

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!

Ordinal Number	Elf on the Shelf Idea	Explanation and Required Materials
1	Elf TP Roll	The elf has rolled toilet paper all over the classroom. Materials: Toilet paper roll. Note: "Oops! I got a little carried away!"
2	Elf Snowball Fight	The elf has set up a mini snowball fight using cotton balls. Materials: Cotton balls. Note: "Ready, aim, fire!"
3	Elf Reading Books	The elf is found reading a stack of classroom books. Materials: Books. Note: "Shhh... I'm learning too!"
4	Elf Candy Cane Hunt	The elf has hidden candy canes around the classroom for the students to find. Materials: Candy canes. Note: "Can you find all the candy canes?"
5	Elf Art Critic	The elf has drawn funny faces on the students' artwork. Materials: Dry-erase markers. Note: "I added some elf-tastic touches!"
6	Elf in a Balloon	The elf is sitting inside a clear balloon. Materials: Clear balloon, elf. Note: "Help, I'm trapped!"
7	Elf Stuck in Tape	The elf is wrapped up in tape and hanging from the ceiling. Materials: Tape. Note: "I got a little tangled up!"
8	Elf with a Puzzle	The elf is working on a jigsaw puzzle. Materials: Puzzle pieces. Note: "Can you help me finish this?"

9	Elf Science Experiment	The elf set up a simple science experiment with vinegar and baking soda. Materials: Vinegar, baking soda, cup. Note: "Look at my bubbly fun!"
10	Elf Swinging from Lights	The elf is swinging from the classroom lights using a string. Materials: String. Note: "Wheee! This is fun!"
11	Elf Making Snowflakes	The elf is cutting paper snowflakes. Materials: Paper, scissors. Note: "Let's make it snow!"
12	Elf in a Gift Box	The elf is hiding inside a gift-wrapped box. Materials: Gift box, wrapping paper. Note: "Surprise! It's me!"