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# Party in a Box Project

This totally fun box has tons of personality in the woven paper lid, and can be opened to find four adorable accordion books inside. Have a blast taking your creative potential to the max with this easy-to-assemble project!

### Kit Ingredients

12x12 Box Base 11 1/8 x 11 1/8 Box Lid 7x7 Lid Matte 71/4x71/4 Lid Matte

- (16)  $3^{1/2}x5^{1/2}$  Book Covers
- (4)  $4^{3}/_{4}x3^{1}/_{2}$  Book Spines
- (12)  $3\frac{1}{4}x12$  Inside Pages
- (3) 6x12 Decorative Paper
- (6) Printed Cutouts
- $6^{1/2}x6^{1/2}$  Matte Board Lid
- (8)  $3^{1/2}x3^{1/2}$  Matte Board Covers 16" Elastic Loop Closure



CS® Bookbinding Glue or Adhesive; CST™ Jubilee UM Rubber Stamps; CS® Fuchsia Hybrid Ink; CS® Sapphire Hybrid Ink; Foam Brush; CS® Grid Ruler; Scissors;

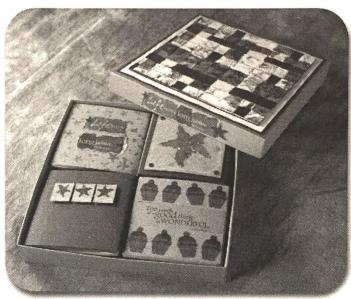
Bone Folder;

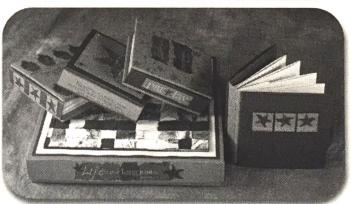
Craft Knife and Cutting Mat;

Double-sided Tape;

Non-Stick Craft Sheet (Optional);

Scor-it Board (Optional)

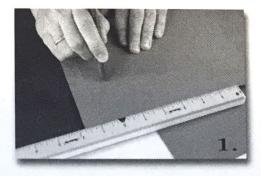




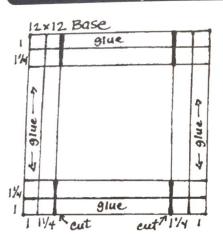
### **Project Assembly**

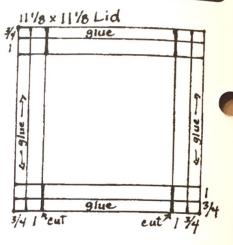
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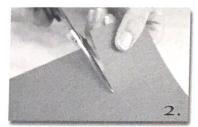
Using a Scor-it Board or Ruler and Bone Folder, score the 12x12 Box Base 1" and 21/4" from each outside edge. Score the 111/8x111/8 Box Lid 3/4" and 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" from each outside edge.



### Project Assembly (continued)







#### Step Two

Cut along two sets of innermost score lines on the Lid and Base papers, stopping at the second intersecting line, as shown.

### Step Three

Fold along all score lines, burnishing with a bone folder. Apply adhesive to the perimeter of the lid and base papers, staying within the outer scored area.



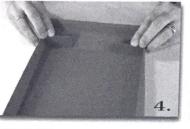
Fold the two longest flaps of the Base paper along the first score lines and burnish. Bring up the long flaps to form two walls of the box, and turn the flaps in at each corner. Fold the short flap up and over the flap tabs to create the remaining two walls. Repeat for the Lid.



Place a ruler vertically onto a 6x12 piece of decorative paper. Stamp the paper with assorted images, if desired. Tear the paper into narrow strips, using the ruler as a tearing guide. The strips can vary in width. Repeat with the remaining 6x12 decorative papers.

#### Step Six

Apply long strips of double-sided tape to a nonstick craft sheet, as shown. The tape will help hold the strips in place as they are woven together.







### Project Assembly (continued)

### Step Seven

Weave vertical and horizontal strips of paper together, alternating colors. Attach the end of each strip to the tape. Continue weaving until a large square is formed.

#### Step Eight

Turn the entire woven square upside down. Apply a generous coat of CS® Bookbinding Glue to the 6½x 6½ Matte Board Lid, and place face down into the center of the woven piece. Turn the piece over and burnish the woven strips onto the Matte Board.

#### Step Nine

Working on a cutting mat with the Matte Board facing up, place a ruler on the edges of the mat board and cut around the perimeter with a sharp craft knife to remove excess paper.

#### Step Ten

Use bookbinding glue to attach the paper "tabs" that have formed around the edges of the woven piece. Ink the edges of the matte board with Sapphire ink, if desired.

#### Step Eleven

Nest the decorated matte board onto the 7x7 and 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>x7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Lid Mattes and attach to the lid of the box with adhesive or bookbinding glue.

#### **Step Twelve**

Score the twelve  $3\frac{1}{4}x12$  Inside Pages horizontally at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , 7 and  $10\frac{1}{2}$ ". (Every  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".) Fold the scored pages like an accordion.

### Step Thirteen

Glue the short tab of one accordion page to the first  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " section of the second accordion so that the edge of the tab is in the valley of the first fold.

#### Step Fourteen

Glue the short tab of the second accordion page to the first 3½" section of a third page. This glued three-page section will be used to complete one book. Repeat steps to create the pages for three additional books.

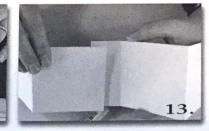




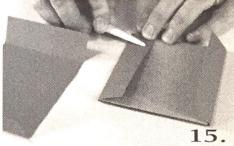


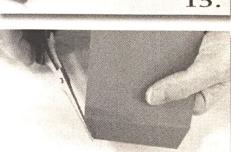






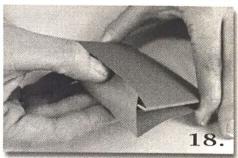
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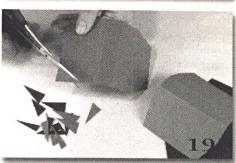


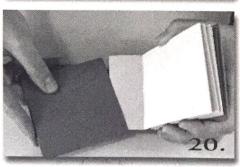


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# Step Fifteen

Center one 3½x5½ Book Cover onto a 3½x3½ Matte Board, as shown. Fold the paper edges around the matte board and burnish with a bone folder. Set the paper aside, and repeat steps with a second cover paper.

# Step Sixteen

Trim two corners of one pre-folded book cover at 45 degrees with a scissors to create a tab, as shown; set aside.

# Step Seventeen

Pair up one matte board with one pre-folded cover, wrapping the ends around the board. Slide the folded edge of the second cover into the slot between the matte board and the first cover.

### Step Eighteen

Slide the remaining trimmed tab of the second cover into the slot on the other side, as shown. Wrap the remaining seven book covers in the same fashion.

### Step Nineteen

Score each  $4\sqrt[3]{4}$ x $3\sqrt[3]{2}$  Book Spine horizontally at 2 and  $2\sqrt[3]{4}$ ". Fold along the score lines to create the book spines. Trim each corner of the spine at an angle to create tabs.

### Step Twenty

Slide the end page of one accordion page set into the slot of a book cover. Repeat for the other end page.

### Step Twenty-one

Slide the tabs of a book spine onto cover slots at the left edge of the book. You can alternate the spine color, or use the same color as the book covers. It's easy to disassemble the glue-free books for decorating and embellishment. Stretch elastic loop from corner to corner to secure the lid.

