

It's Easy to Re-Use



ReFashion Old Calendars



Into Decorative Boxes



Fill Them For Halloween Handouts



Fill Them For Holiday Treats



Teach Others – Earth Day 2018



Instructions

- ▶ Gather some used or extra new calendars
- ▶ Tear out the pages – one full year will yield six boxes
- ▶ Cut six of the pages into 8" squares. These will be your tops.
- ▶ Cut the other six into just under 8" squares. These will be your bottoms.

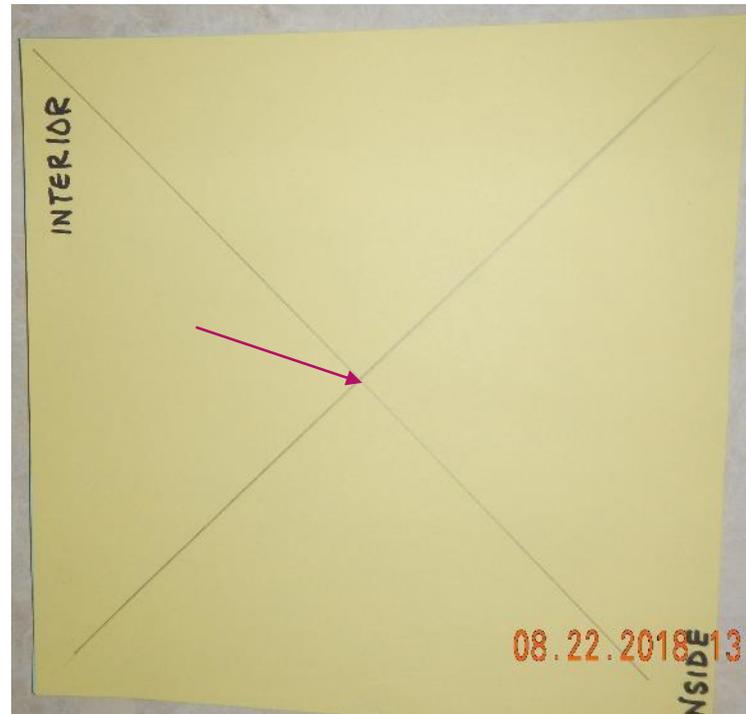
On the inside of the box, draw a light line across one diagonal.



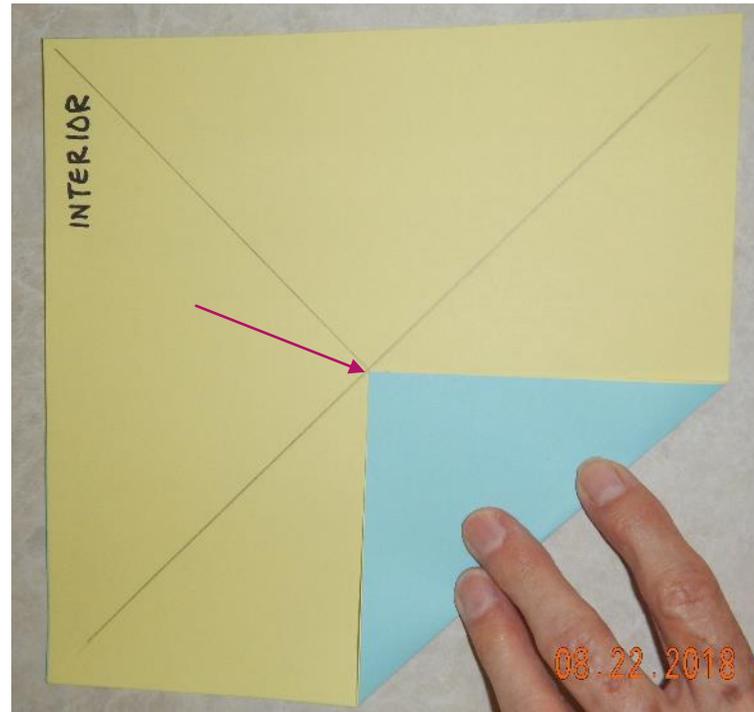
Then draw across the other diagonal.



Notice the intersection of the diagonals.

