



BIRD SONG

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Bird Song – Explosion Box



– Explosion Box & Origami Envelopes –

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Graphic 45® Supplies:

- 1 pk Bird Song Deluxe Collector's Edition (4501976)
- 1 pk G45 Chipboard Sheets—Kraft (4501807)
- 1 pk G45 Rose Bouquet—Triumphant Red (4501785)

Additional Supplies: (not included)

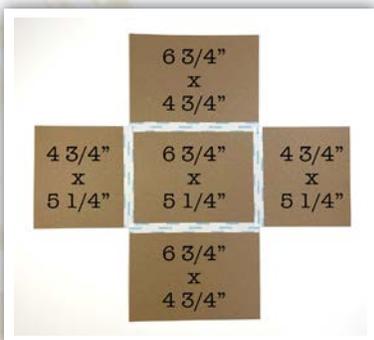
82" Waxed twine or thin ribbon

Tools, Adhesives & Ink:

Paper trimmer, scissors, ruler, pencil, scoring board, bone folder, double-sided tape (at least 1/2"), dimensional foam adhesive, clear tape or washi, black ink for edges (optional)

Notes:

- All measurements are width x height, unless specified.
- The edges on the example shown have been distressed with black ink, which is optional.
- When cutting papers, be mindful of the pattern direction.
- Special note: If you are making the envelopes as well as this explosion box, you'll need to cut the *Joy Luck* paper first. (Cut to 8⁵/₈" x 9⁷/₈" in Step 1 of the envelope directions)



Directions:

1. Cut two chipboard pieces 6³/₄" x 4³/₄", two 4³/₄" x 5¹/₄" and one 6³/₄" x 5¹/₄". Arrange as shown and join with 1/2" or wider double-sided adhesive tape, making sure to leave 1/16" of spacing when joining the pieces.

2. Cut a 7³/₄" x 6¹/₄" piece of *Bird Song* and score 1/2" on all four sides. Cut away the corners and add double-sided tape to the tabs as shown.



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3. Peel up the adhesive tape strips from the chipboard unit only. (Not from the paper yet.) Place adhesive in the center panel of the chipboard and adhere the paper from Step 2, leaving the adhesive strips in place.

4. Flip the chipboard around so the paper side is face down. One by one, peel up the adhesive strips and adhere to chipboard walls in a 90 degree fashion as shown. This is the outside of the box.



5. For the inside, add more adhesive tape to the adjoining panels then score firmly in between the $\frac{1}{16}$ " spacing using a scoring stylus or bone folder.

6. Cut a $7\frac{3}{4}$ " x $6\frac{1}{4}$ " piece of *Longevity* and score $\frac{1}{2}$ " on all four sides. Cut away the corners and add double-sided tape to the tabs and the back of the paper. Adhere to the inner area as shown.

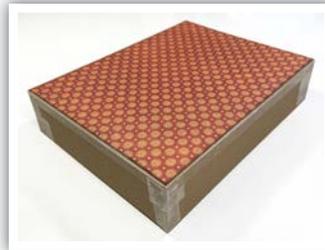


7. Flip the box over to the outside. Cut two $6\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ " and two $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ " pieces of *Joy Luck* and adhere to the outer walls. (Remember to watch the pattern direction since this is going to be a box.)

8. Flip the box over to the inside. Cut two $6\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ " and two $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ " pieces of *Harmony* and adhere to the inner walls. Set aside.



9. For the lid, cut one 7 " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ", two 7 " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", and two $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " chipboard pieces. Join with adhesive tape with $\frac{1}{16}$ " of spacing between panels. This is the outside of the lid.



10. Peel the adhesive tape up and adhere a 7 " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of *Tranquility* to the top of the lid. Form the lid by folding down the side walls, taping them with clear tape as shown.

11. Cut four 7 " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips from *Tranquility*. Adhere a strip to the short sides first and wrap around to long sides. (This will strengthen the corners.)

