



First, thanks for purchasing one of my Keepsake Box kits! I hope that it brings you tons of joy and fun as you create your own.

BEFORE YOU START . . .

This tutorial works for any of my Keepsake Boxes, no matter what kit it is that you have purchased. You can create the boxes with or without the chipboard . . . but . . . the chipboard will make the box more sturdy so that it will last a long time. I also suggest that you spray seal all pages, after printing, before cutting them out, with a matte spray sealer of some type. This will help protect the finished box from the elements. Print all sheets on a white matte cardstock or photo paper. You could also use a Luster finish paper if you wanted. Print at 100% using your best printer settings.

Kit Contents . . .

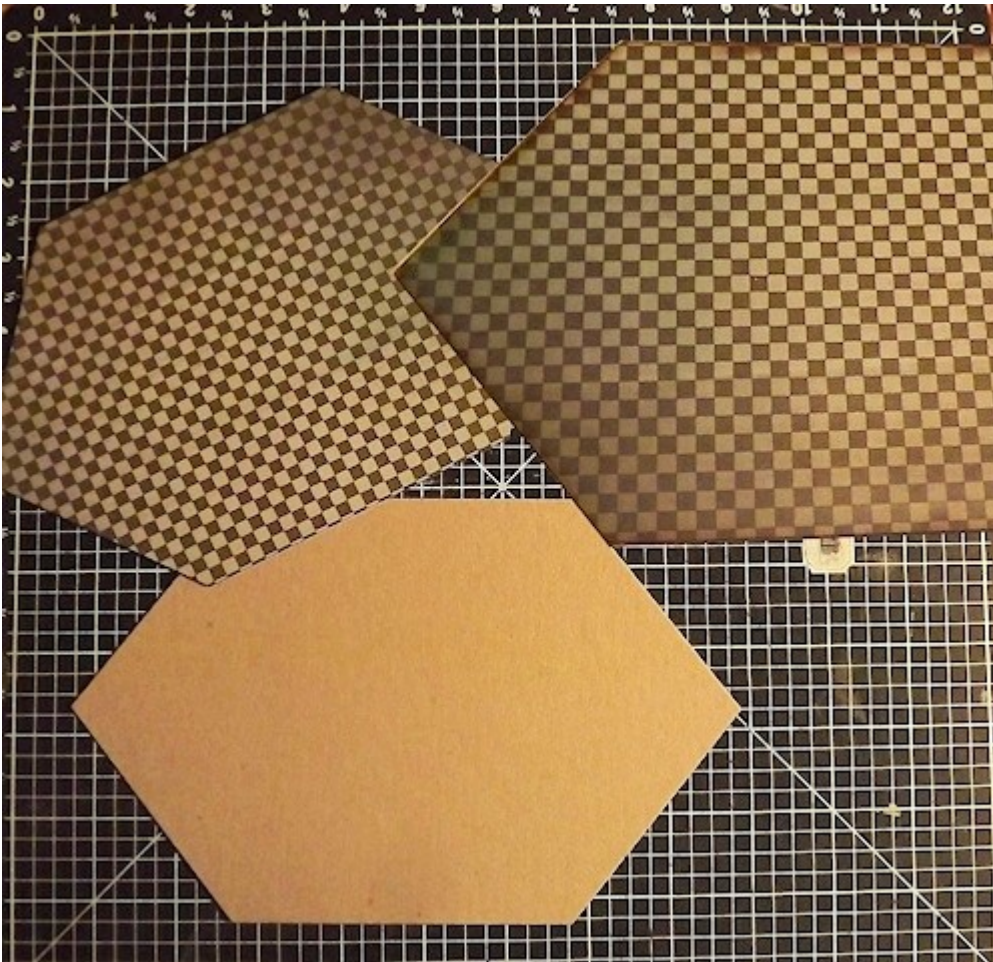
- Base
- Inner Bottom
- Sides (two sheets)
- Lid Base
- Lid Inside
- Front and back sides

Additional Materials needed . . .

- Matte white cardstock or photo paper (for printing the sheets)
- Matte spray sealer (optional)
- Tim Holtz Vintage Photo distressing ink (optional)
- Cutting & Scoring tools
- Score tape 1/4"
- 3 sheets of 12×12 size chipboard (optional)

LET'S GET STARTED . . .

Box Section



- Attach the base section to one of the sheets of chipboard with score tape. Cut it out.

- Attach the second base section to the opposite side of the chipboard base you just made.
- Distress all edges with the distressing ink.



