

Flip Top Mini Mini

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Materials:

- 1 Piece of Med. Weight Chipboard
- 2 Sheets of Graphic 45 Olde Curiosity Shoppe Paper
- 10 2-1/4 x 3-1/2" Coin Envelopes
- 1 1-1/2" Metal Album Extension
- 1 Graphic 45 Mini Brad
- 12x12 Piece of Kraft card stock or similar card stock weight paper
- Scor-tape or glue of choice
- Scrap Pieces of Graphic 45 Olde Curiosity Shoppe Paper
- Acrylic Paint

Step 1

Cut all the pieces from the med. weight chipboard.

2-Main side pieces 2-3/8 x 3-5/8

Spine piece 1-3/8 x 3-5/8

Bottom piece 1-3/8 x 2-3/8

Top side pieces 2-1/2 x 1-3/8

Top piece 1-3/8 x 2-1/2

Front piece 1-3/8 x 1-3/8



Step 2:

Main Box Component

Using the Kraft card stock, apply tape, glue or ATG, to the back side of the bottom piece and subsequent pieces of the precut chipboard pieces.

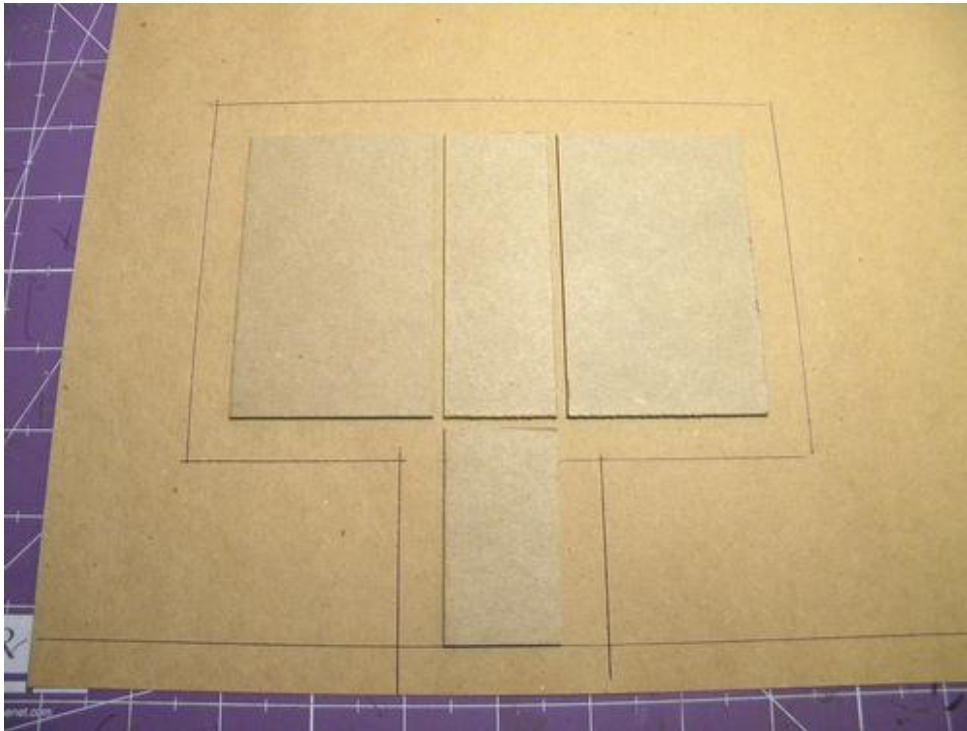
Measure up from the bottom 1/2" and mark a line across the bottom. Next, place the bottom piece on the marked line.