Finish by adhering the last two strips along the

long sides for a finished look. (not shown in photo)



12. Cut four 2 " x $1\frac{7}{16}$ " pieces of *Pearls of Wisdom*, score in half at 1 " and adhere into the four corners of the lid.

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13. Cut one 6⁷/₈" x 5³/₈" piece of *Pearls of Wisdom*. Cut two 6⁷/₈" x 1¹⁵/₁₆" and two 1¹⁵/₁₆" x 5³/₈" pieces of *Pearls of Wisdom*. Score one side of each at 1/2" as shown. These will be the inner lid's side walls.

14. Adhere the side wall pieces into the lid first then the larger piece into the center.



15. Fussy cut four fans from *Pearls of Wisdom*, making sure to form 90 degrees on each as shown below.



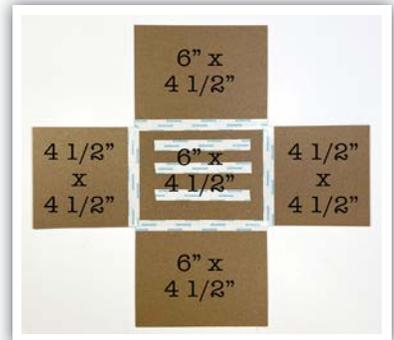
16. Cut two 7" x 1/4" and two 5³/₈" x 1/4" border strips from *Longevity* and adhere to top of lid, then adhere fussy cut fans to corners. Adhere the large chipboard element to the center and decorate with flowers and leaves.

(Tip: cut some wire stems from the flowers, twist around a thin paint brush handle to make coils and adhere with thick tacky glue around leaves.)

17. Adhere a chipboard button and two small chipboard circles. Set lid aside to dry.

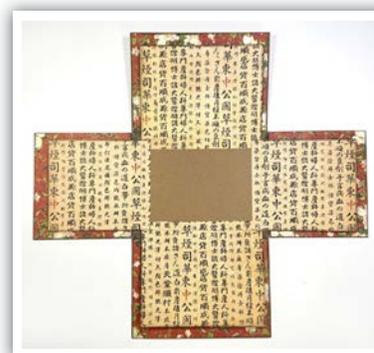
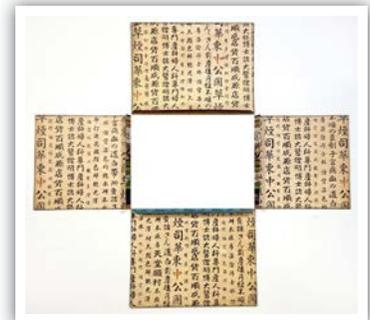


18. To create the second layer in your explosion box, cut three 6" x 4 1/2" and two 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" pieces of chipboard. Join together with 1/2" double-sided tape with 1/16" of spacing between panels. Place adhesive onto the center as shown.



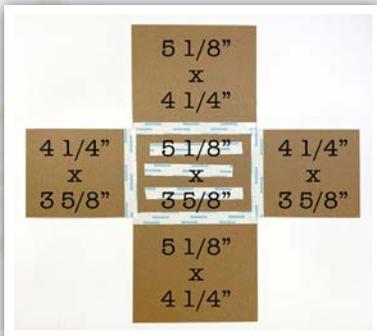
19. Peel up the joining adhesive tape only. Cut two 6" x 4 1/2" and two 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" pieces of *Enlightened* and adhere to outer panels.

20. Cut two 6" x 5" and two 5" x 4 1/2" pieces of *Good Fortune*. Score 1/2" on one side of each as shown.

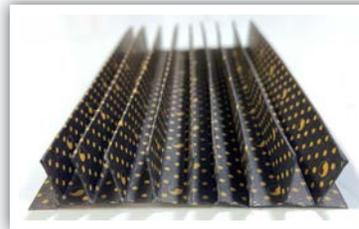


21. Flip over the chipboard unit from Step 19 and adhere papers from Step 20, then peel up the adhesive tape on the back and adhere this unit into the center portion of the inside of the box. Press firmly for a strong hold.

