A New Front Door

A gentle moving pack for ages 3–8



"Wherever your front door is, I'll find it."

Say goodbye • Pack up • Settle in

This pack belongs to: _____

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A little place for big feelings.

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For grown-ups

A little help for a big change

Moving can feel exciting, sad and strange, all at once. Even happy moves bring big changes for little ones. These ideas can help.

Tell them early and simply

“We’re moving to a new house. Bun and all your things are coming too.”

Keep familiar routines

The same bedtime story, songs and meals help a new place feel safe.

Pack a special box together

Let your child choose what goes in it, and unpack it first.

Visit the new area if you can

Walk past the house, find the park, spot the nearest mailbox.

Expect some wobbles

Before and after the move. Clinginess or sleep changes are common.

Keep in touch

Send postcards, video call old friends and talk about the old house.

Brothers and sisters can feel very differently about the same move. One may be excited while another feels sad. Both feelings are OK. Let each child have their own say, like Wren and Robin in the story.

Collyvale is a storybook world, not professional advice. If your child’s worries about the move are intense or carry on for a long time, talk to their school or pediatrician.

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Mr. Pottle Finds the New Door

A little Collyvale story



Robin couldn’t wait to see the new house. Wren held Bun very tight.
“What if our letters can’t find us?” Wren whispered.
“What if our friends forget us?”
Mr. Pottle patted his Manyfold Pouch.
“Wherever your front door is, I’ll find it.”
At the new house, Mr. Mendle fixed a shelf for Bun and the books. Robin unpacked the toy plane. But Wren still felt wobbly inside.
Then, knock knock! Mr. Pottle was at the door with a letter from their old friends.
Wren smiled. The new house didn’t feel like home yet. But it was a little closer.

Talk together

How did Robin feel about moving? How did Wren feel?
Can you feel excited and sad at the same time?

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Goodbye and hello

You can miss your old home and look forward to your new one.

Draw your favorite place in your old home

Three things I want to remember

☆ _____

☆ _____

☆ _____

Three things I can't wait to do

♡ _____

♡ _____

♡ _____

Wren wrote what to remember. Robin wrote what to look forward to.
You can do both!

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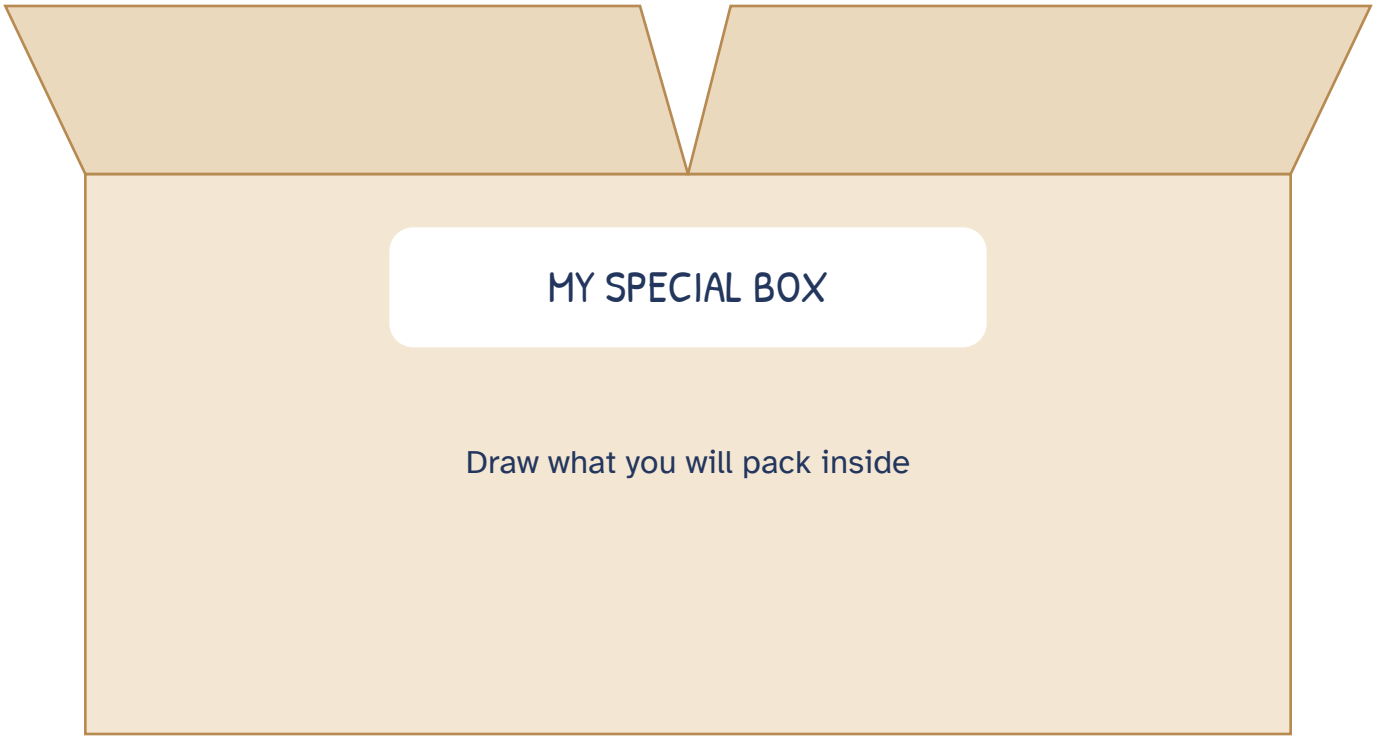
Coming with me

The important things come too. Check or draw them.



