

Nested Origami Boxes

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Use heavy card stock paper

Outer Box: 12" X 12" square (top)

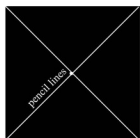
11 1/2" x 11 1/2" square (bottom)

Middle Box: 10 1/2" x 10 1/2" (top)

10" x 10" (bottom)

Inner Box: 9" x 9" square (top)

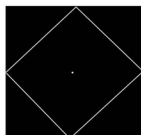
8 1/2" x 8 1/2" (bottom)



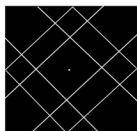
Step 1: Lightly draw pencil lines from corner to opposite corner on the back side - the "X" is the center point



Step 2: Fold each corner to the center mark to crease & unfold

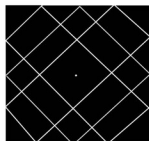
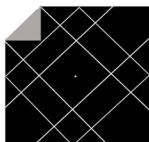


Fold lines



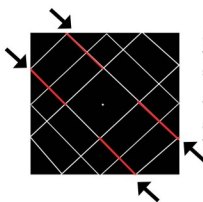
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Step 3: Fold each point to the opposite fold line to crease



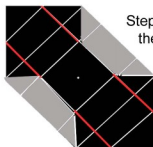
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Step 4: Fold each tip to the nearest fold to crease



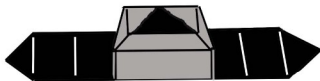
Step 5: Cut 4 slits from the outside to the center square, as shown.

There will be 2 narrow arrow shapes and 2 triangle shapes



Step 6: Fold the triangles starting with the tips and again on the next fold.

Fold these pieces up to form the box.



Step 7: Fold the arrows into the box to finish

To tie the boxes into each other: cut slits in the bottom of the outer box and thread ribbon or fiber from the bottom in. Tie the middle box in place - Do the same to nest the middle and inner boxes.



Box bottom with ribbon