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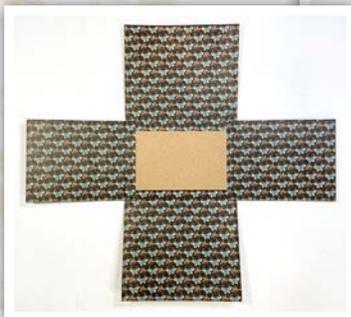
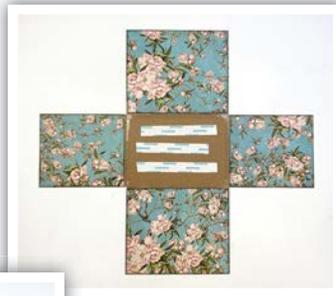


22. To create the third layer in your explosion box, cut one 5¹/₈" x 3⁵/₈", two 5¹/₈" x 4¹/₄" and two 4¹/₄" x 3⁵/₈" pieces of chipboard. Join together in the same fashion as previously.



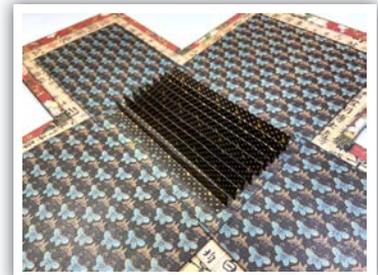
27. Adhere the 1/2" mountains closed. You should be left with nine 1/2" tall hinges with 1/4" flat spacing between each.

23. Peel up the joining adhesive tape only. Cut two 5¹/₈" x 4¹/₄" and two 4¹/₄" x 3⁵/₈" pieces of *Cherry Blossom* and adhere to outer panels as shown.



24. Cut two 5¹/₈" x 4³/₄" and two 3⁵/₈" x 4³/₄" pieces of *Endless Spring* and score 1/2" on one side of each. Flip over the chipboard unit and adhere to outer panels as shown.

28. Place adhesive on the back of the hinge unit and adhere into the center of your box as shown. Press firmly.



25. Peel up the adhesive tape on the back and adhere this unit into the center portion of the previous layer. Press firmly.



26. Shown in next image: Create a hinge system for additional pages, cut an 11 1/2" x 4 1/2" piece of *Joy Luck* and score along the long edge as follows: 1/4", 3/4", 1 1/4", 1 1/2", 2", 2 1/2", 2 3/4", 3 1/4", 3 3/4", 4", 4 1/2", 5", 5 1/4", 5 3/4", 6 1/4", 6 1/2", 7", 7 1/2", 7 3/4", 8 1/4", 8 3/4", 9", 9 1/2", 10", 10 1/4", 10 3/4", and 11 1/4". Fold so that each pair of 1/2" spacing creates a mountain, leaving each 1/4" spacing flat.



29. Create pages for your hinge unit by cutting the following 4 1/2" x 8" each: two *Shanghai Girls*, two *Longevity*, two *Bird Song*, two *Pearls*



of Wisdom, and one *Tranquility*. Score each in half at 4" and create a stack in the order shown in photo.

30. Fold the scored pages in half, open out and place adhesive on the entire back side. Adhere onto the hinge unit, one by one, straddling the 1/2" hinges as you go.

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31. Once all your pages are adhered, fold back and forth several times and burnish with a bone folder to loosen up and condition them to fold easily.

32. Decorate your pages, following the photos for the three right-hand panels. 'Happiness' tag from *Tranquility*, 3 1/4" x 3 1/4" from *Joy Luck*, cut-apart from *Shanghai Girls*, and 3 1/2" x 4" from *Harmony*. Add chipboard tags, circles and buttons.