- Repeat the base process using the inner bottom section – you will only need to have the printed paper on one side of the chipboard shape this time.
- Distress all edges of the inner bottom section after attaching it to the chipboard.
- Score the side pieces on the dashed lines then fold.
- Distress all edges of both side sections.
- Add score tape to the side tabs, on the printed side.
- Add score tape to the unprinted side of the bottom tabs.



- Now attach one side to the base as seen above



- Now attach the other side to the base as seen above – make sure that the side tabs are folded in towards the inside of the box!
- Attach the sides together using the tabs on each end.



•Add score tape to the bottom of the box as seen above



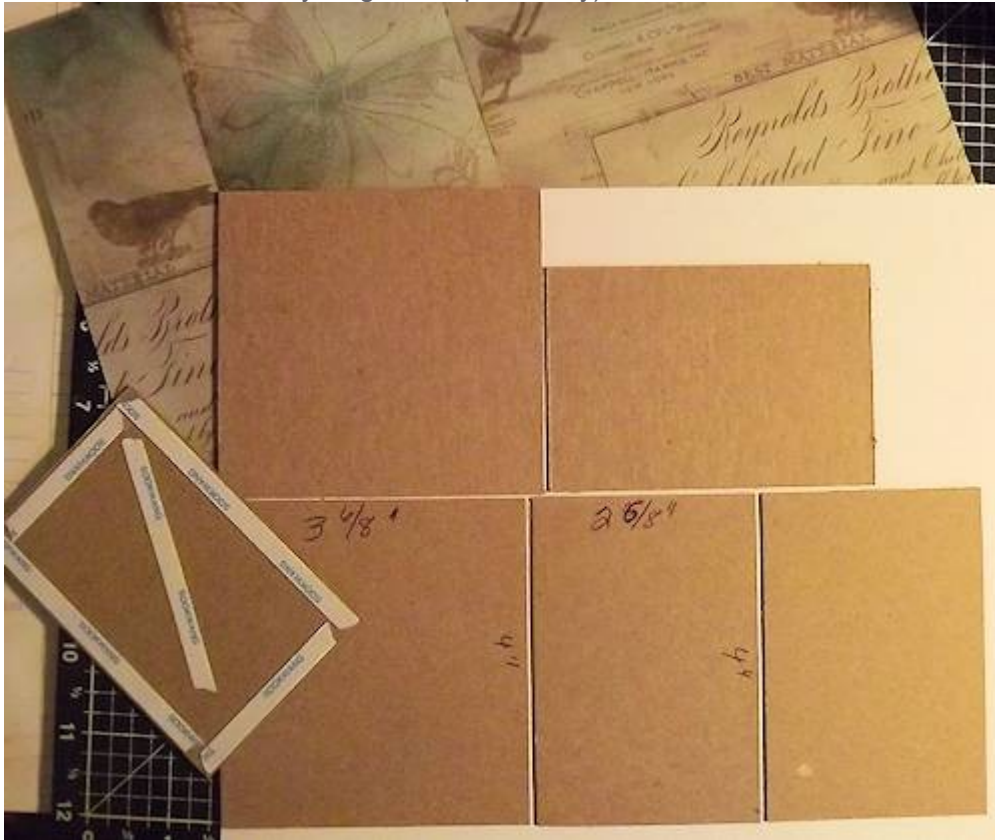
•Center the box on the base and attach together

IDEA . . . At this point you could leave the box as is, without the lid and use it to hold taller things.

IF YOU ARE USING CHIPBOARD FOR THE BOX . . . follow this step. If not, skip and go on to the Lid Section instructions.

Cut chipboard pieces for the inside lining of the box

- 2 @ 3-6/8" by 4" (center area of sides – you might need to trim a tad so place inside the box and see if everything lines up correctly)
- 4 @ 2-6/8" by 4" (for four smaller sections of sides – you might need to trim a tad so place inside the box and see if everything lines up correctly)



- Print two sheets of the Liner Paper from the kit.
- Use score tape to attach the chipboard pieces to the printed liner paper, on the wrong side of the paper, as seen above.
- Cut away all of the excess paper from the chipboard pieces with a craft knife.
- Add score tape to the uncovered side of the chipboard pieces.



