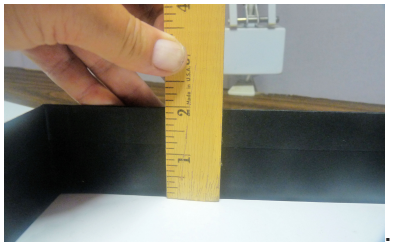
HOW TO MAKE A CARDBOARD PASTEL BOX

MATERIAL LIST

Sturdy cardboard box ideally 3 inches deep – length and width can vary
¼” Foam core Board
2” wide packing tape (Gorilla brand is best)
Ruler
Pen/Pencil
Craft knife and fresh blades
Glue (household glue or glue gun if you have it)
Cutting mat or cardboard to protect table
Foam padding
2 Shoelaces

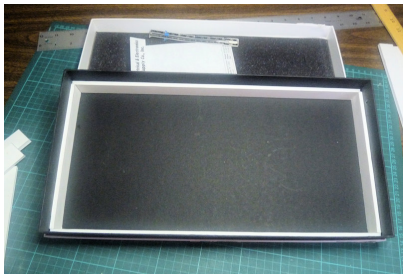
1 – Measure the bottom of the box and subtract 1/8” from the width and length (this allows you to remove the tray easily). Mark your foam core and cut. This is the tray bottom.

2 – Place foam core in bottom of box and measure the distance from the foam core to the top of the box. Divide that number in half. That number is the height of the support walls for your tray. Remove foam core tray bottom and set aside.

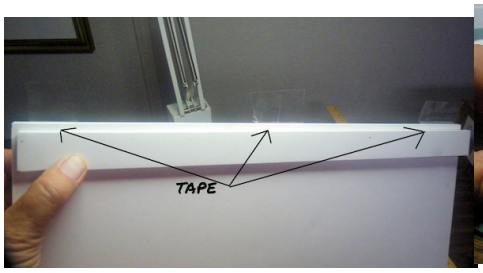


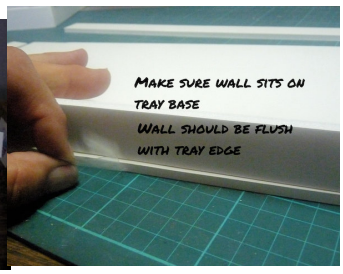
3 – Cut out 8 long and 4 short strips for the walls. Use your foam core as a guide for the lengths.

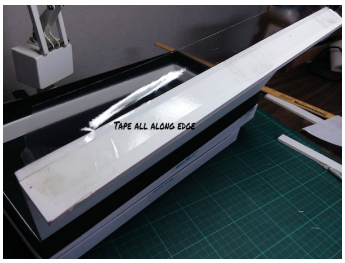
4 – In the box, glue in 4 walls. (Dry fit first, and trim walls as needed. These walls will support the tray.)



5 -**Making the tray**. On the foam core tray bottom, Place 3 pieces of tape to hold the wall. Align the long wall piece and attach. NOTE: The walls of your tray sit on top of the tray bottom. This provides the best stability. Repeat with remaining walls. Trim walls to fit as needed.

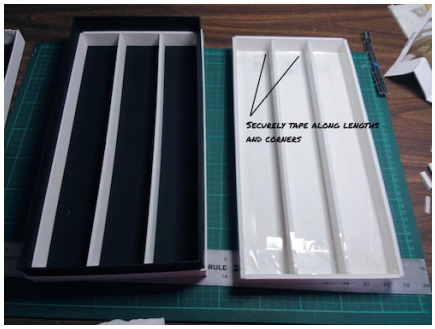


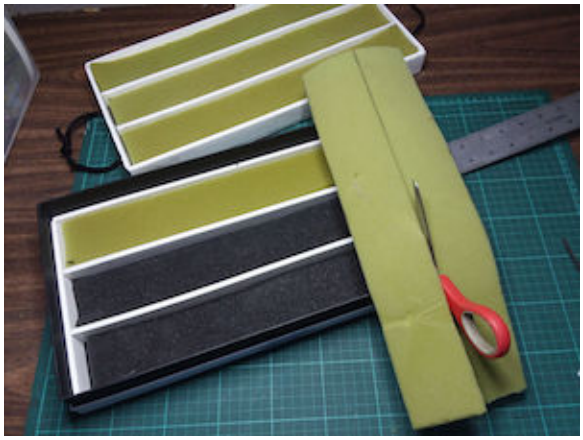
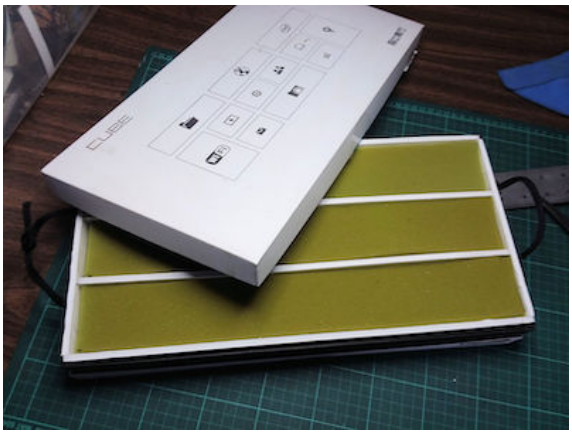




6 – Re-enforce all outside and inside corners with tape.

7 – **Tray Dividers –** Remaining long wall pieces will be your tray dividers. Place 2 each in the bottom of the box and tray to create 3 equal compartments. Tape very securely along their entire lengths and all corners.



8 – Take one shoelace and tie ends together. Tape shoelace to the bottom of the tray. Cut foam from bottom and top layers.

9 – Cut foam from bottom and top layers.