



Reusable Gift Box

Materials list:

- Shoe box or any box with a fitted lid
- Glue stick or tape (glue provides a neater finished look)
- Gift wrap or any decorative paper
- Scissors, ruler and pencil
- Bows are optional (Tip: save bows to reuse on other gifts)



Directions:

1. Spread out your sheet of decorative paper on a flat surface and place the box on it.
2. Fold up the edges to roughly measure the sides and allow for an inch overlap into the box.
3. Use a pencil to mark the corners of the box on the paper so you know where to replace it after applying glue.
4. Cover the bottom of the box with stick glue. We found that this works better than white glue, which is too wet, tape is bulky and spray glue isn't sticky enough.
5. Place the glue side down on your paper using the pencil marks as your guide.
6. Use the ruler and pencil to draw a line from the corner of the box to the edge of the paper (or cut freehand if you're good with straight cuts). Do the same on the opposite side and cut along your line to the corner of the box.
7. Do the same on the opposite side of the box. You will now have two sides that are the exact width of your box and two ends that overlap.
8. Glue the larger sides that will overlap first, then glue the sides that are exact for a neat finish.
9. You can also glue or tape the box in the same manner as regular gift-wrapping. Either way the box will be attractive and can be used again and again!

Suggestions for use:

- ↪ Fill it with a gift, tie it with ribbons (tape will damage the paper when removed) and top it with a bow taped to the ribbon not the box itself.
- ↪ Storage for greeting cards, letters, Christmas decorations, toys, hats, shoes, etc. Most boxes are not acid free so you may not want to store photographs.
- ↪ You can find wrapping paper at reasonable costs in dollar stores or on sale with themes. Use these papers to help organize your storage at home or choose a paper that matches the décor in your house and cover larger boxes for storage of clothing, boots, out of season accessories etc.

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