

# Cassidy's Creations: Go Green Gift Box!



Earth Day can be every day if you recycle and re-use stuff! Cassidy has one fun way to re-use cool or nice pieces of paper. She uses the paper to make little boxes to give gifts or store her favorite things in, like notes from friends or photos.

You can do the same! Remember, you want to re-use stuff so check around your house for old paper. You can use leftover wrapping paper, a MinyanLand bank statement or even your old drawings or homework!

1. You'll need paper, scissors and glue. Measure and cut your paper into a square. For example, 8 inches long by 8 inches wide. Turn over to back side. Measure from one corner diagonally to the other and mark the middle point, 4 inches, with a pencil mark. Repeat with other corners to make an "X" in the middle.

2. Fold all corners in to touch the X.

3. Fold in two sides to touch in the middle. Unfold.

4. Fold in the opposite sides to touch in the middle.

5. Unfold. The black lines in Photo 5 show the creases you've made so far.

6. Cut a line in from each corner to the first fold the scissors touch (about 1 inch).

7. Unfold one quarter and the opposite quarter. Fold in the sides of those two pieces.

8. Fold both pieces back over, pushing the other sides together. Add some glue under the tips and press down to make the bottom of the box.

9. Congratulations! You've made your own cool Go Green Gift Box!

(If you'd like to make a lid for your box, repeat all the steps above with a piece of paper  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch bigger, so 8.25 inches by 8.25 inches instead of 8 inches by 8 inches.)



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