

# Printed Gift Boxes

Different printing techniques are used to make items we use everyday such as cereal boxes, graphic t-shirts, greeting cards, and more. Try designing your own prints to decorate your own gift box!



## Materials:

Cardboard  
Fun Foam  
String or Yarn  
Glue  
Scissors  
Pencil  
Acrylic Paint  
Paintbrush  
Cardstock Box Template



## Step 1: Create your design

Do you enjoy ice skating with your friends and family, drinking hot chocolate, or playing in the snow? Think of your favourite winter activities to use in your winter wonderland design.

Simple images will print the best. You can sketch your design first or move on to making your stamp right away!

Remember, your printed image will be the reverse of your stamp and you will be stamping on the template side **WITHOUT** pre-drawn lines.

## Step 2: Make your stamps

Cut out different shapes out of the fun foam, cardboard, and any other materials you plan to use for your stamps. Arrange the shapes on a rectangular piece of cardboard – this will be your base. Once you're happy with the design, glue the pieces down.

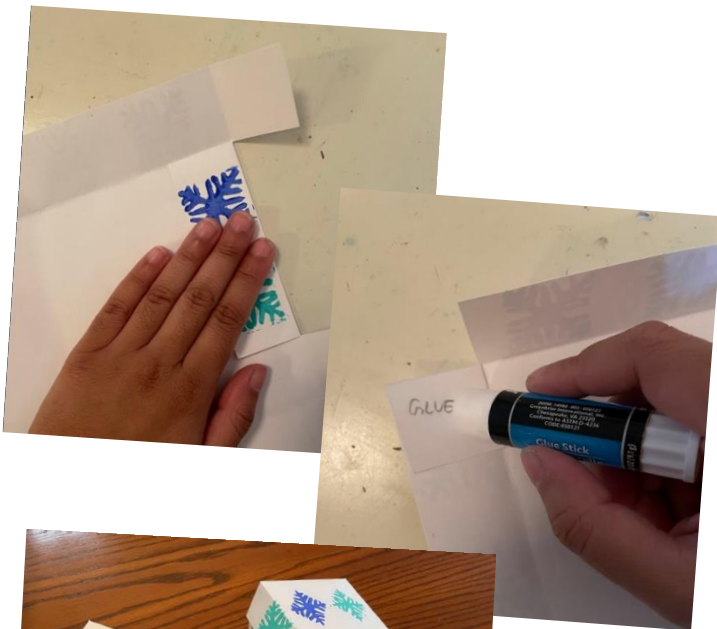


**Tip:** Remember that only the **TOP LAYER** of your print will hold the paint and transfer colour onto your page. If you would like to add something inside of a shape like eyes or decorations, carve it out instead by drawing hard lines with a dull pencil.

## Step 3: Printing

Paint a thin layer of paint onto your foam stamp with a paint brush until it is evenly coated. Be careful not to use too much paint, or your print will be blotchy. Press your stamp with the painted side facing down onto your gift box. Press firmly over entire cardboard base then lift so see the result.

Layer and arrange your stamps to create a winter wonderland landscape or create a pattern!



## Step 4: Assemble the gift box

When your cardstock is dry, flip your paper over to the side with the lines.

**FOLD** along the straight lines.  
**CUT** along the dashed lines  
**GLUE** the sections marked "glue"

Don't forget to wipe off your stamps so you can use them again!

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