Sectioned Tote Box

This is a really neat little tote box that has a multitude of uses, from craft storage to decorating & filling with candy bars to give to the kids to take home at the end of a party, or maybe fill with goodies for the kids to give their teacher at the end of term?

What you will need to recreate this project:

3 x A4 card – medium weight

Pencil, ruler, scoring tool & bone folder

Tacky Glue

Oval die (will add a template to the end of these notes in case you don't have one the right size).
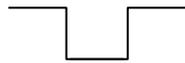
Assembling the project:

I found it easier to do all of the cutting & scoring before assembling the project, so I have given you all of the diagrams at the end of these project notes including the dimensions & score lines of each piece. **They are not scaled templates however so only use as a guide.**

Cut out all of the pieces from your chosen card & mark in any score lines shown in the diagram for that piece. First of all we will create the centre section where the handle is as the rest of the pieces are built onto this section.
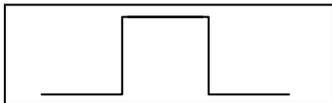
Fold the piece in half through the centre score line & crease well, position the die centrally slightly below the score line, stick into position & feed through the machine. If you are using the template cut it out before positioning it as described above, draw around & cut out the two holes as neatly as possible. Fold the lower score lines out to form an inverted 'T' shape, this is the basis for the tote. At this point you can cover the upright structure if you wish. Cover one panel, between the score line & the central fold, with the glue, ensuring you cover the area around the cut out handle well & sandwich together firmly.

Cut a little notch from each of the four corners of the two boxes, where the horizontal & vertical line cross, this makes securing the corner tabs easier & neater. It is easier to fit the

box divider while assembling the box so fold those up ready, they fold to form the shape of the top of a turret wall.
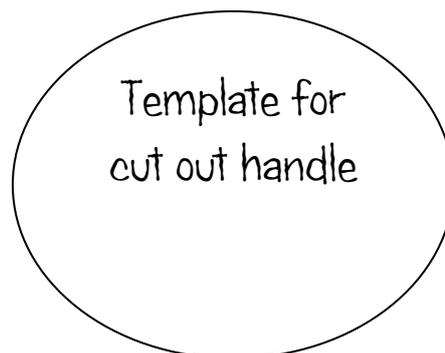
With the first box in horizontal position apply tacky glue to the two uppermost corner tabs & secure to the OUTSIDE of the box – that way they will be hidden when the tote is assembled. Next apply the glue to face of the divider & stick that centrally to the back wall of the box, apply the glue to the two front corner tabs of the box as well as to the two wings of the divider & secure. See diagram below.

Repeat to create the second box.

Using Tacky glue along the back & base of one of your boxes settle it centrally on the base platform of your 'T' structure, repeat on the other platform with the other box. Cover both of the side panels & base panel with glue & stick into place, making the entire tote sturdy.

Decorate as desired & fill!

Template for cut out handle

Diagrams with dimensions of card pieces, how many to make & where to score them.

Tote central structure with cut out handle:

29.7 x 14.8cm card – score at 4; 14.8 & 25.7cm

Tote boxes

22.8 x 12 cm – score a 4cm border all around.

Make 2.

Box divider – 4 x 20cm –

Score at 4, 8, 12 & 16cm – Make 2

Base panel

8 x 14.8cm

Side panel cover

4 x 8cm – cut 2.