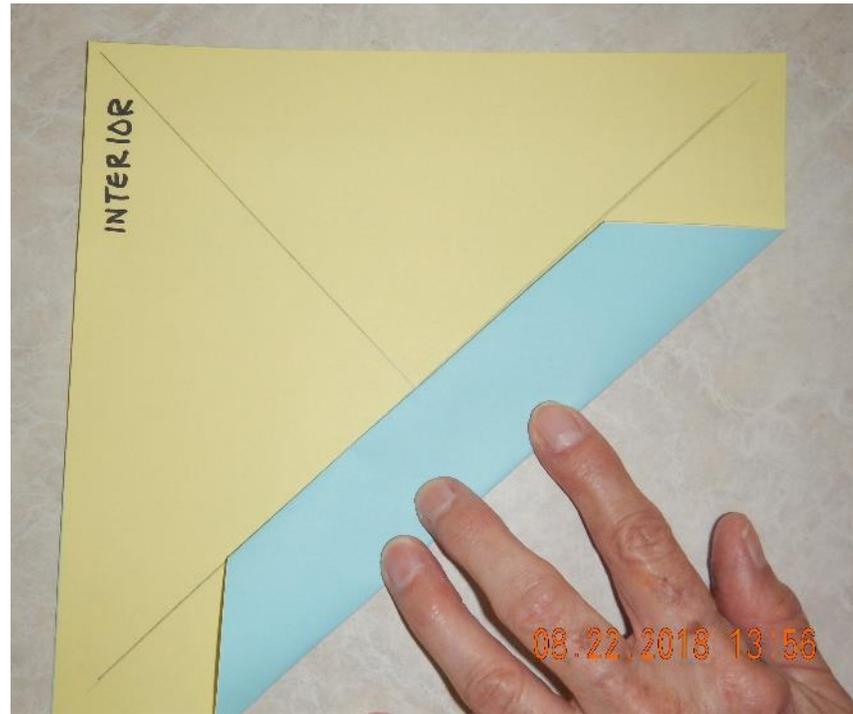


Fold one corner to the center and press across the folded edge with your fingers.



Notice how it looks like you have created a triangle.

Now fold the outer edge of that triangle up to the diagonal line and again press across the fold.



Unfold that corner. Press the opposite corner to the center and press across.



Again, fold the outer edge to the center and press.



Unfold that corner and choose a third corner.



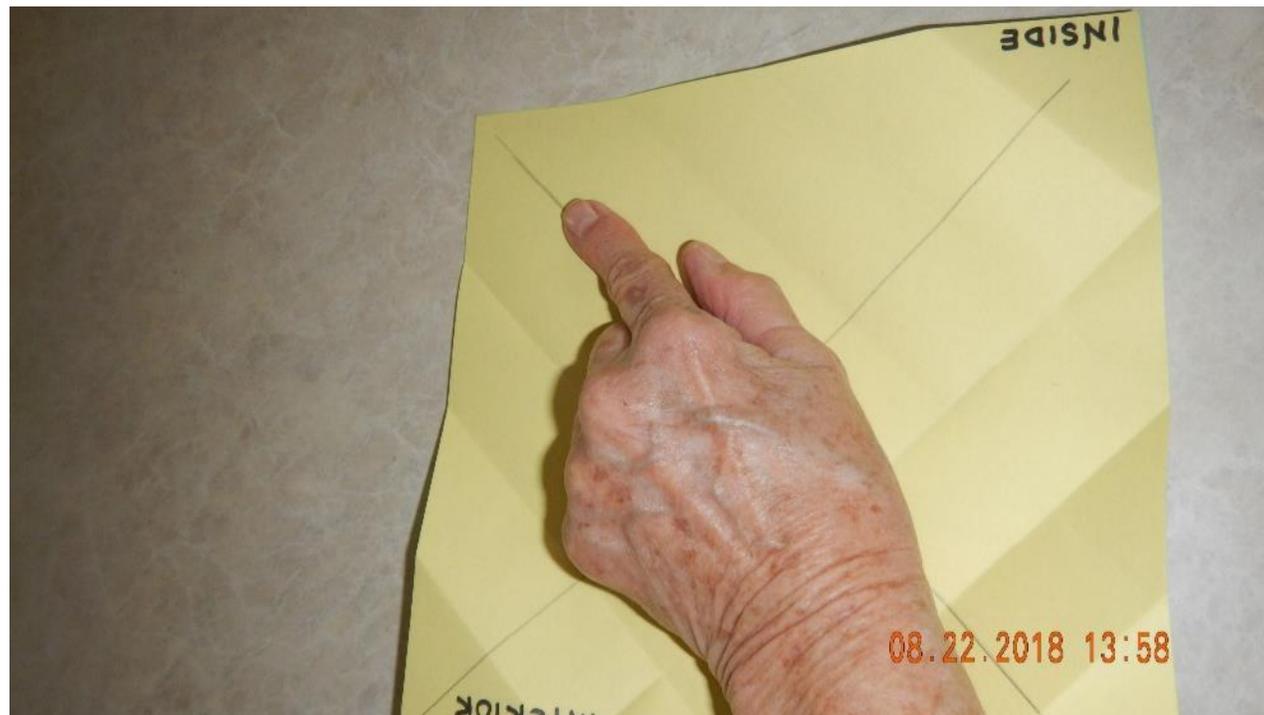
Fold that corner to the center and press it down.



