



Let's Decorate Some Brown Paper Bags!

Each school day, the Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids (BB4CK) Community feeds and cares for over **3,200** kids in our city. Thank you for taking action to help make a difference in the lives of Calgarians.

Decorated Brown Bags are an important aspect of the BB4CK community and are used:

- To deliver grocery funding to schools and community groups
- As a special thank you to our volunteers and donors
- On our social media
- At special events
- To decorate our kitchen and office

Our lunches are not packed in brown bags. All lunch items are packed and delivered to schools in large bins containing all the components a school needs for the number of lunches requested.

Step 1: Supplies

- Small, medium, or large brown paper bags
 - The most common bag size found at stores is large (appx. 5 x 11"). Small (3 x 6") and medium (around 4 x 7") bags are most needed.
 - Decorate as many bags as you like – 3 bags to 300 bags are all appreciated!
- Markers, pencil crayons, or paint
- Imagination!

Step 2: Design and Activities

- Add an inspirational quote, wisdom, or kind note on the bags
- Theme your brown bag artwork to an upcoming season or holiday
- Write "Lunch is Love", "BB4CK", "No Hungry Kids" or "Thank You" on the bags
- Watch the BB4CK "**Lunch is Love**" video playlist on [YouTube](#) to learn more about the BB4CK Community

While decorating your bags, talk about what hunger feels like, why people are hungry, and what everyone's favourite lunch items are. You can also discuss other ways you can take action to help feed and care for kids in your community. Check out our [website](#) for ideas.

Step 3: Completed Bags

- Decorated bags can be delivered to our kitchen (433 Macleod Trail SE) Monday to Thursday mornings or at our office (223 12th Ave SW) during the week. **Please e-mail or call ahead to arrange donation drop off.**

Be sure to take photos of your art project in progress and tag BB4CK on Twitter @BrownBaggingIt and on Facebook and Instagram @BB4CK. We love to share in the joy and excitement of your project!

There are so many ways to craft with brown paper bags. If you have an idea for a brown bag craft project, we would love to see your creativity! Please get in touch using info@bb4ck.org or call **403-264-7979** and let us know what you are planning.