- [ ] My stuffed animal or special toy
- [ ] My bed and blanket
- [ ] My books
- [ ] My toys
- [ ] My family
- [ ] My pet
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____

Wren packed Bun first. What will you unpack first in your new home?

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My moving countdown

Color one link each day. When they are all colored, it’s moving day!

14 13 12 11
10 9 8 7
6 5 4 3
2 1



Moving day!

You can start the chain on any number.

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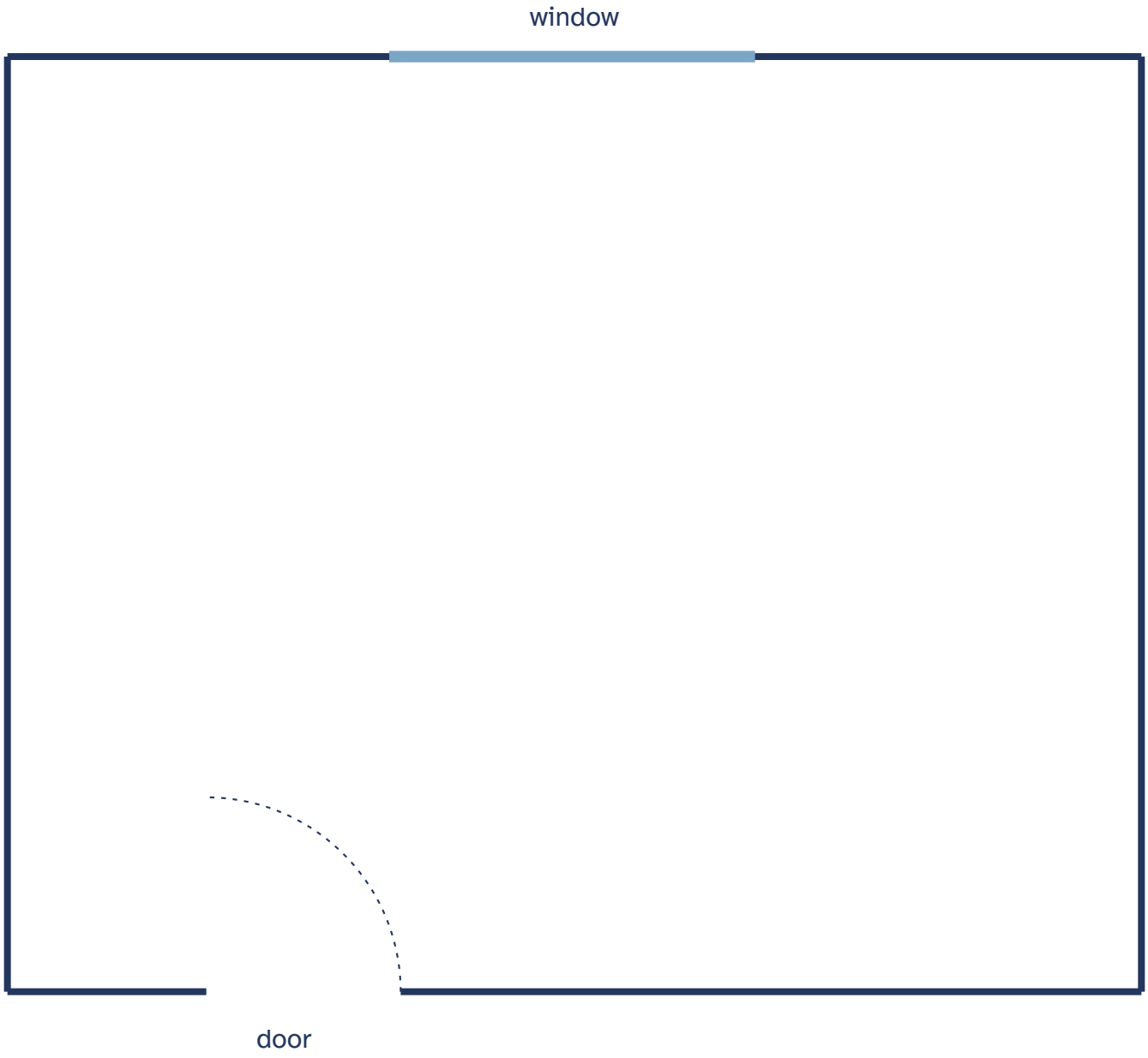
My new room plan

Draw where everything will go. Where will your special box go?



Things to draw:

my bed • my special box • my books • my toys • something new

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"I've moved!" postcards

Color, cut out and send to friends and family.

Cut along the dotted lines

I've moved!

Draw my new front door

To:

stamp

My new address is:

Love from _____

I've moved!

Draw my new front door

To:

stamp

My new address is:

Love from _____

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Explore my new place

Check each one when you find it. Draw what you saw.

- [ ] **Find a park**
  or a place to play

- [ ] **Wave to a neighbor**
  a friendly hello

- [ ] **Spot the nearest mailbox**
  for Mr. Pottle!

- [ ] **Find a favorite tree**
  give it a name

- [ ] **Learn our new address**
  say it out loud

- [ ] **Find a new favorite spot**
  in the house

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Home is where we are together

Color the picture, then fill in your moving day memory.



My New Front Door

My name: _____

We moved on: _____

My new house is: _____

The first thing I did was: _____

Wherever your front door is, Mr. Pottle will find it.

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