

Easiest open box



One of the easiest and most versatile little boxes. Made from copy paper it is quick and cheap. It doesn't have a lid, but can be used to hold and carry all kinds of light, small goodies or hung on a tree. You can strengthen the bottom with card and make them larger in stronger card. Very adaptable and do-able!

What you need

A4 paper
Pencil
Scissors
Paper fasteners
Needle or bradawl
Stapler
Single hole punch
Thick card for bottom



What you do

This project is completed in four stages:

1. Preparing the paper.
2. Folding.
3. Assembling.
4. Making the handle.

1. *Preparing the paper*

1. Place a sheet of A4 paper with the long sides to the top and bottom.
2. Fold over the right hand side to the left hand side, creasing in the middle of the long side.
3. Cut paper in half. One A4 sheet makes two small boxes.

2. *Folding*

1. With paper long side to the top, fold in half, right side to left. Crease.
2. Fold top short edge down to the bottom and crease. Unfold back to end of Step 1.
3. Fold and then unfold top down to centre line and crease in middle.
4. Fold top and bottom in to the centre fold and crease.
5. Open paper out flat.
6. Fold each short side into the centre and crease. You should have one short centre fold and three long horizontal folds.
7. Fold down the top right and left corners to line up on the nearest crease.

8. Repeat on the bottom, folding in the right and left corner to the nearest crease. This should leave a gap to the right and left of each corner fold.
9. Fold over the free central 'edge' over the folded corners, keeping them in place.

3. *Assembling*

1. Place your fingers to grip/pinch both long sides of the 'box'.
2. Gently pull your fingers outward to tease open the box, seeing how the box is being formed.
3. Carefully re-crease the box sides to make them firm and crisp.
4. Measure and cut a piece of stronger card for the bottom of the box and insert. Glue or leave 'free standing'.

4. *Making the handle*

1. Mark where you want to position your handle.
2. Carefully pierce one hole either side of the centre crease.
3. Cut a handle the desired length and width.
4. Punch a hole in either end of the strip.
5. Place a paper fastener through one end of the handle then through one of punched. box holes. Open out at the back.
6. Repeat on the other side.
7. If preferred, you may staple the handle to the box edge.

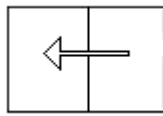
What next

These are perfect lightweight boxes for hanging or perhaps place settings. Great at Easter time in green or yellow or green/red/gold at Christmas. Fill with foil coloured sweets or treats.

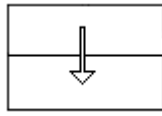
Diagrams and templates

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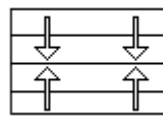
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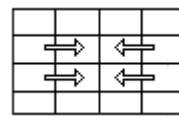
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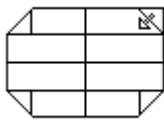
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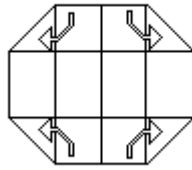
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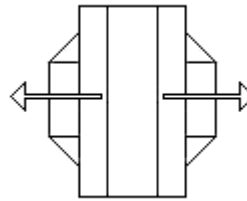
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