

If you have corrugated cardboard, some paper scraps and glue these little boxes are a brilliant way to turn your scrap and recycling into something useful.

Make them stronger by using more layers of paper and decorate with paper decoupage or drawing and paint on them.

They are a nice rainy day activity that is suitable for adults and supervised children.

Once you know how to make them you can use the same method to make square or rectangular boxes.

No glue? Use flour and water instead. Add 1 tablespoon of flour to 4 of water and stir. Heat up 5 tablespoons of water and add your flour mixture.

Stir and simmer for 3 minutes and let cool before you use it.

This doesn't make the strongest glue but it is better than no glue.



**SIDES:**  
cut 3 in cardboard

**BASE:**  
cut one in cardboard

## You will need:

- An old cardboard box
- Scissors or a craft knife
- A ruler (metal is best)
- Glue - thinned down PVA is perfect
- Old paintbrush
- Old newspapers, magazines or wrapping paper
- Tape

## Make the box:

1. Cut out one triangle and 3 rectangles from the cardboard.
2. Using the tape, attach the long sides of the rectangles to the sides of the triangle. You only need to hold it in place so you don't need much tape.
3. Place the triangle base on a flat surface and fold up the sides. Hold in place with a little tape.

## Decoupage the box:

1. Tear or cut strips of paper ready to use
2. Use the paintbrush to put glue onto the box first, then to smooth out the paper on it.
3. Work on strengthening the box first with paper on the joins.
4. Colour in with pens or paint if you like.
5. Use the glue to varnish the box when you have finished. This might make any paint spread so practice on scrap paper first.

Make the lid in the same way at the base.

Be careful not to put too much paper decoration inside the lid or it might not fit.

You can use this pattern to make a shallow tray as well.

Explore the options by changing the depth of the sides of the box or printing the pattern in a different size.