Fold the outer edge to the center line
and press.



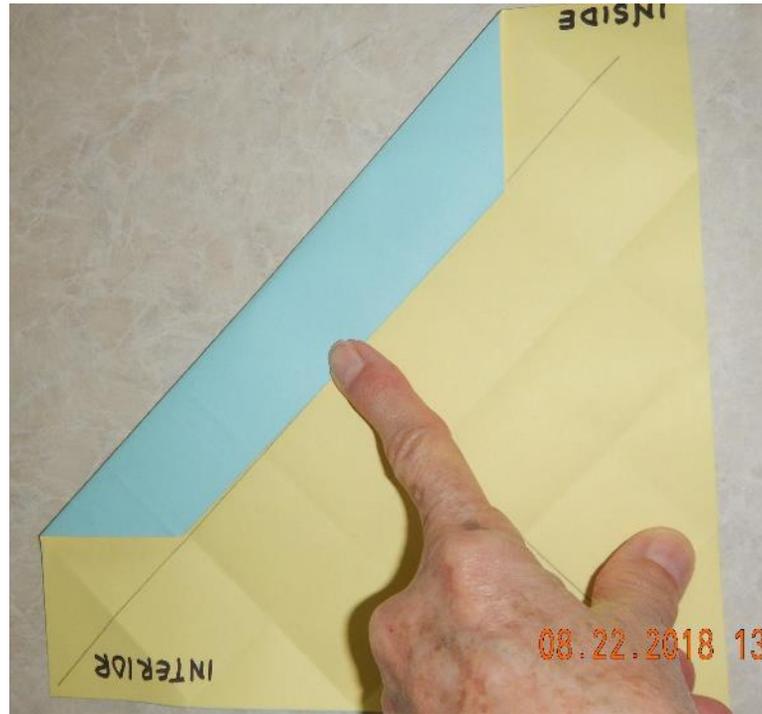
Unfold again and find the final corner.



Fold the final corner to the center.



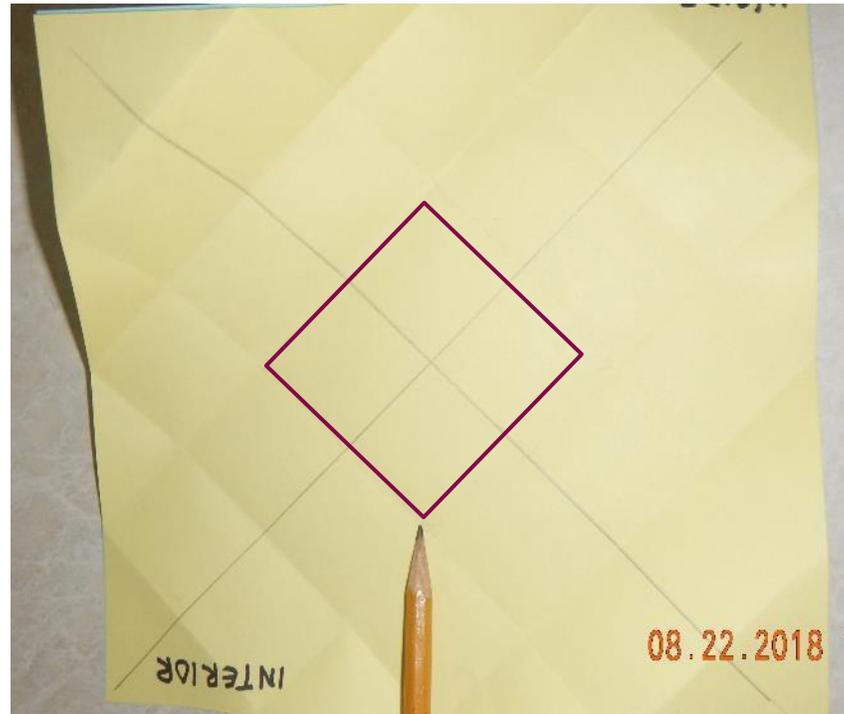
Fold up the final edge to the center line and press.



