

# Paper Treasure Box

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Materials:

Quick-Dry Tacky Glue  
card stock pieces: two 7" x 11", two 6" x 7", four 1" x 11",  
three 1" x 7"  
Liquitex Interference acrylic violet/opal violet paint  
gold & silver leafing pens  
autumn gold & bell bronze Pearlescent liquid acrylics  
Metallic Solid Bronze or Copper  
metallic 14K gold Gleams acrylic paint  
Plaid Glaze Vernis paint  
heart paper punch  
skeleton key  
Velcro  
cording  
scanned photos of keys or money  
ruler  
scissors  
stylus  
craft knife  
plastic wrap  
watercolors & paint brush

Steps:

1. Glue one 1" x 11" strip of card stock to the outside edge of a 7" x 11" piece . Glue another strip to the other edge.
2. Glue one 1" x 7" strip on the bottom of the card stock.
3. Take the other 7" x 11" piece of card stock and measure 4 inches from the bottom . Score this with a stylus and fold. Score at the open end and fold again. This unit is the bottom of your box (**figure A**). The tall end is the back of the box , but if you want a higher front to your box, you can use the tall end for the front .
4. The two 6" x 7" pieces of card stock will be the sides of the box. Measure 1 inch from the edges on the three sides of both pieces, score and fold ( **figure B**).
5. Mark a spot 5 inches up from the middle of the bottom scored crease. Place a bowl on this spot and draw an arch on both pieces of card stock. Score on the curved lines. You can also make a template using this method and use it to draw your arches .



Figure A



Figure B

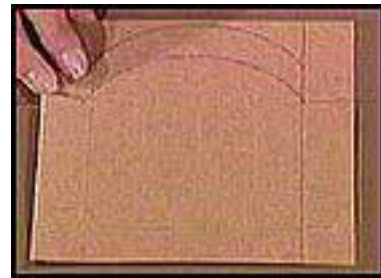


Figure C

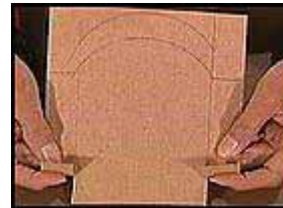


Figure D



Figure E



Figure F

6. On both outside edges of the card stock, cut 1 inch straight up on the bottom horizontal crease. These will be tabs that will be glued onto the top of the bottom fold (**figure C**).

7. Put horizontal marks on both sides 1 inch in where the curve ends. Trim about 1/2 inch above the arch. You will continue to cut (10 to 12 snips) around the edge of the curve just to meet the crease of the arch. Bend these strips to form a curve on each side of the two pieces of card stock (**figure D**).

8. Glue the tabs onto the top of the bottom fold on both sides. Glue sides to the outside edges of the box (**figure E**).

9. Apply glue to box instead of the strips, and glue in place one 1" x 11" strip starting on the bottom front of the box and going on the outside edge over the curve ending in the middle back of the box. Repeat on the opposite side of box (**figure F**).

10. On the inside curve of the box, glue a 1" x 7" strip to cover the cut strips of the curve of the box. Repeat on the opposite side of the box.

11. Glue the 7" x 11" top to the back of the tall side of the box. Apply glue to the back and not the curves of the box (**figure G**).

12. Add Velcro to the inside edges of the top to keep it closed.

13. Using scrunched-up plastic wrap, dip into various paints and dab randomly over the box. Make a lock out of card stock and punch a heart hole for a keyhole.

14. Add gold and silver leafing to a skeleton key and glue above the lock.

#### Hints:

- Run the long strips of paper through two fingers to curl them. This will make them easier to go around the curves of the box.

- The top of the box can also be bent to form a curve before gluing to the bottom unit.

- You can decorate your chest by using rubber stamps, stickers, splatter paints, scanned photographs, charms, keys, twigs, etc.

- You can add beads and gold wrapped candies to the inside of the box.

- On the inside bottom of the box, you can add a scanned picture of keys or coins.

- Add rope handles by punching two holes on the sides, feeding the rope through the holes and knotting the ends. You put a knot on each side of the hole.

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