

# Origami Box

## What you'll need

- Folded greeting card
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Tape or glue stick



## How to make it

1. Cut the front and back of the card apart at the fold.
2. Measure the front of the card and cut it to make it a perfect square, using the prettiest part of the card as the center of the square.  
*Tip: To make a square without a ruler, simply place the back of the card crossways across the front of the card. See Diagram 1. Then mark your cutting lines with a pencil and cut.*
3. Now cut the back of the card into a square. Cut an additional  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch strip from the top and side of the bottom square so it's still a perfect square but smaller than the top square. See Diagram 2.



Diagram 1



Diagram 2

4. Turn both of the squares to their backs and draw diagonal lines from corner to corner on each square.
5. Take the card front, with the diagonal lines facing up, and bring 1 corner of the card to the center point of your diagonal lines. See Diagram 3. Make the crease sharp. Repeat for the remaining 3 corners. Your square should now be a smaller diamond shape, and you should no longer see your drawn diagonal lines. See Diagram 4.
6. Now fold 1 side up to the center point, and unfold. Do this for each side, 1 at a time. After you've folded and unfolded all 4 sides, your card top should now look like Diagram 5 (dotted lines indicate fold lines).

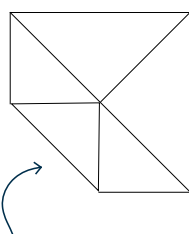


Diagram 3

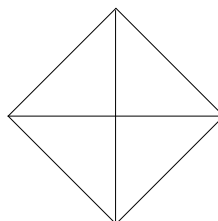


Diagram 4

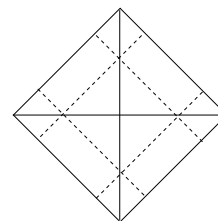


Diagram 5





7. Unfold the card completely, then cut along the solid lines indicated on Diagram 6 on 2 opposite corners. Do not cut all the way through to the other side, and do not cut all 4 corners.
8. Now refold the 2 sides with the extra “wings” up to the center following the creases you just created. Attach the tips to the center of the card with tape or a dab of glue to secure.
9. Fold the 2 wings in on the sides so they overlap each other, and then fold the 2 remaining sides over the wings and glue or tape to the center of the card.
10. Your finished box top should look like Diagram 7.
11. Follow steps 5 through 9 with the card back. The box top created with the front of the card should fit nicely over the box bottom created with the back of the card.
12. Now add a small treat like a piece of candy or a few quarters and put the box together. Give to a friend!

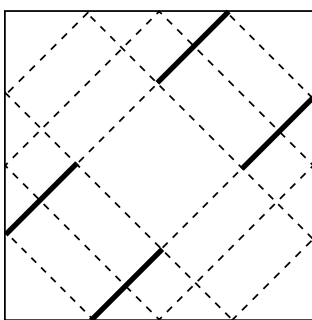


Diagram 6

Cut along the straight lines indicated,  
but do not cut all the way through.  
Cut the 2 opposite corners.

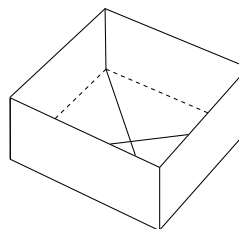


Diagram 7

