CREATING A JOYBOX

STEP 1  Select box

- **Goodwill or yard sales**
  You can find some great boxes in a variety of thrift shops. But you need to check more than once. The turnover for merchandise in the thrift stores is often quick. If you see, you better buy it now. This is the box I found for a Birthday JoyBox. It had a pretty Victorian collage but I thought my cool 16 year old niece would prefer the decoupage.

- **Photo boxes on sale**
  I have found that Michaels and sometimes other stores will regularly place their photo boxes on sale. When they are half price (about $1.50 apiece), I’ll stock up. They come in a wide variety of designs and need very little added to make them into a JoyBox. These boxes are very sturdy, clean, and only need some kind of label on the lid.
Unique box from Hobby Lobby, etc. These boxes will cost more unless you find a great sale. I think Hobby Lobby has some of the most unique and interesting boxes, but you will pay quite a bit more than $1.50 for one.

**Completed box.** The top was a blank yellow lid. I added the letters and other items. The bottom already had blue flowers and I added Karen’s name in the slot.