

# Cute Handbag Gift Box

## What you will need to recreate this project:

- 1 ½ sheets A4 card – ivory
- A4 card - blue
- \*Spellbinder Grand Decorative Ovals One Die set - (project calls for the three smallest).
- Paper flowers, or flower dies & card scraps matching above.
- 3 medium sized half pearls (optional)
- Stick pins (optional)
- Tag & twine (optional)
- 1.5cm square adhesive hook & loop tape
- Tacky glue/ultra sticky tape

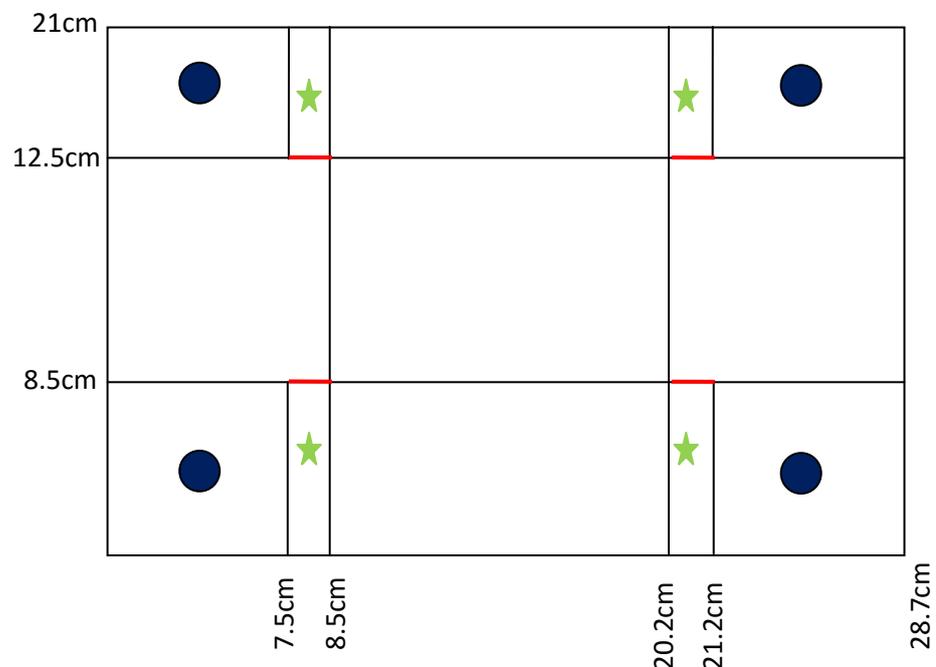


\* If you don't have the dies I have included oval templates in these project notes that you can use – you could cut these out with fancy edges scissors to achieve a similar effect to the dies?

## Assembling the project:

Using the dies or the templates cut out the largest & smallest ovals from blue card & the medium sized oval from ivory card. I cut out the flowers at this point too, just so everything was ready when I needed to put it all together.

Using the A4 sheet of ivory card mark out the base of the bag, begin by shortening the length by 1cm from 29.7 to 28.7cm. (Keep the strip of card as we will use this to form the handle for the bag later). See diagram below:-



Measure & mark the above points & lightly draw in the lines between the marks, as shown in the diagram above. Cut away the four corner sections marked with a black dot —● & snip the small lines that are marked in red, & then score all of the remaining lines to construct the base for the bag.

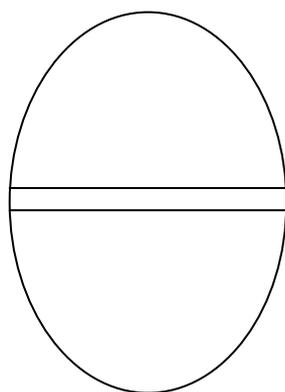
Fold the crease lines & apply ultra sticky tape (red line tape) or Tacky glue to the four tabs marked with green stars in the diagram above, & then stick together to form a box. Once the glue is dry, gently nip the two pairs of corners together at the top of the box & as far down the sides as the box itself allows, this will form an expanding gusset in the sides of the bag.

The finished box should measure - 4 x 11.7 x 8.5cm.

The easiest way to score the lines needed across the die cut ovals – figured this out through trial & error – is to bend them in half across their width, line the pattern up around the edge & then pinch the centre line at both edges before releasing & allowing them to unfurl, you can score out this pinch mark later.

Once you have the centre line on all three ovals, lightly pencil it in as we will use this to create the double fold on the flap of the bag.

On the largest of the ovals measure & mark several points .5cm either side of the central line, on the medium oval repeat but mark at .6cm & on the smallest mark at .7cm, then score the double fold lines on all three ovals before folding. You need the extra width in the double folds as one will be fitted on top of another. See diagram below:-



Apply Tacky glue to one half of the largest oval, making sure that you don't apply glue to any of the double fold sections of the ovals as this will prevent the flap opening. Align the first crease line along the top edge of the box, centre & fix into position, apply glue to one half of the second oval & fit it by simply dropping it into position above the first, align it centrally & then securing. Before attaching the third oval we need to fix the handle to the inside of the double fold section.