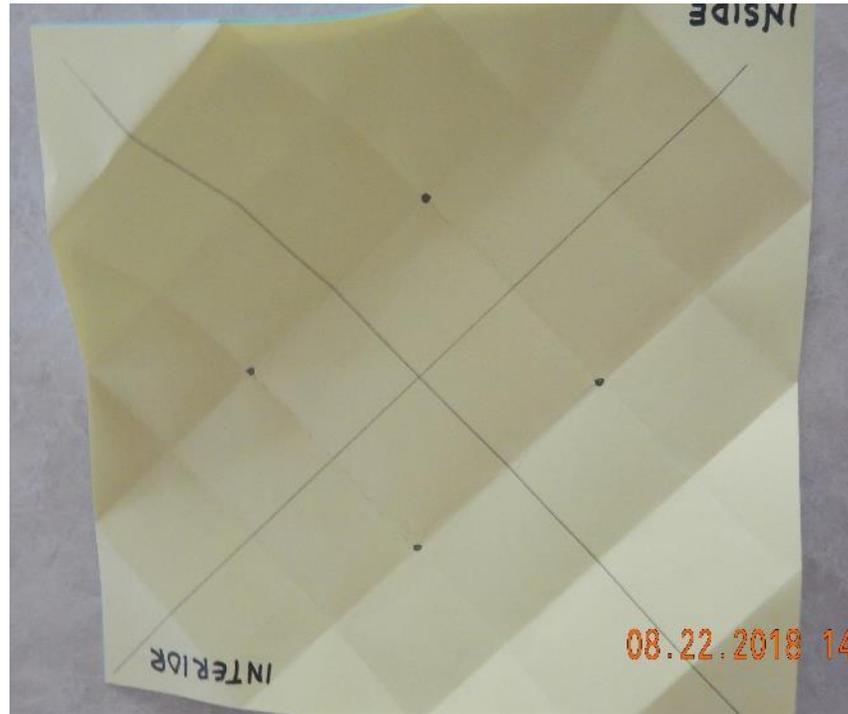
Unfold your paper.



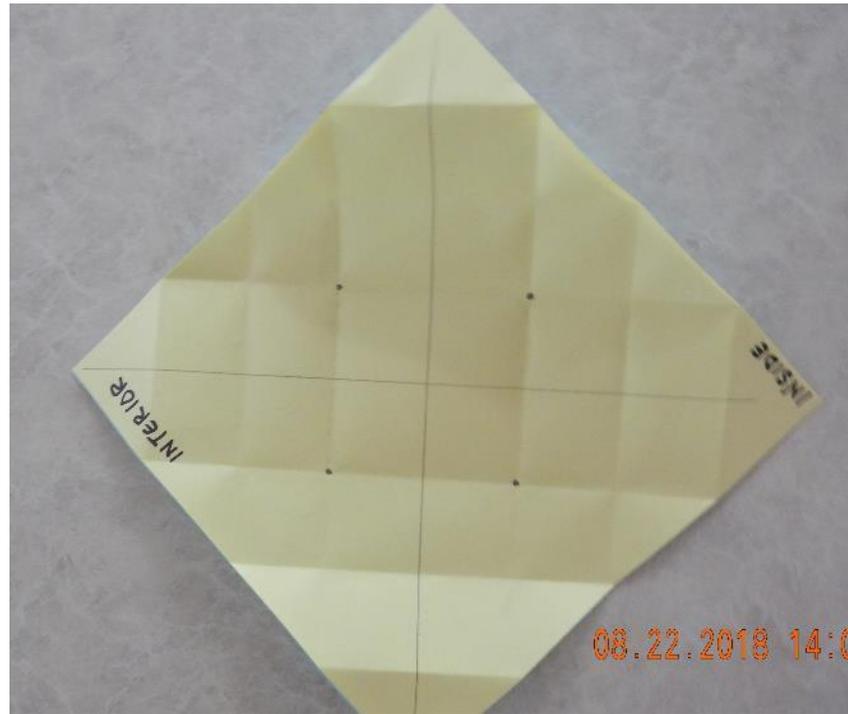
Notice that the center of the paper is uncreased and is the shape of a box.



