

Stationary Box

to accommodate 15cm (6") square layered cards plus the envelopes

What you will need to recreate this project:

- *3 x A3 sheets of card
- 2 x 30.5 (12") square coordinating backing papers
- 2 or 3 x A4 sheets regular copier paper
- Scrap of card

Info:

I have seen loads of this type of stationary box around, but they all seem to cater for smaller cards, their envelopes plus tags etc. but I wanted one that would hold 15cm square (6") cards - with 3D flowers & lots of layering!

*I tried making it from standard A4 but that just wasn't happening, you could get the internal components out of A4 but the two pieces that form the main body of the box require A3 card stock. If you have matching A3 & A4 then you are onto a winner, otherwise you will need 3 sheets of decent quality (300gsm) card - I get mine from Hobbycraft.

For the same reason I obviously can't create templates for this project as the main pieces wouldn't fit onto an A4 sheet, so can't be printed out on a standard printer. You will also need to think about how to position the pieces on your precious A3 card or you will end up needing a fourth, so I suggest that you stick some sheets of copier paper together to make your own templates, & then you will have them to use over & over again. I have created & attached all of the diagrams that you will need to complete this project, & labelled each so you know which is which,

How to assemble this project:

Cut out & score all of the pattern pieces that I have given you the details of in the attached diagrams plus a piece measuring 16cm square. Put everything other than the **'back & base'** & **'front & sides'** pieces aside for the moment & attach the wedged part of the first onto the corresponding panel on the latter. It is up to you whether you fix this to the inside of the box or the outside, as either way you will need to cover it, I went with the inside as the large internal pocket conceals it.

Before going any further now is a good time to cover the box with backing paper while it is still flat, I covered the outside front & sides with one of the papers & also covered the top & all four sides of the lid. Then I used the second coordinating paper on the two inner side panels,



the front of the smaller internal box (we will do the larger one after installation) & the stamp pocket - keep some scraps of one of the papers to use in the creation of the little notebook.

Okay, we need to complete the assembly of the box before installing the internal boxes; So using some good quality Tacky glue on the two 'back & base' smallest side tabs bring up the back to a right angle & secure the tabs into position, With the outer 'shell' of the box now complete you may choose to either round the corners of the 'wrap around' side panels, or wedge them, I did the latter.

Next thing is the internal boxes that fit into the back of the box & creates containers to hold the cards & envelopes. These are created in much the same way that we assembled the outer shell by applying glue to the two small tabs on each, after the glue dried then fold in the outer edges & glue the corners to hold the 'half box' shape.

Fix the larger of the two internal boxes snugly into the back of the shell using the same glue & allow this to dry before installing the smaller of the boxes onto both the larger one & the base & sides of the shell itself. Now cover the front of the larger of the two boxes with your backing paper, this will cover the visible gluing panels from the smaller box. See photo



below:

Install the large pocket onto the inside drop down portion on the inside front of the box, this is the piece that measures 16cm square. This will serve to hide the join between the two pieces of the outer shell of the box; I also used a small circle punch to cut a thumb hole in the lower edge of the pocket

(which will be accessible from the front of the drop down panel). See picture right:

Let's make the little notebook to give you a clearer idea of where to install the postage stamp pocket; this one I created especially measures 10.5 x 6.7cm.

Using two or three sheets of basic copier paper & a paper trimmer/craft knife stack the paper one on top of another & in the portrait position cut down the centre from top to bottom. Stack the two together & turn into horizontal position to cut four sections each measuring 6.7cm, & discard the scraps.



From a scrap of card cut a piece measuring approx. one mm larger all round, ergo 10.6 x 6.8cm, for the back of the notebook as well as a piece measuring approx. 15 x 6.8cm from paper scraps for the front cover.

There are many book binding glues on the market but they tend to be expensive & once you have used them a couple of times they tend to deteriorate in the tube or pot from neglect afterward. But in actual fact for our little notebook a good quality Tacky or silicon glue are perfectly fine.

Tap the edges of the paper stack on your work surface to align them as much as possible & add the back panel to the stack. Using spring clips, pegs, bulldog clips etc to hold each side in position, use a cocktail stick to apply an even layer of glue along the top edge of the stack & allow to dry thoroughly before checking & applying more glue if necessary.

Once the glue has set line up the piece of cover paper to the bottom edge of the book & grasp firmly, wrap the length of paper over the top edge of the book & pinch the fold lines. Remove & apply glue to the part of the paper that will hold it in place on the back of the notebook & secure.

Select the pen you intend to use inside of the stationary box & cut two narrow lengths of paper & wrap loosely around the pen in order for it to be slid out & put back into the loops. Glue the edges together & trim the tails to approx. 2cm in length.

Fold the score lines on the postage stamp pocket & then arrange that, the book & the pen onto the drop down section of the box front, remembering that the pen needs to be toward the bottom edge so it doesn't interfere with the box closing up.

I used a loop of paper to install the little notepad into position; simply cut a strip of paper & slide between the back page of the notebook & the back cover & loosely wrap around the back & glue into a loop. Then simply add glue to the back of the loop & position where you want it on the drop down panel, attach the pen loops & hide the 'tails' by sliding the notebook into its loop & adding the postage stamp pocket.

Now the box lid is the only part left to so apply Tacky glue to all four of the little gluing tabs located on the inner row of two sets of score lines & carefully form the four corners of your lid so they are as near perfect right angles as possible. Then apply more glue to all four of the tabs forming the outer row of the scored lines & fold inside of the lid, & secure firmly with your bone folder. Carefully fold the outer shell of the box up & slip on the lid & leave in position until the glue has dried fully.

Decorate as desired & fill with your beautiful creations to keep for yourself or to give as a gift to someone special.

