

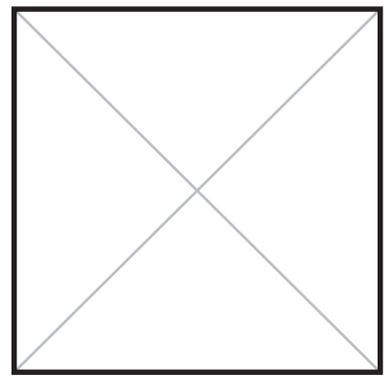
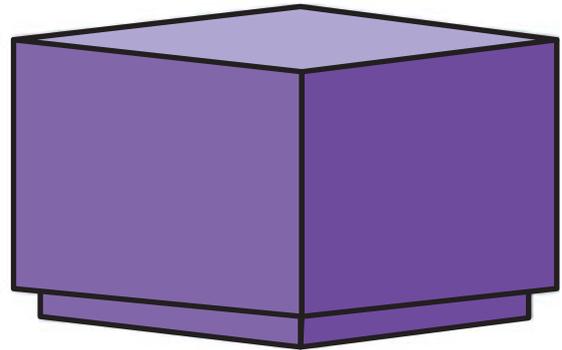
Origami Box

You need:

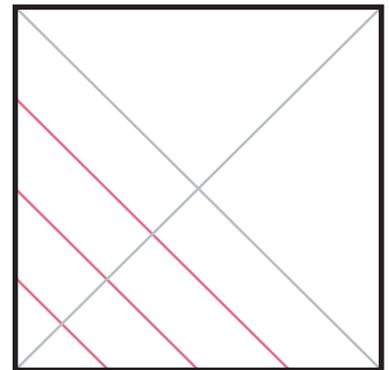
2 pieces of paper (or greeting card halves)
ruler
pencil
scissors
glue or sticky tape

Instructions:

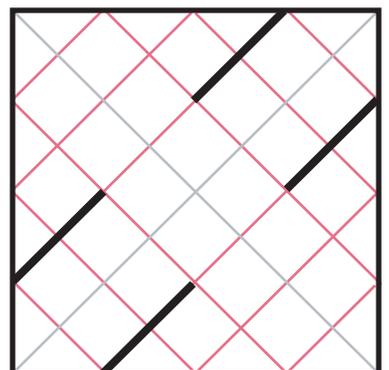
1. Begin by cutting your paper (or card) down into squares. The easiest way to do this is to measure the shortest side and make the other side that length. For example, if your card is 5 inches by 7 inches, make the square 5 x 5. One square will become the lid for your box, and the other the bottom. (If you're using a greeting card, use the "front" for the lid. Be sure the design is centred.) Make the square for the bottom a quarter of an inch smaller on all sides. (Thus if your lid is 5 x 5, your bottom will be 4.75 x 4.75.)
2. To make the lid, turn the square face down. Use a ruler and pencil to lightly draw two straight lines diagonally between the corners. Your square should resemble figure A.
3. Fold one corner up to the centre point, crease, and then unfold. Next fold that same corner up to the crease you just made, keeping it centred on the line. Keeping it folded, fold it again, and then fold it one last time so that it touches the centre line. Unfold that corner. You will have a pattern of creases resembling the red lines on figure B. Repeat for the other three corners.
4. Your square will now have a checkerboard pattern of creases on it. Use the scissors to make four cuts as indicated by the heavy black lines on figure C.
5. Beginning with one of the "triangular" sides, fold up the corner at the first crease (as in step 3). Fold this over again. This will be one of the sides of the box. Stand the side up (i.e. fold it 90 degrees) and bend the small triangular tabs in. Now repeat with the other triangular side.
6. Fold the remaining two sides over the triangular tabs to hold them in place. Flatten the two small end triangles onto the inside of the lid. Secure with sticky tape or glue.
7. Repeat for the bottom of the box!



A



B



C

To further decorate your box, try gluing felt inside both halves to hide the paper tabs. You could also embellish the top with glitter, beads, or ribbon. Have fun!