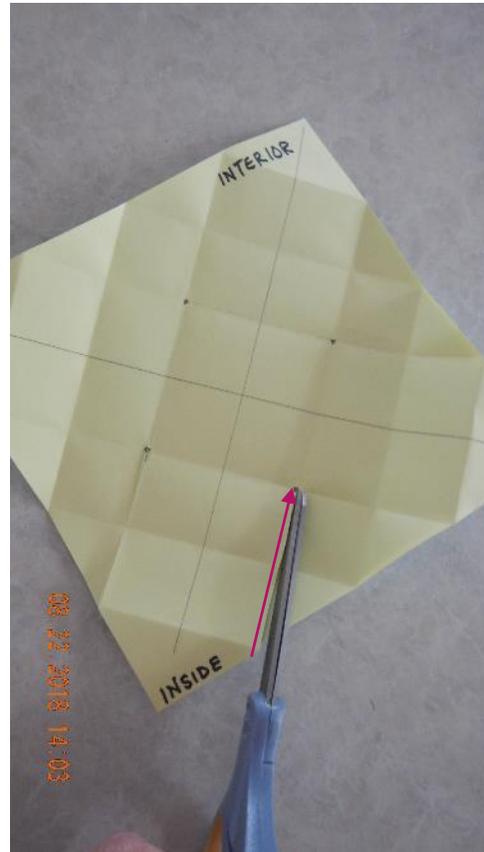
Place dots on the uncreased box corners



Turn your paper so that it looks like a diamond, one corner pointing up and one corner pointing down.



With scissors cut along the crease that goes from the edge of the diamond to the first dot.



Cut from the edge to second dot.



Turn your paper and cut along the third and fourth creases to their respective dots.



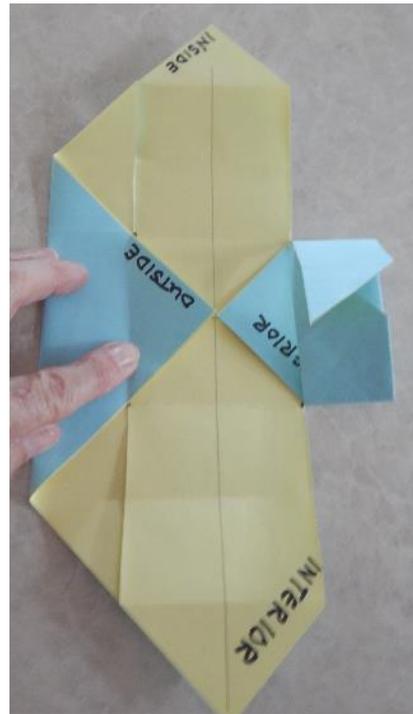
Keeping your shape like a diamond, fold in a side corner and press the crease along the edge.



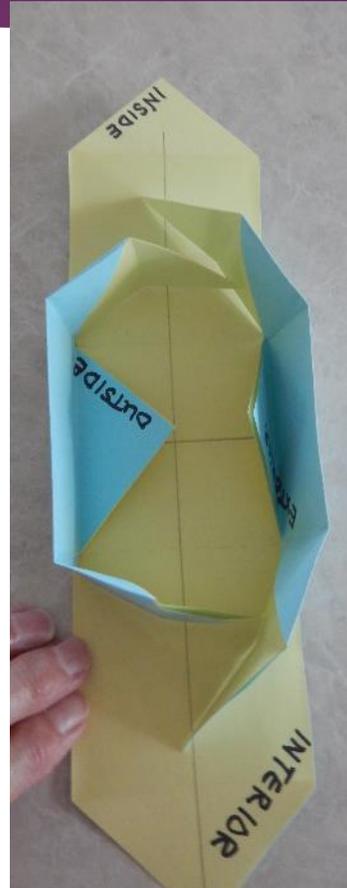
Once done, you will notice that the cut sides are easy to lift. Once lifted, crease the “flippers” or points toward each other.



