

TUTORIAL 6.

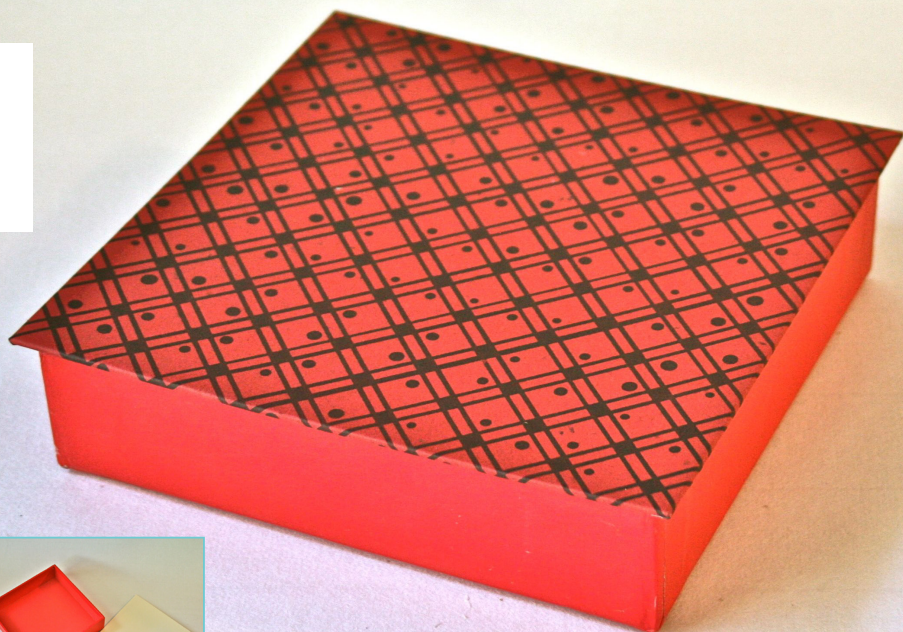
CREATE A CUSTOM LID

SUPPLIES

- 1 one square or rectangular lid-less box of rigid construction
- Decorative paper (at least one or two designs)
- Board (foam core, bookbinder's board or mat board)

TOOLS

- Bone folder (optional)
- Low moisture adhesive
- Scissors and a pencil

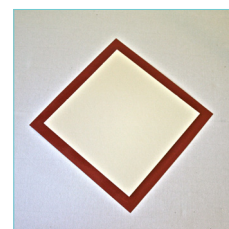
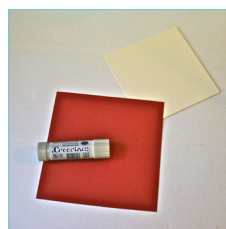


STEP 1

- Measure the length and width of your box then cut a piece of board adding $\frac{1}{16}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side. (For example, if your box is 3" square cut your board $3\frac{1}{8}$ " - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " sq.)

STEP 3

- Apply a low moisture adhesive to the plain side of the larger piece of paper, then center the larger piece of board on the adhesive.

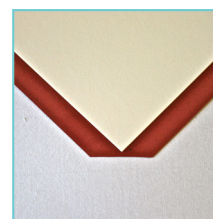


STEP 2

- Cut two pieces of decorative paper, adding $\frac{1}{2}$ " to each side. (For example, the 3"x3" box would need one paper that is $4\frac{1}{8}$ " sq. to $4\frac{1}{4}$ " sq. and one paper that is $3\frac{7}{8}$ " sq.) You can use the same paper for both boards or use two different, but complimentary, papers.
- The smaller piece will be on the underside of the lid and will not be seen until the lid is lifted from the box.

STEP 4

- Trim the corners at an angle leaving $1\frac{1}{2}$ " times the thickness of your board between the tip of the board and the cut edge of the paper. (For example, if your board is $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick make your cut $\frac{3}{16}$ " from the corner of the board.)



STEP 5

- Fold over one edge of the paper, snugly, and adhere it to the back side of the board. Fold over the opposite edge of paper and adhere to the board. With your fingernails push the little lip of paper at each corner in toward the uncovered sides of the board, then fold the two remaining lips of paper over and adhere them to the board.
- Repeat this step with the smaller paper and board.



STEP 6

- Apply a strong adhesive to the back (uncovered) side of the smaller board, center it on the back of the larger board and place the entire piece under a heavy weight (books, covered brick, etc.) and allow to dry. Adhesive that dries under pressure has a stronger bond.



STEP 7

- When dry, place the lid on your box. The underside should fit nicely inside the box and keep in mind that it may (or may not) shrink/loosen ever so slightly.
- The top of the lid may fit just over the edges of the box or may have a more dramatic overhang, depending on how large you cut the board.
- Ta da!



HELPFUL HINTS

- * Follow TUTORIAL #5 COVER AN EXISTING BOX to create a beautiful box. Then use this tutorial to make a very special top for it!
- * Once you have made the lid you can add layers, embellishments or printing...let your imagination loose!
- * Apply a "handle" to your lid by gluing on drawer pulls, marbles, beads, etc.
- * Build some drama and dimension by covering and adding consecutively smaller layers to the top of the lid.
- * Make it personal by adhering a small frame and photo to the top of your lid

