

Shaker Frame

I simply squared off a piece of A4 card to 21cm square (6") to make this little shaker frame, but you can make yours any size you want so long as you have a piece of card large enough.

What you will need to recreate this project:

A4 card - main colour

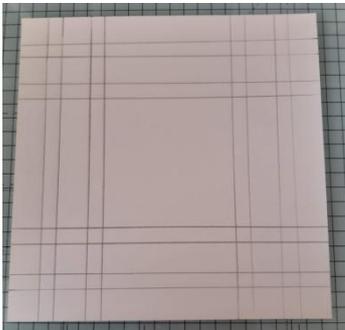
Contrast card

Clear poly film/acetate

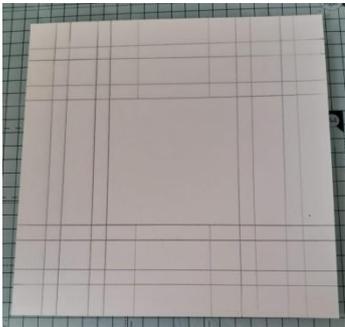
Sequins & embellishments

*5 & 9cm square dies + machine

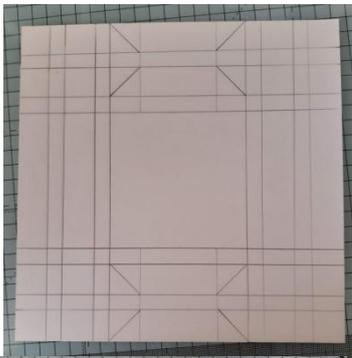
Step by step:



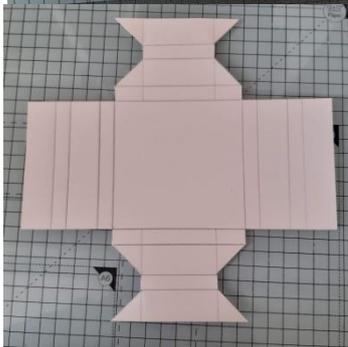
Cut your card into a square (or rectangle) & score four borders around all sides at the following: 2; 3; 5 & 6cm.



On two sides only mark a further line lightly with a pencil at 8 & 13cm through the four score lines at both the top & bottom.



Using those pencil lines above as a guide, draw in the eight diagonal lines.

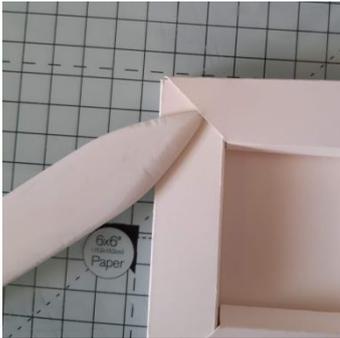


Cut out the piece.





Burnish all score lines & fold the shaped sides into position first before carefully tucking the straight sides inside of the diagonal corners of the shaped sides to lock into position.



For extra sturdiness I added a little wet glue under where the bone folder is indicating, pinching the corner into a full 90 degree angle as I did so. It is easier to do this one corner at a time & waiting for the glue to take hold before moving to the next corner.



This will give you a nice neat finish to your frame, but don't worry if it isn't perfect as the addition of the contrasting frame will hide any imperfections.

* Although I used dies to cut out the frame for the sample, it is very easy to do by hand, simply cut a 9cm square from the contrasting card - if you have fancy edge scissors you could cut the square using those. On the back draw diagonal lines from corner to corner as a guide & then measure a 4cm border all around & then draw in the lines, the corners of which should land on the diagonal lines you drew, to ensure it is accurate. Cut out the central portion & you have your frame. I used this central portion as a backdrop for the inside of the shaker area, but you may choose to do something else.

Cut an 8cm square from the poly film/acetate & secure with tape to the back of the contrasting frame, add any decoration & the sequins into the shaker area of the 3D frame & position the contrasting frame centrally on top, again using double sided adhesive tape.

Decorate the front of the 3D frame as desired.