Take the opposite edge and fold its point to the center. Crease its base. Fold up its cut “flippers.”



Now lift each folded side up so they are standing on the base. You can see that the sides of the box are being formed.



The “flippers” fold across each other forming the third and fourth box sides.

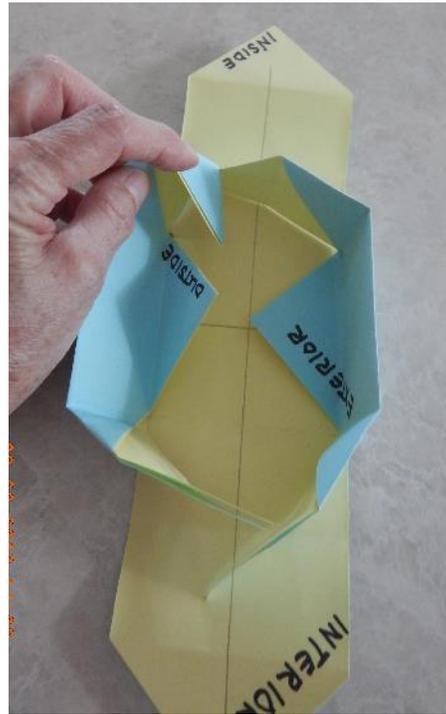
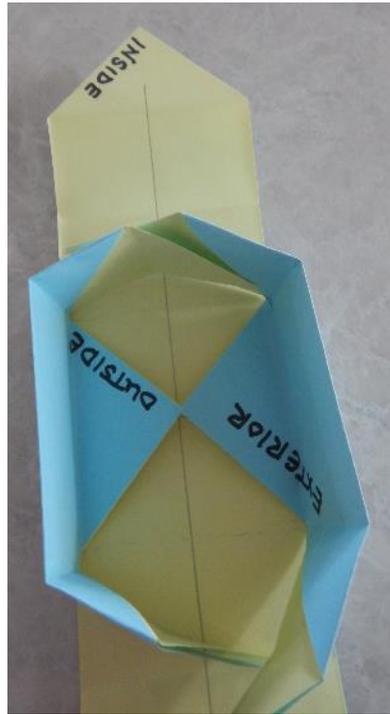


Image folded arms

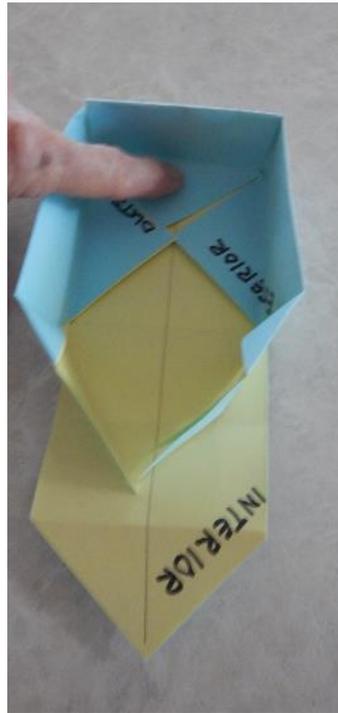
Be sure to fold the “flippers” across each other for strength on both sides.