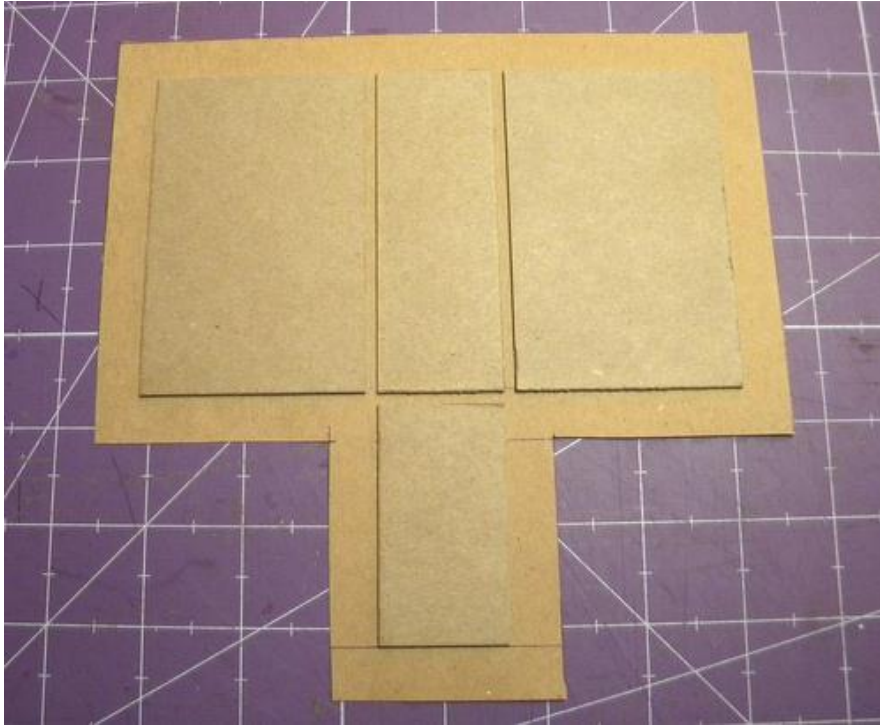


Leaving a 1/8 inch gap between all pieces, place your spine piece right above the bottom piece. Add the two Main Side pieces to each side of the spine piece making sure to leave a 1/8 inch gap.

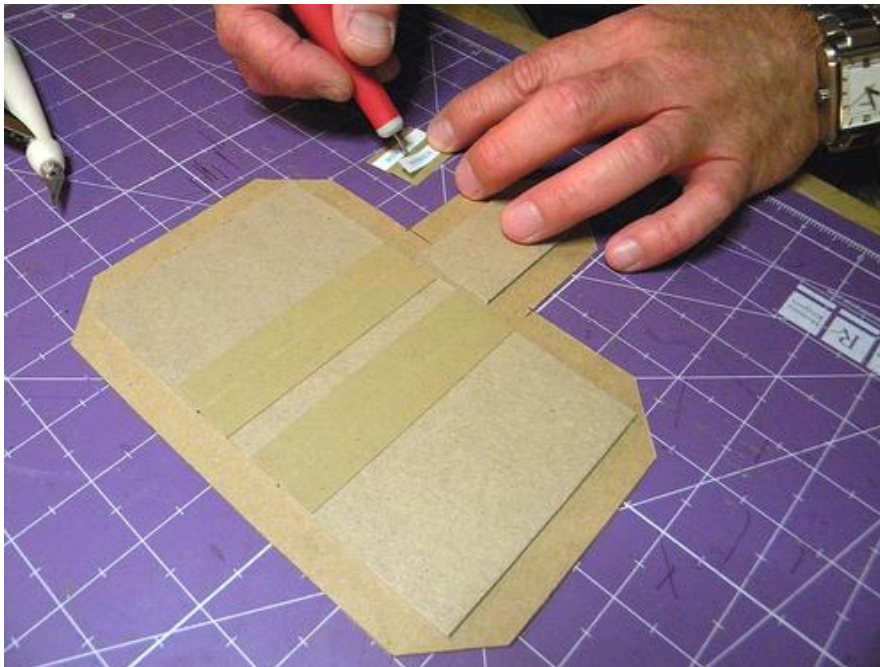


Using your ruler and pencil, draw a 1/2" line around all sides of the adhered chipboard pieces. Using scissors or a craft knife, Cut on the lines creating a border that will be the tabs used to make the box.





Next, cut a 1 x 12 inch piece of card stock. Score it down the middle at 1/2 inch. Apply Scor-tape or similar to each side of the score mark. This will be our structure strip. The strip will add integrity to the box. Next, cut two 3-5/8" pieces and one 1-3/8" piece. Starting with one of the 3-5/8" pieces, pull the tape backing and apply it to the 1/8" gap of the left side and spine, making sure the score line lines up with the gap. Repeat for the right side and the 1-3/8" piece.



Using scissors or a craft knife, cut from the outside corner into the chipboard corner. Repeat for other side. Now, miter all corners.



