



East Hunsbury
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EAST HUNSBURY SENIORS HOW TO MAKE FOLDED BOXES

PART ONE



You will need 2 pieces of thinish square card. A 12 inch square is used for this demo. A bone folder would be useful and some double sided sticky tape or prit stick.

Decide on the card for your base, with the patterned side uppermost, fold the card in half.



Open out and fold the other way



With the plain side uppermost fold in one corner to the middle.



Repeat with second corner



Then the third corner



Then the fourth corner



Now fold one edge to the middle, keeping the edges straight



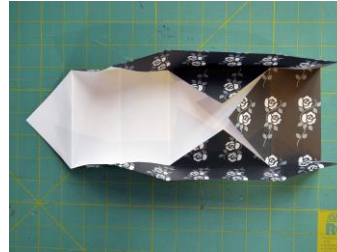
Open out and repeat fold with the second side



Then the third side



And finally the fourth side



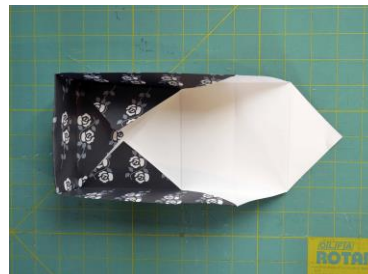
Now the tricky bit!
Open up one end and fold up the sides of the main box



Fold the corners in towards the middle and then fold the end over that fold and down the other side to form the end of your box



One side completed



Repeat with the opposite end. Start by opening it out as you did the first end



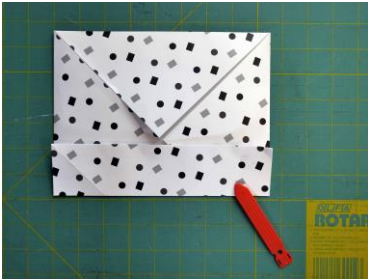
Fold in the edges towards the middle



Then fold over to form the last side of the box

At this point make sure your folds are creased nicely and glue the points down in the base to make your box firm.

PART TWO



To make the lid for your box, take the second sheet and fold as before until you have all 4 corners folded into the middle (ie: at the 'X' point). Then fold up one edge, but this time, don't fold all the way up to the 'X' point. Instead, leave a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch of point showing above it.

Repeat fold on the second side, making sure you leave a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch gap as before.



Repeat the fold on the third side



Then finish with a fold on the fourth side



Open out one end, & complete it in the same way as was done for the base.

Repeat for the second end.



Glue down under the flaps after ensuring the folds are nice and sharp



Now, like magic, your top will fit the base of your box.

You can then decorate with ribbon, flowers, buttons, beads or anything that takes your fancy.



The boxes ended up $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches square.



This box was made with card that was 6 inches square and ended up just over 2 inches square.

Ideal as a gift box for a small piece of jewellery.

Have fun!

Pauline Bolter