

# Elf on the Shelf Idea Generator

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## Elf on the Shelf: A Beloved Christmas Tradition

The **Elf on the Shelf** is a 2005 American children's picture book written by Carol Aebersold and her daughter Chanda Bell. Illustrated by Coë Steinwart, it tells the story of how Santa knows who is naughty or nice, with the help of scout elves who visit children from Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve.

Originating from a family tradition in Georgia, the elf hides in different spots around the house each morning, creating an interactive hide-and-seek game. Children love it because it adds a sense of magic and excitement to the holiday season.

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## Some Elf on the Shelf Ideas for your class!

Idea Number	Elf on the Shelf Idea	Explanation and Required Materials
1	Elf Playing with Toys	Place elf in a toy corner playing with toys. Required materials: small toys, note saying "Play is essential!"
2	Elf in a Tissue Box House	Elf builds a house out of tissues. Required materials: tissue box, small furniture items, note saying "Home sweet home."
3	Elf Drawing on the Board	Elf holding a marker, drawing funny faces on the whiteboard. Required materials: dry erase markers, note saying "Art time!"
4	Elf Reading a Book	Elf sitting with a book open in front of him. Required materials: a children's book, note saying "Reading is magical!"
5	Elf Playing Hide and Seek	Elf hiding in a corner or behind objects. Required materials: place elf in a hidden spot, note saying "Can you find me?"
6	Elf Hanging from the Ceiling	Elf attached to a string hanging from the ceiling. Required materials: string, tape, note saying "I'm on top of things!"
7	Elf Making a Mess with Craft Supplies	Elf surrounded by glue, glitter, and paper cutouts. Required materials: craft supplies, note saying "Oops, my bad!"
8	Elf Writing on the Student's Desks	Elf with a small notebook and pencil writing notes to students. Required materials: small notebook, pencil, notes personalized for students

9	Elf Trying to Open Presents	Elf caught trying to unwrap a present. Required materials: wrapped gift box, note saying "I couldn't wait!"
10	Elf Spelling Out Words with Blocks	Elf forming words with letter blocks. Required materials: letter blocks, note saying "I love learning!"
11	Elf Sending Secret Messages	Elf with an envelope and notes for students. Required materials: envelopes, small notes, note saying "You've got mail!"
12	Elf Drinking Hot Cocoa	Elf with a toy mug, pretending to drink cocoa. Required materials: toy mug, cocoa powder, note saying "Stay warm!"