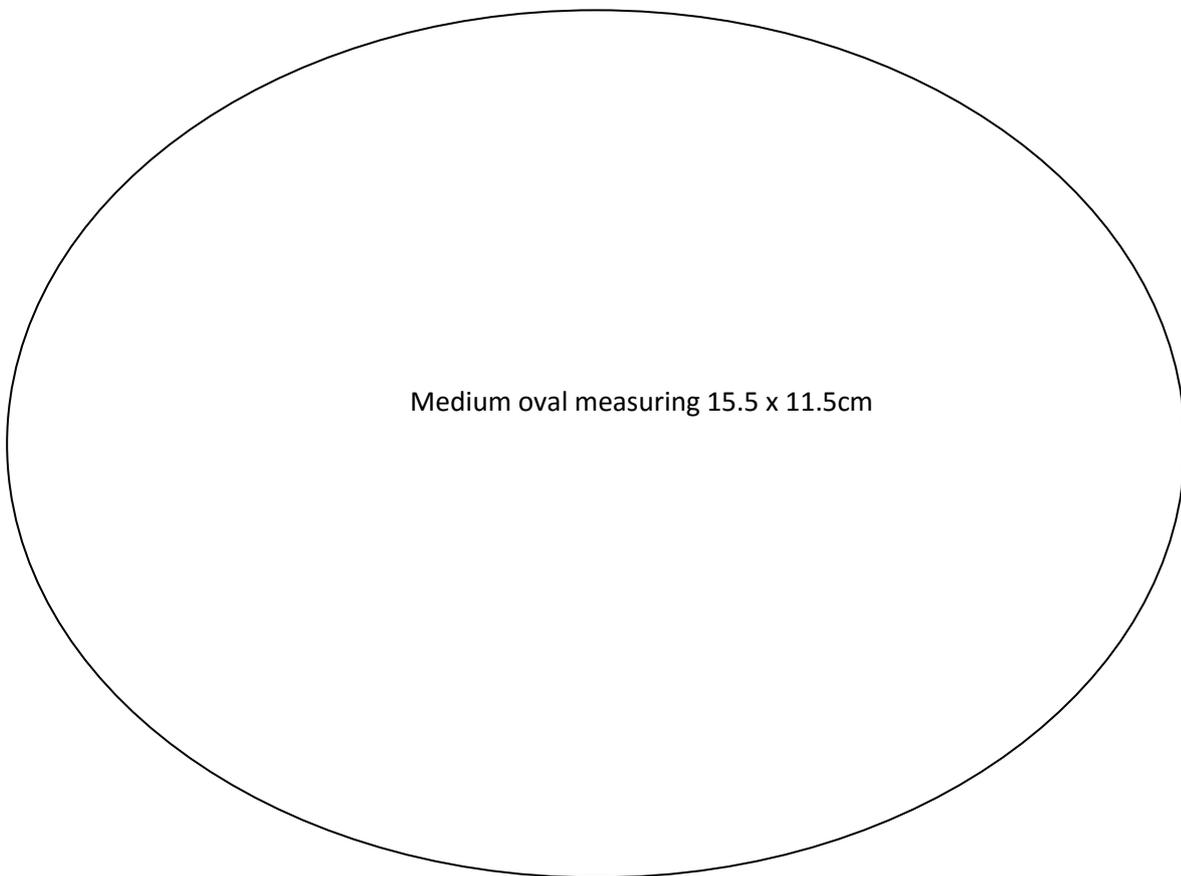
You can use the off-cut from the box, or cut a longer strip from the edge of an A4 card at 1cm wide. Decide how long you want your handle to be & then attach the ends of the strip on the inside of the

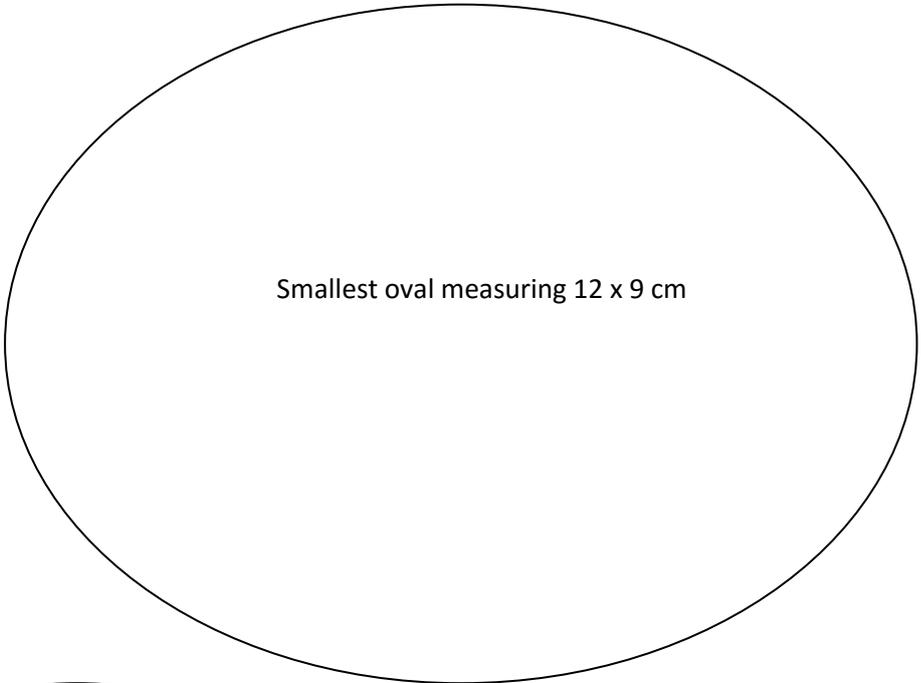
double fold on the smallest oval using Tacky glue, making sure that the glue is dry before dropping into position as before.

