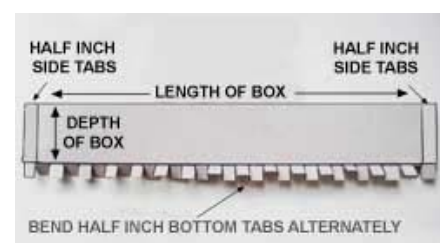


Desk Tidy

Materials

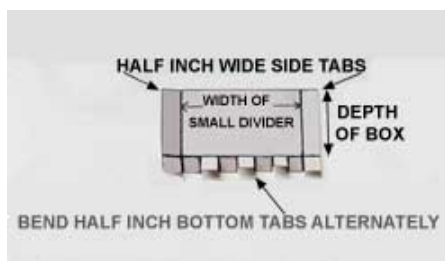
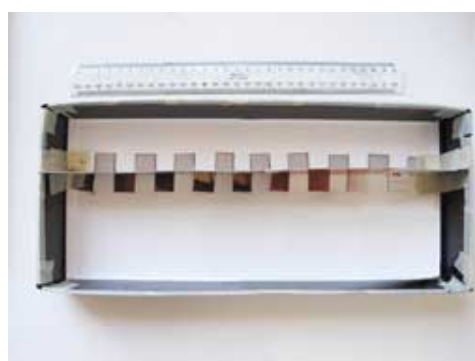
- An empty chocolate box with lid plus enough extra cardboard to make 2 dividers.
- About 4 sheets of white copy paper (A4 or Letter size).
- Masking tape.
- Scissors.
- Rule.
- Black felt tip pen.
- Elmer's glue or similar and glue brush.
- Acrylic paints and brushes, if required.
- In the project as shown, pieces of a torn map and graph paper were used to decorate the desk tidy.



1. The chocolate box above is just the right shape to make an open desk tidy that will have three separate sections and is useful for keeping rulers, scissors, pens and pencils together.

2. To strengthen this box, the lid is turned over, pushed inside the base, and then both sections are taped together, the piece of extra cardboard will then be used to make a long divider and a short divider.

3. Measure the length and depth of the box, then on the extra cardboard, draw the long divider, adding half an inch at each end for side tabs, and half an inch at the bottom for the small bottom tabs.



4. Cut out the divider, and bend the side and bottom tabs as shown. Then tape in place, about one third of the way across the width of the box using masking tape.

5. Measure the width and depth of the largest section of the box. On the extra cardboard, carefully draw the small divider, adding an extra half an inch for each of the side tabs and the bottom tabs.

6. Once both dividers are taped in position, cover the whole box with strips of glued white copy paper to strengthen it. When dry, the desk tidy can be painted, or decorated as shown at top of page.