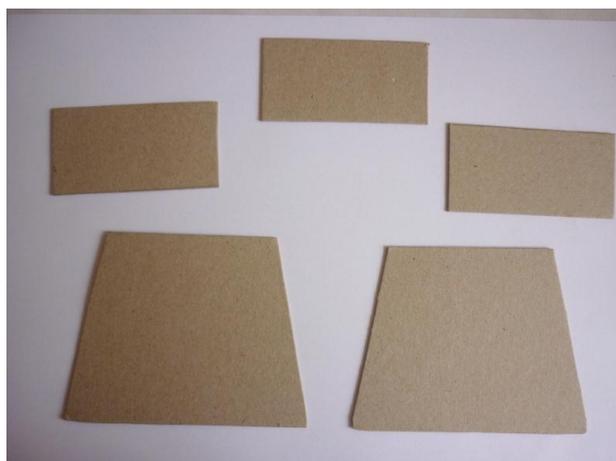


3D Chipboard Purse/Handbag Gift Box

As things are always easier to make when someone shows you how, here are a set of photo instructions for the Chipboard Handbag Gift Box - 3D Template, available from our [3D template download page](#).

Print off your template and cut out the pieces. Use these to draw your shapes onto chipboard and cut these out.



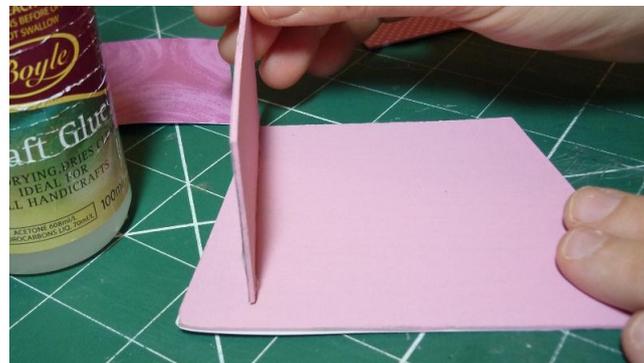
Paint the chipboard pieces so that any bare edges won't show. Use a good quality acrylic paint in the colour you want your piece to be. You don't need to paint all over if you are going to paper over most of it, just paint the edges. Wait until your chipboard is dry before proceeding.



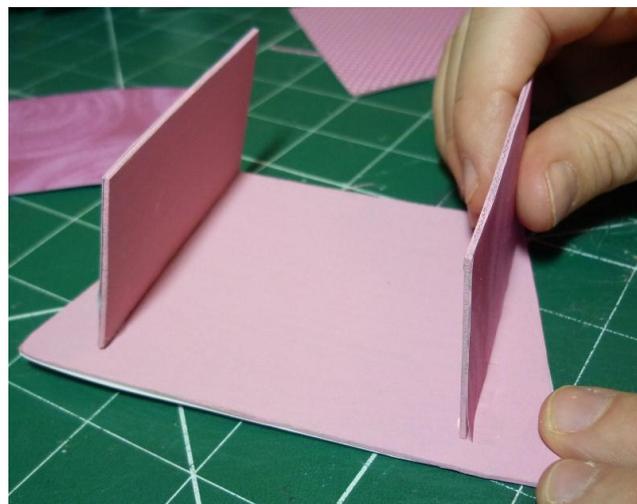
Now place your chipboard pieces onto your paper that you will use to cover the box and draw around them. Cut the pieces out and glue them to the chipboard. You can glue the paper and then cut around the shape if you prefer.



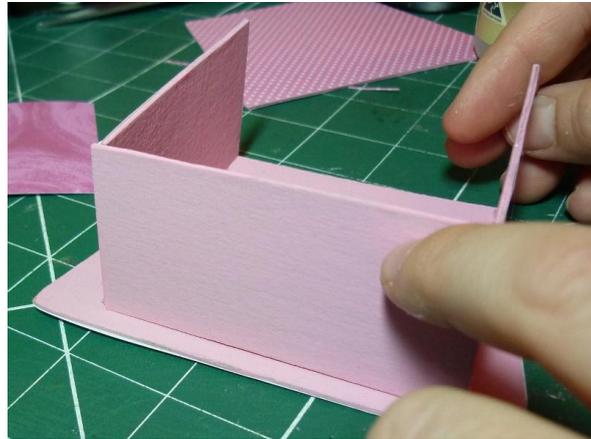
Now you can start gluing. Use a good strong solvent craft glue or tacky PVA (white glue) and hold each piece in place until dry. The solvent craft glue dries very quickly so we prefer to use this.



Glue two of the side pieces to the reverse side of one of your panels, making sure they are lined up with the top of the panel. Note: these pieces go straight down and do not angle outwards with the front panel.



Now glue the base piece. You are aiming to create a square box, which is open at the top and will sit inside the two handbag shaped panels.



Finally, glue the other handbag panel to the other side.



This is your basic handbag. Now you can start to embellish. We have included two styles of bag front, a handle, two flower styles and a button to use if you wish. Cut these out of normal cardstock rather than chipboard for ease.



In our example, we have used two bangles or bracelets for handles, which have been glued inside the box. We have chosen not to use a front panel/flap on this one and have simply added some wooden flower embellishments, some fibres and pieces of silver border sticker. There is also a little chipboard tag, papered and tied onto the handle with a small flower brad.



We have stuffed it with some tissue for the photo but as this one is for my daughter, she has already decided to use it as a pen holder for her desk instead.

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