Fix the largest oval to the front of the bag by using the piece of adhesive backed hook & loop tape this will also act as the closure. Apply a couple of 3D adhesive pads to the underside of both the medium & small ovals, take the carrier paper off the medium oval & flip it down on top of the larger one, don't pull it tight or the bag won't open, the trick is to almost let it find its own position, & then repeat with the smallest oval.

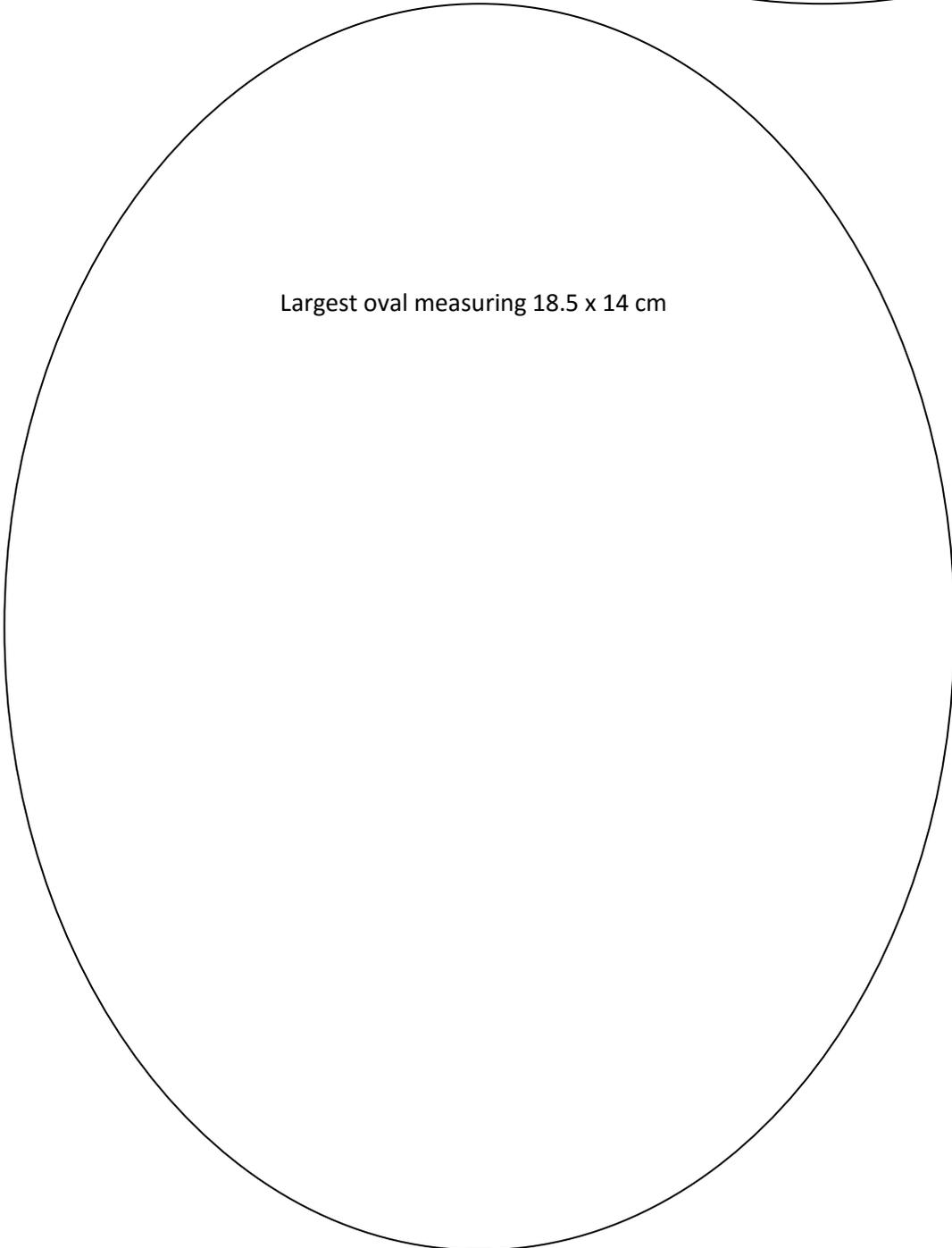
Decorate as desired!

(Think I am going to punch a border along the edge of the tag to make it look prettier!)





Smallest oval measuring 12 x 9 cm



Largest oval measuring 18.5 x 14 cm