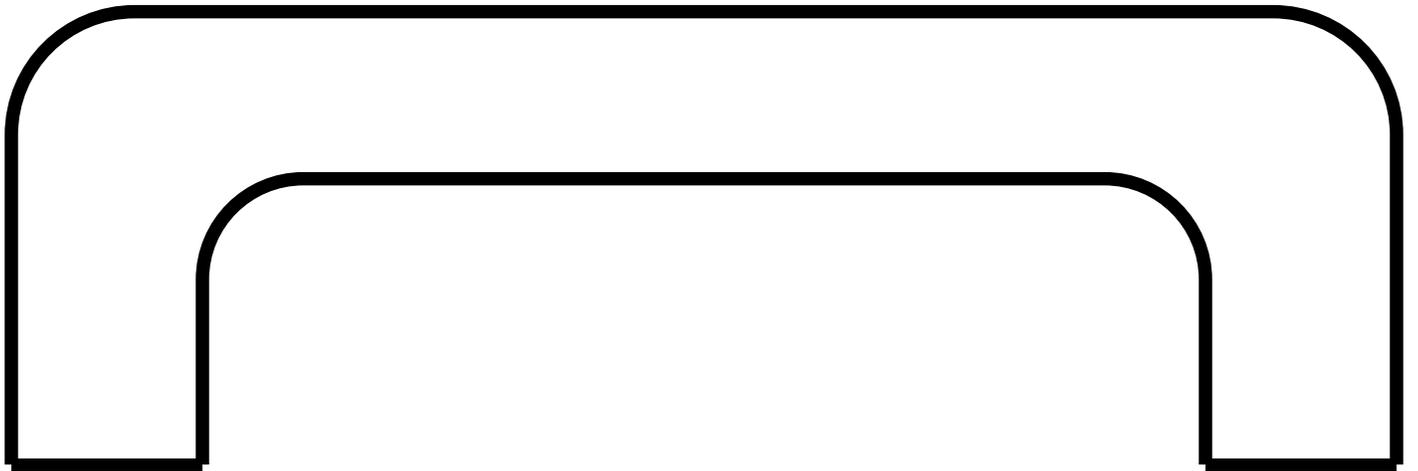
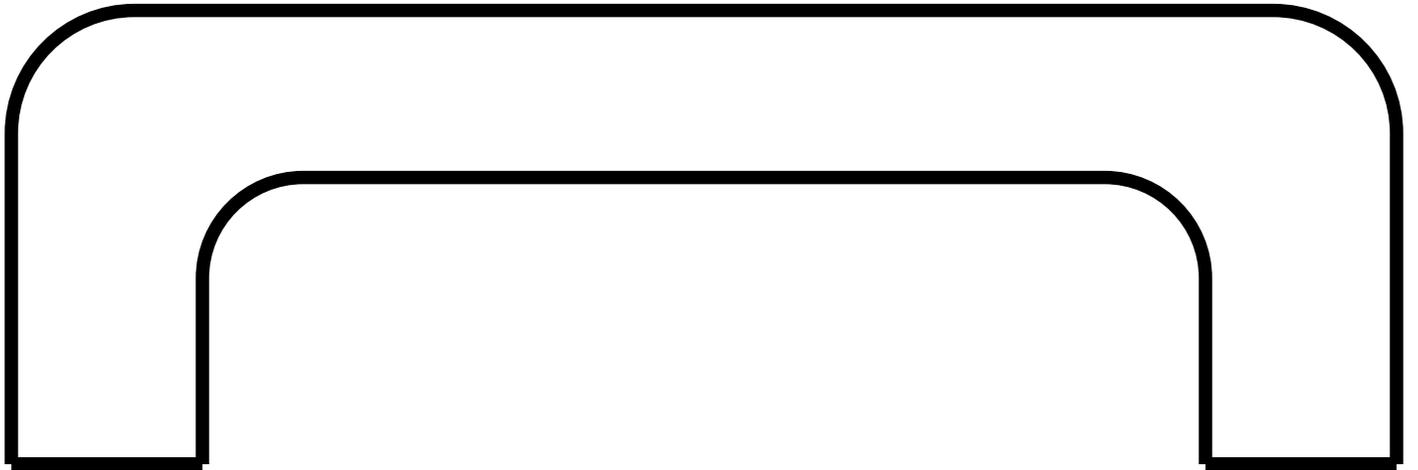
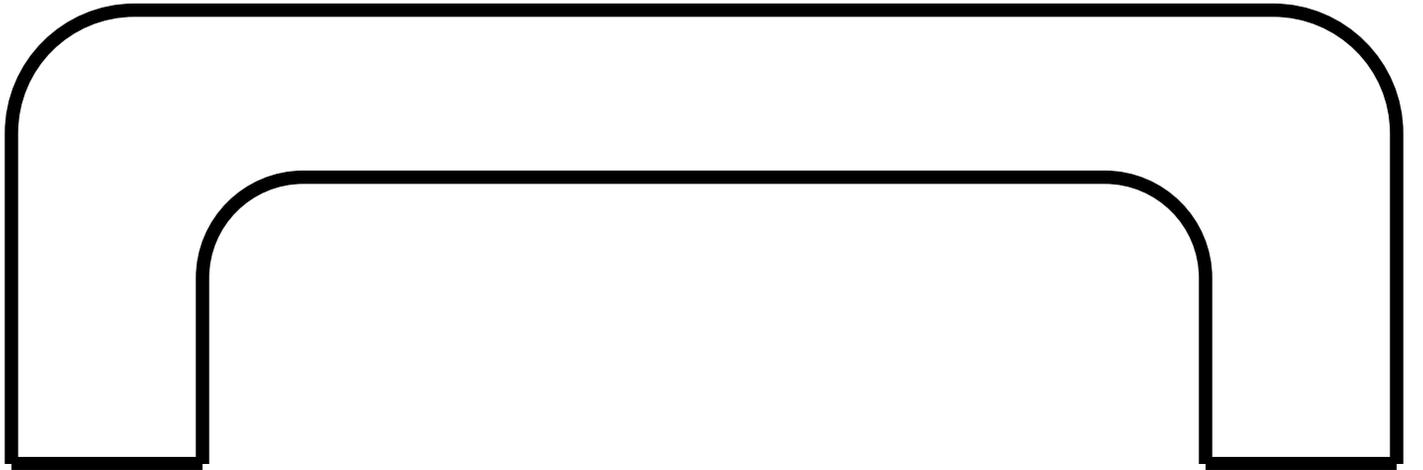
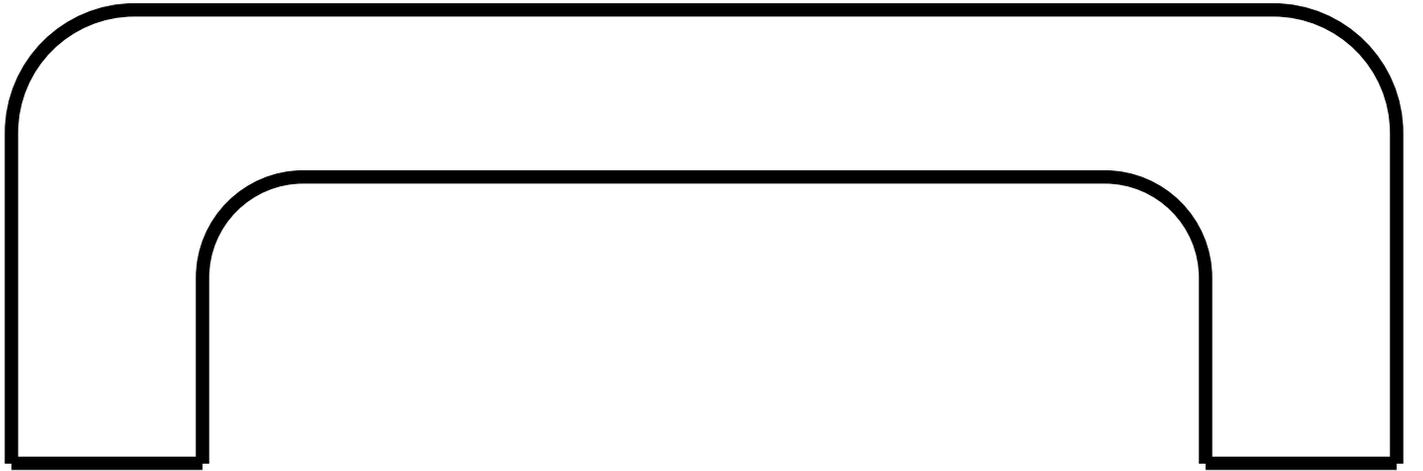
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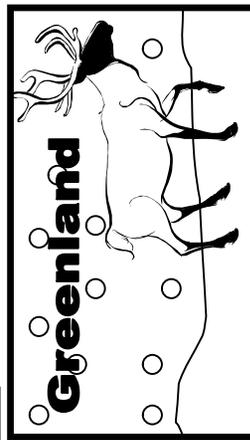


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Copy on brown paper. Each child needs 2 handles.





This Suitcase Belongs To:

Traveling Around the World

for the Holidays

