

Blue Peter

How to make a surprise box



Introduction

Make your own surprise box and give it to someone special. Don't forget to take a picture and send it to us at bluepeter@bbc.co.uk

You will need

- ✓ 1 x A3 coloured card
- ✓ 4 x A4 coloured card
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Photos and pictures for decorating
- ✓ Rulers x2
- ✓ Pencil to mark lines
- ✓ A chocolate or gift for the middle of the box

Instructions

Step 1



Take the A3 card and measure 27cm on each side to make a square. Measure 9cm across each side, marking every 9cm along the way. Draw lines across to connect each mark, then your square on the card will be divided into 9 equal sections.

Step 2



Cut along the lines so that you remove the four corner boxes to be left with a template that looks like a cross.

Step 3



Score the lines using 2 rulers, then fold along these scored lines. You now have the basis for the outer box.

Step 4



For your 2nd inner box repeat these steps but with smaller measurements. Measure a 24cm square on your A4 card and mark every 7cm and connect in the same way and score and fold.

Step 5



On to box 3; the same again but with even smaller measurements! This time make your square 15cm, then mark 5cm across each of the 4 sides. Again, draw lines to connect the marks, cut out, then score and fold.

Step 6



It's the final box! This needs to fit inside the last one, take your fourth piece of A4 card and measure 12cm across four sides. Then mark out 4cm across each side and draw lines to connect. Cut out, score and fold.

Step 7



Now it's time for the lid. Take your final piece of card and measure 13cm across four sides to make a square. Then along each edge mark 2cm, then 9cm, then 2cm again. Connect these marks with lines across.

Step 8



Cut the 4 small corners from the card.

Step 9



Score each edge using two rulers, fold along the scored lines and stick the corner tabs together.

Step 10



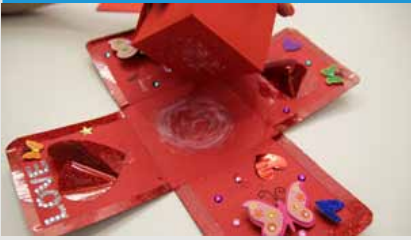
This is the fun part - decorating the different sides of your box! It's easiest to decorate each piece before you assemble it together. Use any photos or pictures that are personal to the person you're giving it to.

Step 11



Once your sides are all decorated with different photos and pictures, it's time to assemble the box together. Do this by placing the smaller boxes within the larger ones. Place the first box at an angle.

Step 12



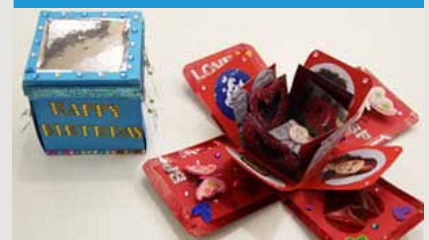
Glue each box layer in place at the bottom

Step 13



Bring all the sides together and put the lid on top to hold everything in place.

Step 14



You now have a fantastic surprise box that you can give to someone special! Don't forget you can make these boxes for birthdays and any other celebrations too!