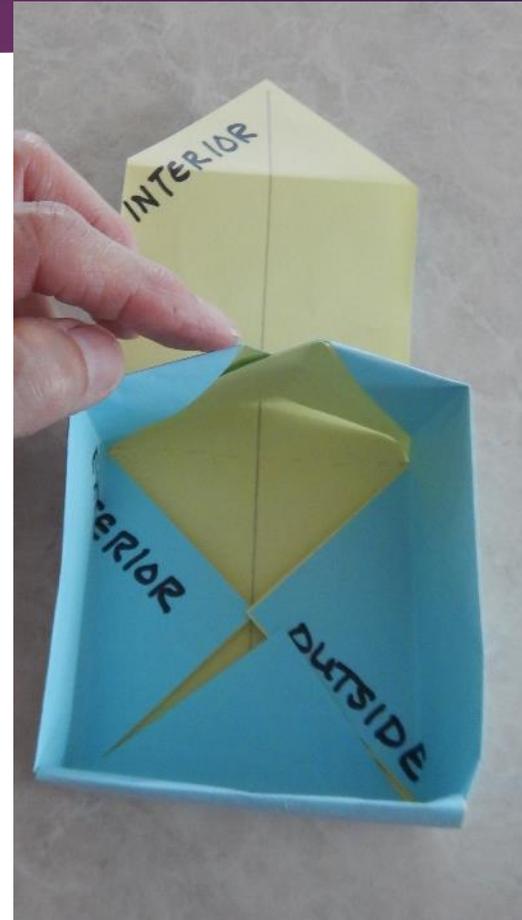
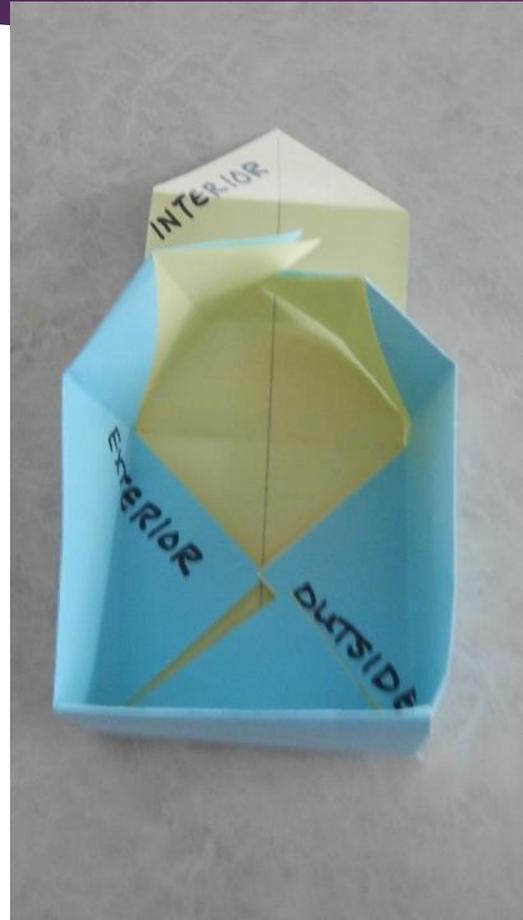
Finally, fold down the top corner over the folded “flippers”.



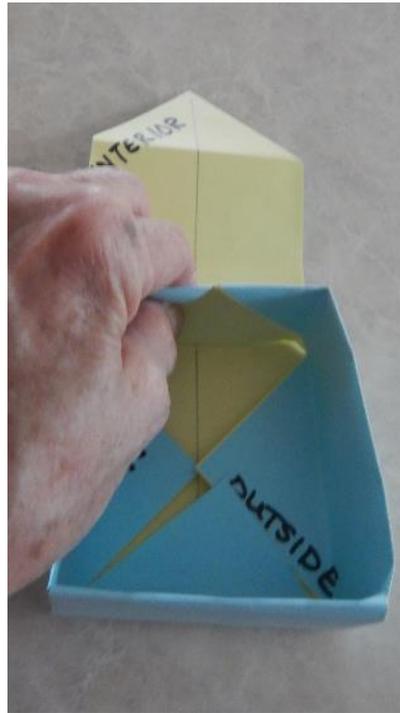
Always crease each fold, especially the inside as you go.



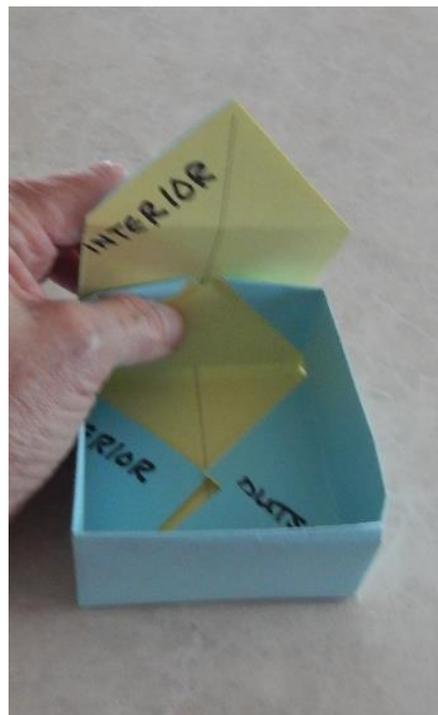
The final side – fold the “flippers” across each other.



While holding the “flippers” together, pull down and over the final edge.



Folding the final edge.



Once each side is inside of the box,
crease a final time along the interior.



This final creasing gives it a finished look.



