

Art Portfolio

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Materials

- Box board
- Covering paper or material
- Decorative paper
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Tacky glue or glue stick
- Elastic thread
- Large needle

Instructions

1. Cut a piece of folded box board about 2-1/2 in. x 3-1/2 in. with the fold along the longer side. (You can use any kind of box, such as a cereal box, for this).
2. Cut a piece of covering paper. This should be about 1/2 in. larger than your piece of box board all the way around. It is easier to manage if you fold the covering paper, insert the boxboard in the middle, and then cut around it. The covering paper can be brown paper from an envelope, or any other material (such as leatherette) that would create the look you desire.
3. Mitre the corners of the covering paper. Fold it around the boxboard, and stick it down.
4. Using the large needle, and using the elastic thread, sew one long thread through from the inside. Do this twice on each side. When you are done, you should have two "cords" on each side of the portfolio, which can be used to tie the top together.
5. Cut a piece of decorative paper about 1/8 in. *small* all around than the box board, to use for the inside lining. Do not stick down yet.
6. Cut three strips of paper about 1 in. wide. These should measure slightly less than the sides of the portfolio.
7. Glue these as folded flaps around the three outer edges, on one side. Mitre the corners.
8. Stick down the decorative inner paper, covering the inner edges of the flaps.
9. Fold the portfolio up and tie the strings, trimming as necessary. Leave to dry under a book to preserve a crisp finish.
10. Fill up with works of art.

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