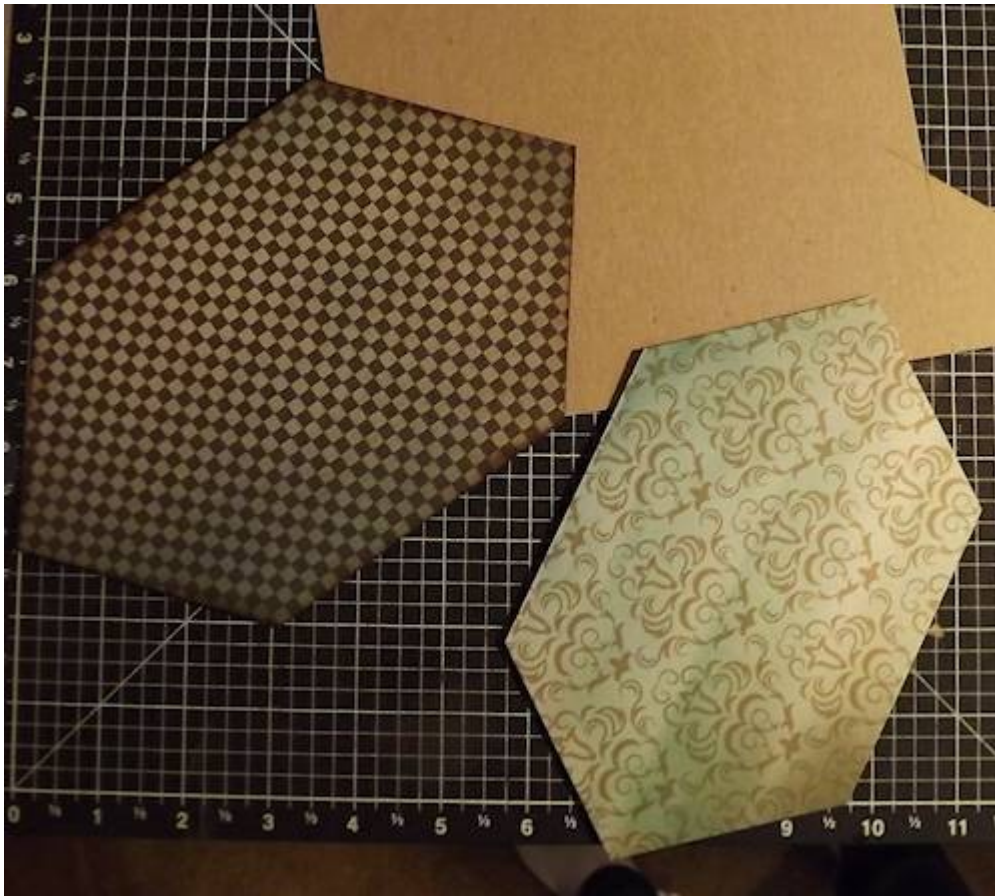
- Attach the chipboard pieces to the box inside, sides as seen above, creating a liner for the box.
- Distress the top edges of the box after all sides are attached inside.

Your box is now strong enough to hold just about anything you might want to place in it.

Lid Section . . .

NOTE: If you are not using chipboard in your box, the lid will have to be made using several copies of the lid base and inner lid pieces. Two lid bases attached together will be fine for the base . . . but . . . the inner lid will take about 8 pieces attached together to make it thick enough to rest inside the side walls of the box, so the lid won't fall out.

Read through the following directions, using chipboard to understand how the lid fits on the box and you will then see the need for extra layers on the inner lid, when only using paper.



- Cut out the two Lid Base images. Apply one of the two Lid Base images to chipboard, cut out, turn it over and apply the second Lid Base image to the opposite side. Distress all edges.
- Cut out the Lid Inner image. Apply it to a sheet of chipboard and then cut it out.



- Repeat this process three times so that the Lid Inner piece has the paper on top and three sheets of chipboard underneath.
- Distress all edges.
- Attach the Lid Inner piece to one side of the Lid Base as seen above.



•As seen above, the lid sits on top of the box and the Lid Inner section keeps it from sliding off the box.

FINISHING . . .

You can use only the elements from the printed sheets or mix them with physical elements. Use foam tape or pop dots to create dimension when adding elements. Remember to “distress” the edges of all elements right after you cut them out! This will give a finished and vintage look to the elements and help make them look more realistic as well.

Here are images of my finished box to give you some ideas . . .



Have fun with the paper elements! Bend flower petals, twist them, and use pop dots or foam tape to add dimension. And if you can, do something unexpected with them.

Look at the bird on the lid (middle left) . . . I bent the very bottom of his body and glued him to a flower petal so that he is standing up.

It's difficult to tell in the photo but I've used glitter glue on all of the elements except the word art tag. This not only adds a pretty look to the elements but also will help to stiffen them so they stay in shape once bent. Apply the glitter glue with a small flat paint brush. Flat back pearls are a lovely addition to flower centers and you can pick them up inexpensively. I always keep a stock of these on hand.

Another idea . . . punch a hole in the lid, on the left and right sides, near the points and add a rope hanger to lift the lid with.

Add wooden beads to the bottom of the box for feet.

Till next time . . .

Happy Crafting!

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