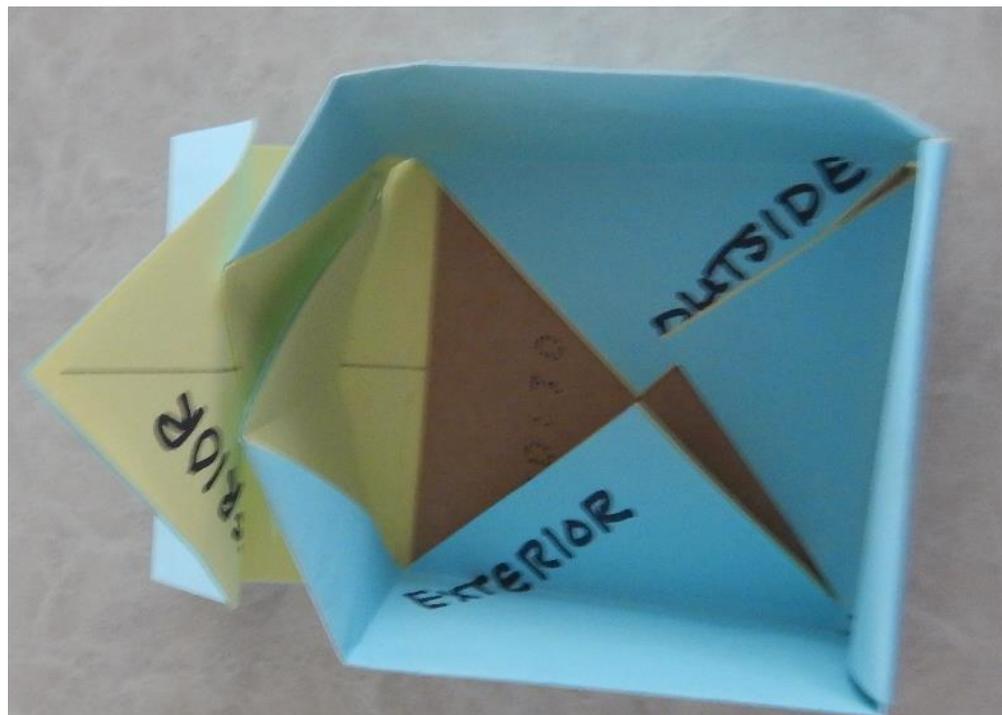
If your box needs stiffener, cut a square out of pressed cardboard – the size of your finished bottom.



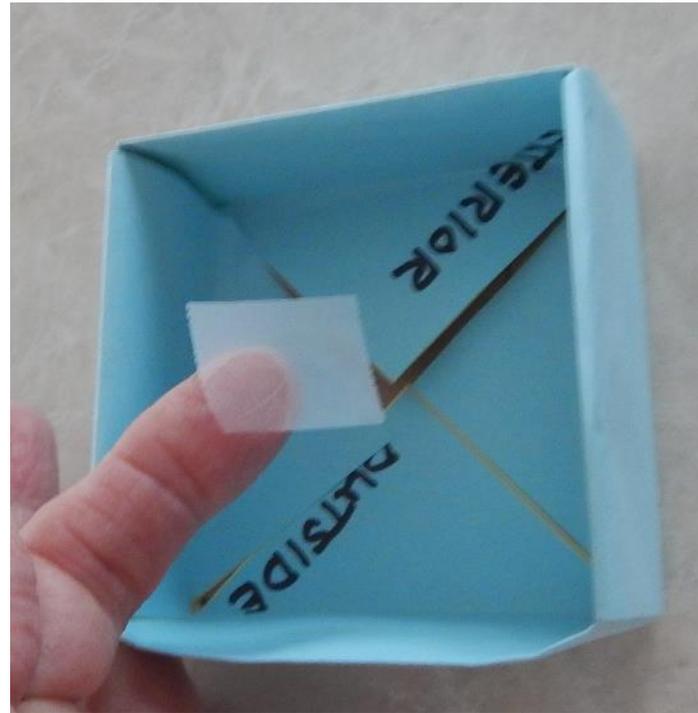
Place the cardboard underneath the folds of your box.



To conceal it, fold all edges over it.



Use a little double sided tape under edges to hold in place if needed.



Repeat this process for the top or bottom of the box.

Use unused edges of papers to give away as bookmarks.

