

Guidelines for Selecting Designs and Painting Memory Boxes

When selecting a design to paint, please consider the circumstances that families are receiving a memory box; they have just lost a child. Appropriate designs are flowers, butterflies, teddy bears, bunnies, angels, animals, children's toys, rosemaling and scrollwork.

Please avoid religious or holiday themes as some families may come from different cultures and religious backgrounds.

If painting animals, please make sure they do not appear too cartoonish.

Avoid painting the backgrounds black, as it would appear to be too funereal. Alternatives to a black background could be deep blues, greens, maroons, and browns.

Paint the insides and bottoms of your box and varnish when completed.

You may sign the box if you choose to. I write the following on the bottom using a micron pen or Identi-pen:

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If you have any questions regarding memory boxes, please feel free to contact the Memory Box Chairperson. If you wish to learn more about the history of the Memory Box program, please visit www.memoryboxes.org. We thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile program.