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## Exploding Candy Box

Make an explosion gift box out of colorful card stock that's perfect to hold candy. When the lid comes off, the sides fall down to reveal tags you can decorate with photos, sayings, and more.



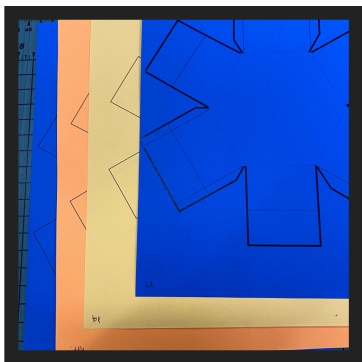
## Ingredients (Included):

- four sheets of cardstock, printed with template
- assorted paper, stickers, embellishments
- 6 paperclips
- glue

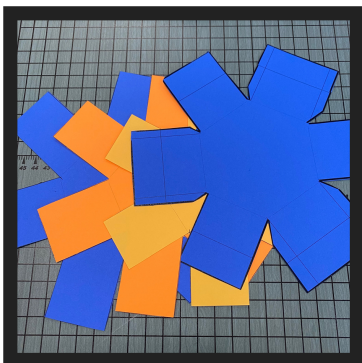
## You Supply:

- scissors
- optional: bone folder for making crisp folds
- photos, stickers, paper, any other embellishments you like!

Each piece of cardstock has a template printed for the portion of the box it will be. These are: BOTTOM LAYER, MIDDLE LAYER, TOP LAYER, and LID. You'll cut, fold, and glue the three layers, and then the lid that will hold all the layers together.



**Step One:** Cut out the template printed on each of your four sheets. Only cut along the outer lines of each sheet. The inner lines are for folding. The LID has bolded black lines on the outside.

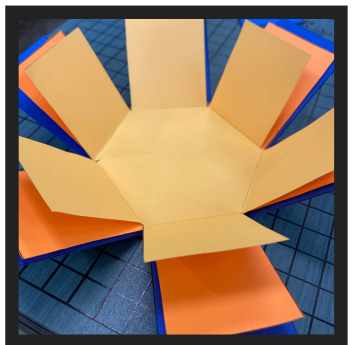
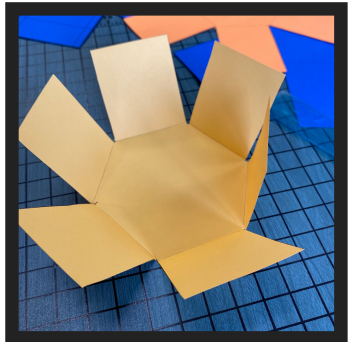
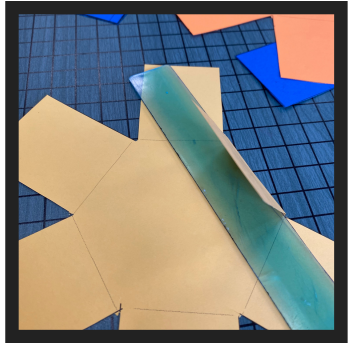


**Step Two:** Fold each tab on the star-like pattern you printed. First, do the **BOTTOM**, **MIDDLE**, and **TOP** layer.

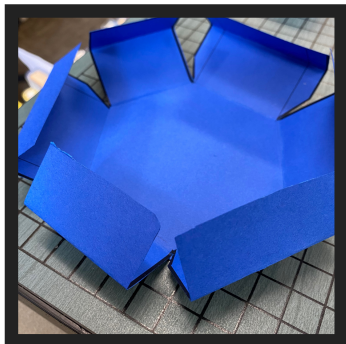
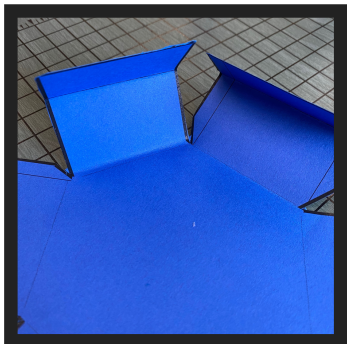
Using something like a bone folder, or in my case, a small ruler, (don't have to get fancy!) can help you make a crisp line while folding.

Once you make a fold, fold it back and forth a few times to wear in the fold. You want the tabs to fall back easily when you remove the lid.

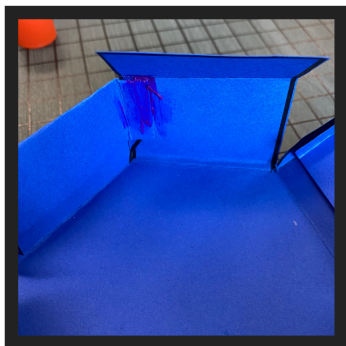
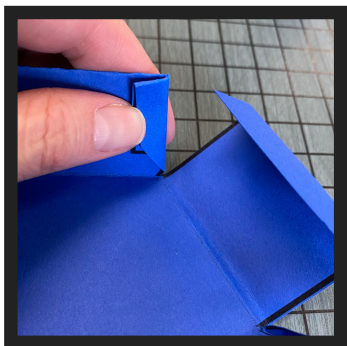
**Step Three:** Once you've made these folds, assemble the layers together. Start with the **BOTTOM** layer, then the **MIDDLE**, then the **TOP**. They decrease in size. Add glue to the center hexagon of each layer, lining up the tabs. Don't add glue anywhere else, since you want the tabs to move freely!



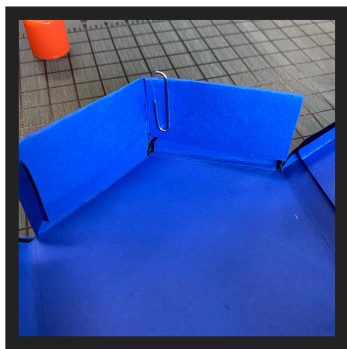
**Step Four:** Next, you'll prepare the lid. Make the first two folds on each tab. This is the top fold and the bottom fold of each tab.



Next, fold the sides along the lines that are on every other side of the hexagon. These side folds will fit inside the fold of the tab next to it.



Place glue on the front and back of the side folds and fold the tab next to it down over it. Use paperclips to hold everything together while the glue dries.



**Step Five:** The rest is up to you! Decorate the tabs of your three layers however you like, with photos, stickers, scraps of paper, washi tape, and so on. Decorate the top of the lid as well. Use what's provided if you want a bit of a Valentine's theme.

To fully assemble, place your candy on the center hexagon and fold up all the tabs inside your lid. When you take off the lid, the tabs will fall down, revealing your decoration and the candy within! (Don't forget to remove the paperclips on the lid when the glue is dry.)



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