

Photo Box Notes, Photos & Diagrams

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For this project, I used 5 assorted colors of cardstock – four to create the four varied sized boxes and one to create the lid. Each box is created out of a square of cardstock varied in size. Since I was using not-true 12"x12" cardstock, I created the outer box at 11 ¼" x 11 ¼" -- if you use true 12"x12" cardstock, you can score at 4" and 8". (A note of reference, additional boxes can be added to this project by reducing the next size box by ¾" and scoring evenly by thirds.) Examples: 12" x 12" -- 11 ¼" x 11 ¼" -- 10 ½" x 10 ½" -- 9 ¾" x 9 ¾" -- 9" x 9" -- 8 ¼" x 8 ¼", etc.

The lid of the box has a 1 ½" rim. I added 3/16" to the outermost box dimensions for the lid. (11 ¼" x 11 ¼" is scored into 3 ¾" squares, so I added 3 ¾" plus 3/16" for the center square of the box lid equaling 3 7/16", then add the 1 ½" on either side, top and bottom to come up with 6 15/16" x 6 15/16" square to create the lid.) If you use a true 12"x12" cardstock for the outermost box, then cardstock for the lid should be 7 3/16" square, scored at 1 ½" and 5 11/16".

Diagrams:

All solid lines on the diagrams are CUT lines. All dashed lines are SCORE lines. You can reserve the excess cutout pieces to embellish the various flaps, etc. within the photo box. The diagrams are based on the photo box I created and posted, however, the great thing about this project is that any of the boxes can be cut and scored to suit your fancy! Just be sure you score at the proper and equal increments based on your cardstock size.

Specifics (starting from outermost box as Box #1 to center box as Box #4):

1. On Box #1, I used hodge podge hardware, ribbon & brads to make special "have to un-tie to open" sections.
2. On Box #2, the diagonal flaps are folded over to make diagonal pockets. You will need to adhere the bottom edge of the folded triangle flap to line up with bottom of square to create the pocket. I used the cut-outs from Box #4 as the inserts for Box #2.
3. On Box 3 & 4, all flaps are just folded, layered and stamped.
4. On the Lid, glue the flaps under sides to create the lid. I used a couple wooden beads to create a "knob" – threaded some gold cording up from the inside of the lid and through the beads and back down again and tied in a knot and then taped. You can't see it, but I have embellished the inside of the lid, as well, with a stamped cardstock square to hide the cord, knot & tape.

Once you've gotten all your boxes cut & scored & folded, embellish as desired and use adhesive to attach each box to the next at the center squares from largest to smallest.



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