Kids Explore!

Make One-of-a-Kind Gift Boxes

Use recycled greeting cards to create unique gift boxes.

Materials

- ◆ Old greeting cards
- ◆ Scissors, glue, pen
- ◆ A mug (for drawing curved lines)

Adult help may be needed on steps with ❖.

1. Cut off the front side of an old rectangular greeting card. Choose something colorful, silly, seasonal...whatever you like!

2. Fold the card almost in half, picture side out,

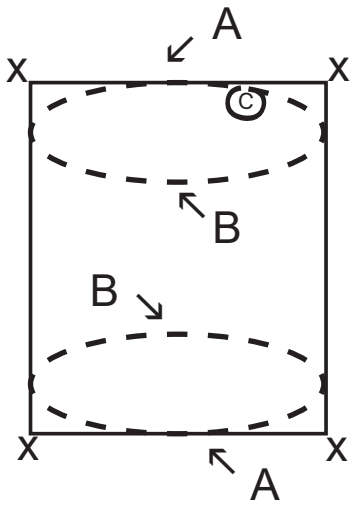
leaving a 1/2” edge sticking out on one side. Crease the fold tightly with your fingernail.

3. Fold over the 1/2” edge so that it looks like the top of an envelope. Crease this fold tightly.

4. Tuck the short folded part into the inside of the card and glue it to the larger part so the whole thing looks like a tube. Allow to dry.

5. Use your mug to draw curved lines (dashed lines A in the drawing above) on each end of your tube. Cut off the pointed corners (marked with an X above) outside each dashed line A.

❖ 6. Reverse the mug and score (with open scissors) an arc (dashed lines B in the



drawing) opposite each curved end of the tube.

❖ 7. On one end, fold the scored arcs toward each other. This will be the bottom of your box.

❖ 8. Before you fold in the top arcs to make the top of your box, cut a finger pull in the inside arc (C in the drawing). This will make your box much easier to open!

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