

Scrap Card Mini Crates

I assume that like myself many of you out there I have tons of card scraps that just get tossed into the box ready to be die cut later?

Well I thought that there must be some cute ways of using some up, so I had a little play & came up with this crate! So not only will it use up some of those scraps but you can store some in there too!

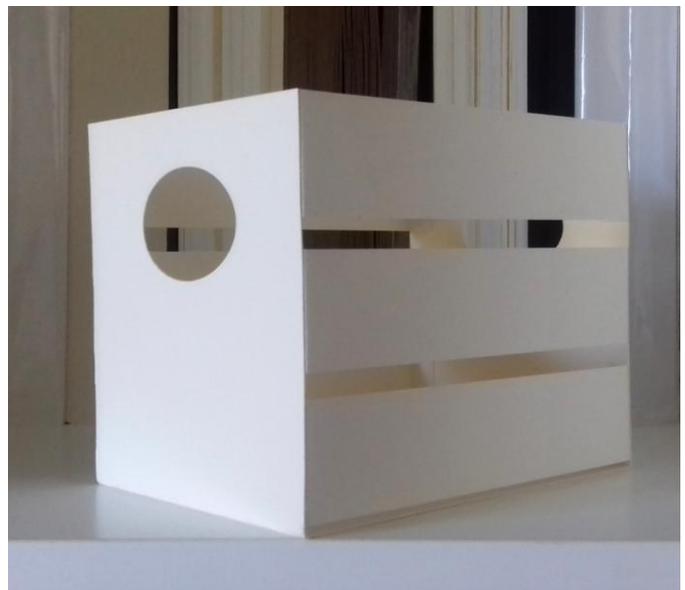
The mini crate in the picture is 12 x 9 cm (approx. 4^{3/4} x 3^{1/2} inch), for which I have now created templates, if you would find that easier. I will upload those alongside these project notes.

What you will need to make them:

Card scraps
Tacky Glue
Guillotine/paper trimmer/scissors
Small oval punch or die
Scoreboard if you have one

How to:

Take a look at the card scraps you have & choose one that looks about the right size for the base of your crate, now you need two more pieces for the end panels which need to be at least the same width as the base piece.



Lastly you need some long strips to make the side slats, it is up to you which colours/patterns you use I just have a ton of ivory card scraps because that is the colour I make the majority of my card bases with.

Next you need to cut everything to size, so begin with the two end panels & cut those to the width of the base panel, then decide how tall you want your crate to be & cut the end panels to that height **plus one centimetre** (approx. ³/₈ inch), which attaches the end panels to the base.

You will need three slats for each side wall of your crate, the width of these obviously depend upon your own crates size but as a guide you will need each of the slats to be approximately a quarter of the height of your end panels, this will give you the gap needed between each.

The slats length will be the length of your base piece **plus two centimetres** (approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ inch), to create a one centimetre (approx. $\frac{3}{8}$ inch) tab at each end, to attach them to the crates end panels.

If you intend to stamp, cover etc. your crate now is a good time to do this, while everything is still flat.

Use your punch or a die & cut out the little oval 'handles' on the upper portion of each end panel, & then score the one centimetre (approx. $\frac{3}{8}$ inch) flap on the base of each, fold & burnish with your bone folder. Then score, fold & burnish a one centimetre (approx. $\frac{3}{8}$ inch) flap at both ends of the six slats.

Now lay everything out on your work surface, line up one of the end panels & apply Tacky glue to the underside of the tab (so that all of the tabs will end up inside the crate) & carefully fix into position, repeat at the other end with the second end panel.

Need I say that you have to ensure that they are the right way up so you don't end up with the hand holes at the bottom? I've done it, believe me!

Now apply the glue to one end tab on three of the slats & position them equally up the inside edge of one of the end panels, starting with the top one as this needs to line up with the top of the end panel itself.

Now line up & adhere the other three slats on the diagonally opposite edge of the other end panel. It is best to let these dry before you do the last part as they tend to move around otherwise.

Finally add glue to the ends of three of the slats & bring up the opposite end panel & align them to match their partners on the other side of the crate, & then repeat with the remaining three slats.

Now you have your mini crate - good hu!