Apply Scor-Tape or similar to all edges. Starting at the bottom, pull backing from tape and fold bottom border tab up and onto exposed tape. Repeat for all sides except for 1-3/8" side piece. However, tape the tab for the top of the 1-3/8 inch piece. The side tabs on the 1-3/8" piece will be what holds the box together.



Slowly bend the pieces into a box shape. Next, pull the tape from one side of the 1-3/8" piece, align the two sides together former a corner and adhere the tab to the side piece. Repeat for right side.

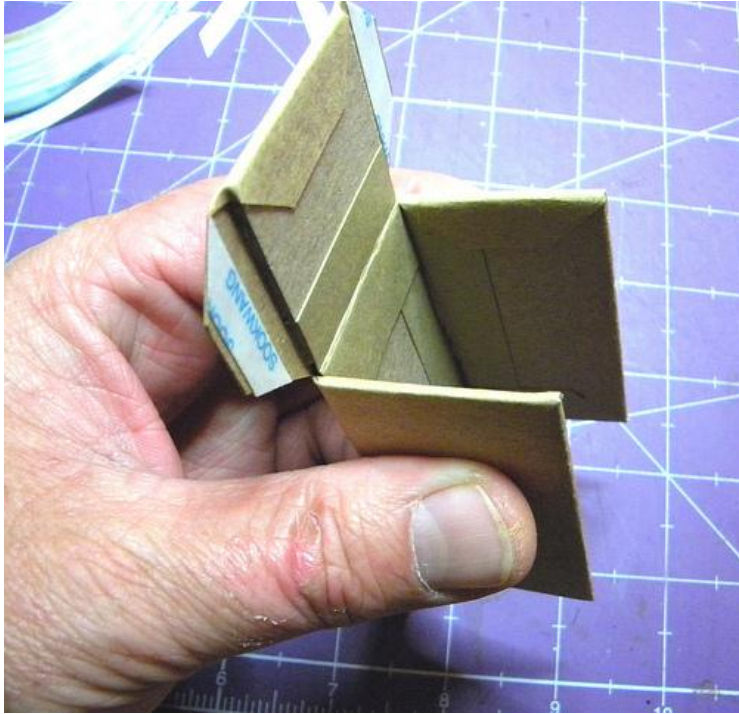


Step 3:

Flip Top Lid Component

You will basically repeat step two for the flip lid, using the remaining chipboard pieces, Gluing them in place, leaving 1/8 gap, cutting out a 1/2" border, applying the structure strips for strength, cutting into the corners, mitering the border corners, apply score tape and adhering the lid together.

The lid should be 1/8" larger to slip over the end of the main box.



Cut two pieces of the structure strips to $5/8$ ". Place the flip lid onto the main box and apply one of the structure strips to the top of the lid and then onto the top of the spine piece. Now open the lid and repeat this process for the interior. This will be the hinge.





Step 4:

Adding the Pages

Measure and mark at 1/2" in from side piece and 1/2" in from bottom piece of the box. Using a crop-o-dile or a craft pick, punch a 3/16" hole on both sides of the box.



Using a 1/2" corner chomper, chomp the lower left side of the coin envelopes; making sure they are all in the same direction. Using your crop-o-dile, pick, or 3/16" hole punch, punch a hole in the lower left rounded side using the same measurements as were used for the box side pieces.



Next, cut the flap of each coin envelope off with scissors or trimmer. The measurement for this is 3-1/2". With a 1" circle punch, punch a 1/2" semi-circle from the top edge of the envelope. Insert a tag. Set aside.

This is a good time to mat your pages (envelope)....

Step 5:

Matting your box

Paint or ink all edges and interior if desired.

Next, from patterned paper, measure and cut out all of your exterior mats pieces and adhere to all sides using glue, ATG or Scor-Tape. Re-punch holes.

Note: For quicker work...You may choose to mat all pieces first, then punch holes and chomp corners.

Step 6:

Putting it Together

On the box, insert the 1-1/4 album extension post through one of the sides. Add all ten pages and bring the post through to the other side and insert screw.

If you wish, you may alcohol ink the screw heads with Ranger's Espresso Alcohol Ink.

Add a Graphic 45 Mini Brad in the center of the top front lid.

Glue a piece of Graphic 45 Trim to the bottom of the box, making sure there is approximately 9 to 10 inches on each side. Bring ribbon up to top and tie into a bow.

Viola! A Flip Top Mini Mini! You Did It!

Fill the pages with pictures and the tags with written memories....

Hope you enjoy making this unusual mini mini!

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