

Surprise Friendship Box

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Supplies Needed:

Chip board or mat board. Four pieces 5½" x 2", one piece 5½" x 1".

Outside cover - Stamp 8½" x 11" SU wrapping paper, sticker paper or SU designer paper.

Make **larger** so you have extra for decorating inside. **Cut 6¼" x 10¼"**

Inside cover - Stamp 8½" x 11" SU wrapping paper, sticker paper or SU designer paper.

Make **larger** so you have extra for decorating inside. **Cut 5½" x 9½"**.

4 sheets of thinner cardstock cut to 5½" x 5½".

Scraps of cardstock in different colors, for matting and stamping.

Ribbons, Embroidery floss, Buttons, Brads, Beads and other accessories for embellishing.

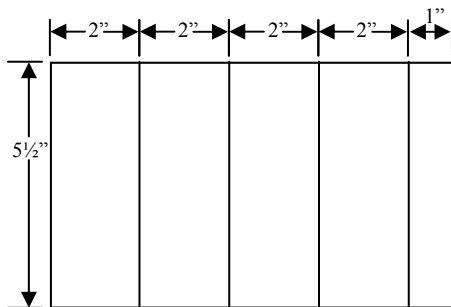
Tacky glue (mono will not stay), Crystal Effects.

Sticky strip adhesive for adhering small boxes to large box.

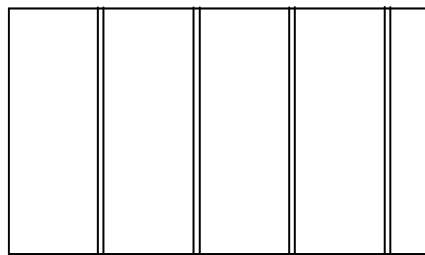
For Box with Lid - Cardstock 6¼" x 6¼". **Make 2 the same size** if you want one for the top and bottom.

For Main box:

1. Cut chipboard into 5 pieces as follows:



2. Space chipboard pieces ⅛" apart on wrong side of inside cover measuring approx. 9½" x 5½". Trim edges to mat board.



Tip: glue and clamp 2 pieces of scrap matboard or chipboard together and use the edge as a spacer between the 5 main pieces.



3. Flip over chipboard and center on wrong side of decorated wrapping paper. Leave approximately ⅜" along all edges. Cut corners off, it will help with assembly, or for thinner paper, fold corners down first, then fold in sides. Score around all the edges, using a bone folder or stylus as this helps when folding down the edges. Use sticky strip adhesive or tacky glue and glue the flaps down.

This is the base of the surprise box. Fold between pieces of mat board and check the alignments. Add outside embellishments as desired.

See instructions for making square boxes, "Easy Fold Box" for the inside.

Make four of these with the 5½" x 5½" pieces of cardstock. Adhere the mini boxes to the main boxed tower using sticky strip, placed approx. ½" inch apart from each other.

Easy Fold Box Pattern directions copied from *Andy Wright of Stubby Stampers*

Materials: paper, cut into a square. You can also recycle a greeting card. **Tools:** scissors, glue stick, ruler



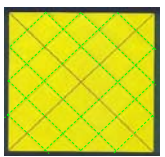
1. With a pencil, and a ruler, mark an X from corner to corner. Be precise.



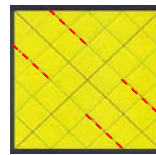
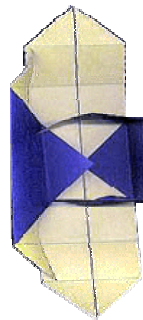
2. Fold one corner to meet center of X.



3. Bring folded edge up to line. Open paper back up. Fold each corner in same way, opening paper back out each time.



4. At this point your paper will look like this. Fold lines are highlighted in green.



5. Refer to diagram and cut along the folds marked with red dashes, stopping at center square.

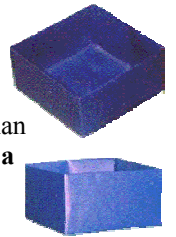
6. Fold large triangle shaped "wings" back to ← original fold. It should look like this.

7. Open halfway, standing up the side of box. Edge of "wing" now forms a flap. Fold flap toward center. **Repeat this step on both sides.**

8. Now the remaining cut out "smaller wing" will fold over these flaps to center, forming the box. A little dab of glue stick on the tip will lock these flaps in.

9. To make a gift box, cut 2 squares: one a fraction larger than the other. **Size does not matter, as long as you start with a square.**

10. While folding the inside boxes and Lid, if you wish to emboss, stamp, or glue paper to it, do this before making final folds.



Recycle a greeting card and make a box.

1. Cut card in half.
2. To find an easy square, line up the edge of the cards, criss-crossing, and mark with pencil for cut line.
3. Cut the square that will be the bottom of the box slightly smaller, approx. 1/16" on 4 sides or 1/8" on 2 sides.
4. Follow the same directions as above to complete the box.



Covers for Mini Boxes

For the lids of the boxes, cut a piece of scrap cardstock to 2" x 2 7/8". Score the CS at 2 3/8" turn around and score the other end at 2 1/2", but compare to box before you score to insure a good fit. Glue to the outside of the little box. Round off front corners and insert a brad in center of flap. Punch holes and insert brads on the lower section of each box. Tie cord or matching embroidery floss around bottom brad.

Boxes that Tie Wrap ribbon/s, faux suede or corrugated CS around the box. Glue with tacky glue. Punch holes with an awl where you want to place the buttons. Tie on with narrow ribbon or cord. Tie and knot approximately 4" of ribbon around and under the button on the 2" flap side of the box. Close and wrap around opposite button to close. Beads can be added to ends of cords

Boxes with Lids Follow the instructions for making a square box. Use cardstock 6 1/4" x 6 1/4" to make a top for the box. If a matching bottom is wanted, make 2. On the bottom, wooden beads can be glued to the bottom to act as feet. Embellish the top lid.

****For coordinating button, stamp an image. Cover generously with Crystal Effects and press clear button firmly on top. When dry, trim around button and use needle tool to punch holes thru paper.

I could not find any beads around the house so I cut off the heads of clothespins and painted them. Don't paint the part that will be glued to the box, because it won't adhere properly if you do.