



Making Boxes! Part 1

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Have you ever needed a box but couldn't find the right size? Make one! You need card stock, tape, a Scor-Pal and just a little bit of time. By following a few simple rules, you can make boxes to fit just about anything!

This tutorial will cover three basic types of boxes, a flat square box, a tall square box and a rectangle box.

Basic Rules for Square Boxes

Bottom paper measurements = size of box + 2 times the height of the sides.

For example, a 3" box with 1" sides

$3" + 1" + 1" = 5"$ square

All four sides of the paper will be scored at 1"

Lid paper measurements = size of box + 2 times the height of the lid + 1/8"

For example, a lid for a 3" box with 1" sides

$3" + 1" + 1" + 1/8" = 5 \frac{1}{8}"$ square

All four sides of the paper will be scored at 1"



Flat Square Boxes (the bottom and lid are the same height)

The following instructions are for a 3" box with lid where the sides are 1 1/2" tall.



Step 1:

Cut your bottom paper to 6" square ($3" + 1\frac{1}{2}" + 1\frac{1}{2}" = 6"$)

Step 2:

Score all 4 sides at 1 1/2"



Step 3:

Cut along the score lines on two opposing sides, just up to the first vertical score line. See photo.

Step 4:

Place paper so the outside of the box is face up. Apply two strips of Scor Tape to each of the 4 corners, parallel to the cuts.

Step 5:

Assemble bottom with taped corners inside of box.



Step 6:

Cut the lid paper to 6 1/8" square ($3" + 1\frac{1}{2}" + 1\frac{1}{2}" + \frac{1}{8}" = 6\frac{1}{8}"$)

Step 7:

Assemble the lid in the same manner as the bottom.

Step 8:

To make it easier to remove the lid, use a circle punch to cut 2 semi circles on opposing sides.

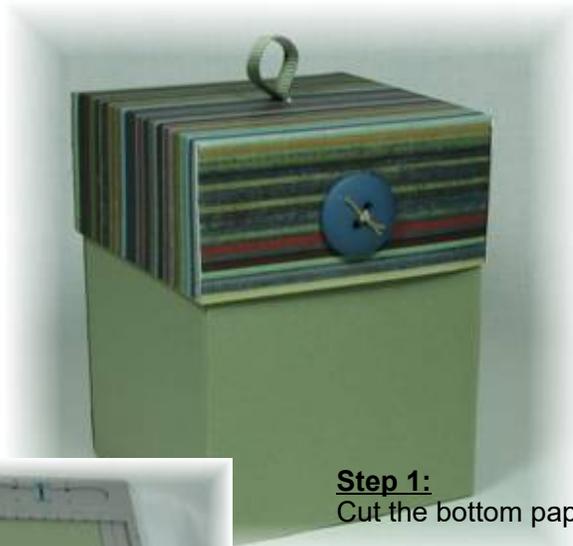
Flat Box Measurement Table

Box	Box Height	Cut Bottom	Score Bottom At	Cut Lid	Score Lid At
3" Square	1 1/2"	6" by 6"	1 1/2" on all 4 sides	6 1/8" by 6 1/8"	1 1/2" on all 4 sides
3 1/2" Square	1 1/2"	6 1/2" by 6 1/2"	1 1/2" on all 4 sides	6 5/8" by 6 5/8"	1 1/2" on all 4 sides
4" Square	1 1/2"	7" by 7"	1 1/2" on all 4 sides	7 1/8" by 7 1/8"	1 1/2" on all 4 sides
4 1/2" Square	1 1/2"	7 1/2" by 7 1/2"	1 1/2" on all 4 sides	7 5/8" by 7 5/8"	1 1/2" on all 4 sides
5" Square	1 1/2"	8" by 8"	1 1/2" on all 4 sides	8 1/8" by 8 1/8"	1 1/2" on all 4 sides

Tall Square Boxes

Tall square boxes are made in the same way as the flat boxes, adjusting your dimensions for a taller bottom. Taller boxes may also require cutting "tabs" for assembly. General Rule: if the sides of your box are more than half the width of your box, you will need to cut tabs before assembling your box.

The following instructions are for a 3" square box with 4" sides and a lid with 1 1/2" sides.



Step 1:

Cut the bottom paper 11" square. ($3" + 4" + 4" = 11"$)

Step 2:

Score all 4 sides at 4".



Step 3:

Cut the score lines on opposing sides up to the first vertical score line.

Step 4:

Measure for 1" tabs; cut away excess on all 4 corners.



Step 5:

Turn your paper so the outside of the box is face up.

Step 6:

Trim the corners of the tabs as shown in the photo.

Step 7:

Apply Scor Tape to the tabs.

Step 8:

Assemble box with tabs on the inside.



Step 9:

Cut lid paper to $6 \frac{1}{8}$ " square.
($3" + 1 \frac{1}{2}" + 1 \frac{1}{2}" + 1/8"$)

Step 10:

Cut score lines on opposing sides up to first vertical score line.

Step 11:

Apply Scor-Tape and assemble lid.