

How to Organize Items for Backpack Assembly

To make the assembly of the backpacks go smoothly, it helps to have various tables set up, so the items can be separated out by gender and age category, i.e., **Little Girl, Big Girl, Little Boy, Big Boy**. On each of those tables, you can put the gender specific items. For instance, hero coloring books would go on the Little Boy table, while the princess coloring books would be put on the Little Girl Table. Socks would be separated by size and gender and placed on appropriate tables. Backpacks could be separated by colors that seem more appropriate for one gender or another. The small plush animals might also need to be separated by gender, depending on the color or type of animal. This would also be true for the blankets, since color and patterns vary. Hair brushes and pastel combs would be put on the girls' tables, while the regular combs would go on the boys' tables. Then one table would be put between the girls' and the boys' tables for all other items that are not gender specific: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, flashlight, water bottles, hand towels, washcloths, candy. Don't forget to add a card!

Big Girl Table

backpacks, sketch pads w/pencils or markers, socks, hair brushes and combs, small animals, blankets

Table for All Girls

soap in soap holder, washcloths, hand towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, flashlights, water bottles, candy, card

Little Girl Table

backpacks, coloring books and crayons, socks, hair brushes and combs, small animals, blankets

Be sure to leave space between the two sets of tables for easier movement around the room.

Big Boy Table

backpacks, sketch pads w/pencils or markers, socks, combs, small animals, blankets

Table for All Boys

soap in soap holder, washcloths, hand towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, flashlights, water bottles, candy, card

Little Boy Table

backpacks, coloring books and crayons, socks, combs, small animals, blankets