

Ornament Box Wrapping Tutorial

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Supplies Needed:

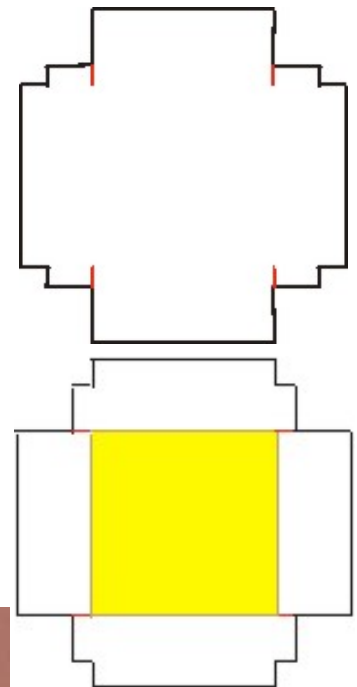
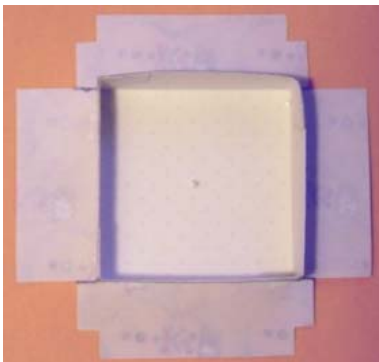
Box from previous instructions
Printies or wrapping paper cut using the template
narrow ribbon or string
paper glue, paper scissors

Print the paper printies on regular paper or on photo paper and have it copied onto regular paper. Spray with a clear satin, gloss or matte sealer.

1. Cut out the printies on all the outside lines.
2. Cut in on the pattern lines for the box cover paper. See the red lines on the diagram.

3. Spread glue on the top of the box cover. Place it carefully, glue side down, in the center of the wrong side of the printie. See the diagram to the right to see the placement of the box top on the printie. The box top is shown as a yellow square.

The picture below left shows the actual box top glued in the center of the paper.



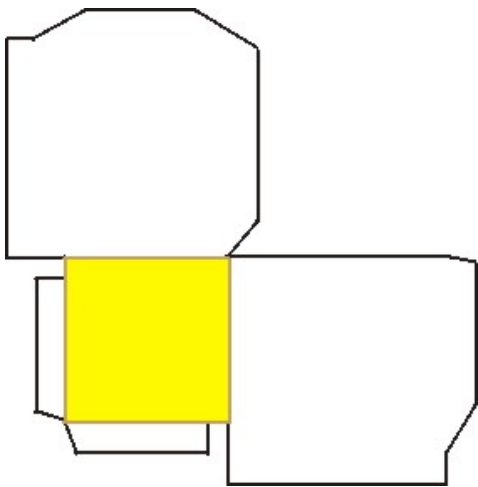
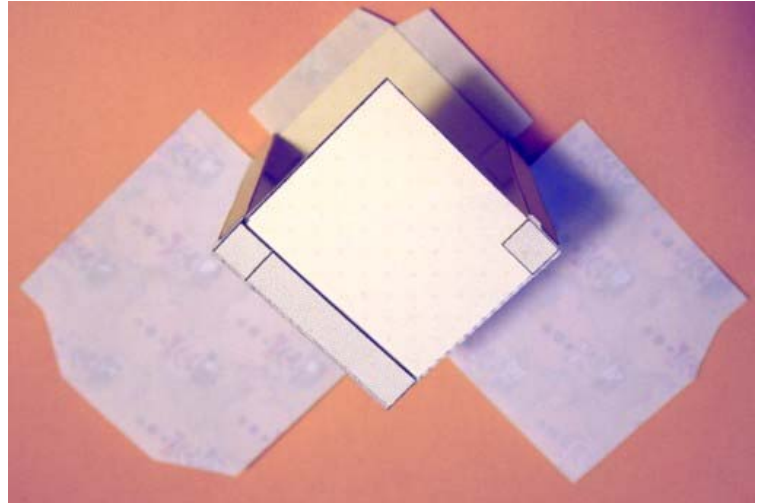
4. Put glue on one of the funny shaped flaps at the top and bottom of the pictures and diagram above. Wrap the little tabs on each side of this flap around to the sides of the box top. Wrap the remaining part of the flap to the inside of the cover. The picture above right shows the paper just before the flap is folded to the inside and before the second flap has been glued. Now repeat for the second funny shaped flap.

5. Your box cover should now look like the picture to the right. Glue the last two flaps to the side of the box cover wrapping the extra to the inside of the cover.

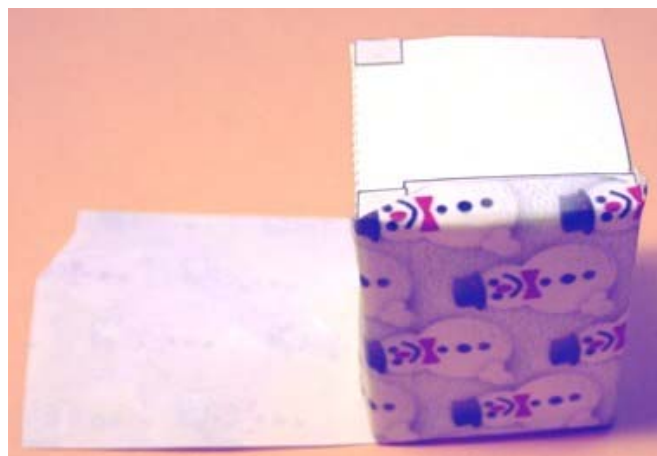
Your cover is now complete.



6. Spread glue on the bottom of the box. (Remember, the bottom of the box has no flaps glued on the outside.) Press the box onto the wrong side of the wrapping paper. See the diagram below and the picture to the right to see the exact placement. The box bottom is indicated in yellow on the diagram.



7. Now, spread glue on the bigger of the two flaps. The one shown on top in the diagram and slightly to the left in the picture above. Carefully, wrap it up the wall of the box smoothing the paper as you go. The part that extends to the right on this flap will wrap around to the other wall. The part that extends to the left will wrap around the side piece all the way to the inside of the box. The picture below shows the box from the back after the first flap is glued in place.



8. Spread glue on the last flap and glue just as carefully as you did the other flap in step 7. You will not have the flap that wrapped around to the other wall, but will still have the part that wraps to the inside of the box.
- The wrapped box is shown below. The view is on the left is from the wall just wrapped. You may have to trim some excess paper on the top corners. The view on the right is from the front of the box.



With a sharp object, extend the hole in the box cover so that it goes through the wrapping paper as well. Thread some narrow ribbon (2mm), metallic string, or white string through the box cover. You want the loop to the outside of the box cover. You may tie a knot or just glue the ends to the underside of the cover. The knot and ends will be sandwiched between the box cover and the top of the box. Do not glue the cover in place, yet.

Glue your background or wallpaper in place next.

The extra box bottom is for added strength for the box. You may glue it in place and make your scene in the box, or you may use it or a thicker piece of cardboard the same side to make your scene on and then glue it in the box. I make my scene right inside the box.

Cut clear plastic packaging or a write-on transparency using the template. Carefully fold the plastic in half along the fold line in the template. Depending on the stiffness of the plastic, you may or may not have to glue the side edges inside the box side edges. I used some extra snow to trim the bottom edge of the plastic and to hold it in place. You may want to use a braid or other trim if you are doing an indoor scene.

Glue the box cover in place.