33. For the left-hand pages, repeat the cutting process but add a sticker label to the topmost panel as shown above.

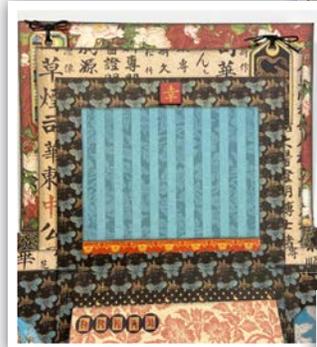
34. For the top pages, working from the back to front: 5" x 3 1/2" from *Harmony* and chipboard tag, then tag cut-apart from *Tranquility*.



35. 4 1/2" x 3 1/4" from *Tranquility* and chipboard tag.



36. 4" x 3" from *Enlightened*. Add chipboard square and sticker border.



37-39. For the bottom pages, working back to front, repeat the cutting process and add chipboard as shown. Continue adorning the hinge pages with small stickers, in the upper corners or as desired.



As a finishing touch, tie a 12" length of twine or thin ribbon through the oval chipboard tag and adhere to the front facing portion of the box's lid as shown in the main photo of the completed project.

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Graphic 45® Supplies:

- 1 pk Bird Song Deluxe Collector's Collection (4501976)
- 1 sheet *Cherry Blossom*
- 1 sheet *Joy Luck*
- 2 each Chipboard Tags

Additional Supplies: (not included)

18" Coordinating Ribbon

Tools, Adhesives & Ink:

Paper trimmer, scissors, ruler, bone folder,

Notes:

- All measurements are width x height, unless specified.
- (Note: If you are making the Explosion Box as well as the envelopes, cut the *Joy Luck* paper (8⁵/₈" x 9⁷/₈" in Step 1 below) first.

Directions:

8 5/8"



pattern direction

9 7/8"

1. Cut *Joy Luck* (with pattern direction upright) 8⁵/₈" wide by 9⁷/₈" tall. Turn paper sideways as shown in photo.



2. Fold paper in half from left to right and burnish the fold with a bone folder.



3. Rotate paper a quarter turn. Fold up to the center fold line from Step 2 and burnish.



4. Fold paper down to the center line to meet up with the previous fold. Burnish well.

5. Open out the paper and fold up the lower right corner to the first fold line. Burnish.



6. Repeat Step 5 with the remaining three corners as shown.

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7. Fold in each side to the center so they meet up as shown. Burnish each fold well.



8. Flip folded paper face down, vertically. Fold up the bottom portion so the point of the triangle is right at the bottom edge fold as shown. Burnish well.



9. Rotate the paper 180 degrees and repeat the folding step from Step 8.



10. Tuck the bottom portion under the top portion as shown. You should have a diamond in the center.



11. This envelope accommodates a standard gift card perfectly. Simply tuck one inside one of the two pockets. You can place a note or something special inside the other pocket.

12. Fold the pockets toward each other and tie a pretty ribbon around the envelope to hold it closed. Attach a chipboard tag through the ribbon before you tie a bow.



• Envelope B with *Cherry Blossom*



1. Cut an 8" x 8" square of *Cherry Blossom* and bring up the bottom of the paper to the top edge and press at the sides only. Do not create a hard fold line. Just mark the sides with a short fold.

2. Open out the paper. Bring up the bottom of the paper to the side marks you just created and press at the ends only, just to mark the sides once again.



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3. Open out the paper and fold up the bottom to the nearest side marks you just created from Step 2. This time, burnish across the fold line with a bone folder.



8. Fold in the left side so it forms a mitered corner as shown. Burnish well.

4. With the previous fold still folded, fold up to the first side marks from Step 1 and burnish well with a bone folder.



9. Repeat Step 8 on the right side. Burnish well.



5. Notice the marked line on the right and left edge. You should see a fold mark as indicated by the arrow.

10. Fold in the top corners toward each other until they meet and burnish well.



6. Fold down the paper to that marked fold and burnish well.



11. Fold and tuck the top portion into the bottom portion to secure the envelope closed.



7. Open up the top flap and fold up the two lower corners to meet up with the paper edge as shown, then burnish.

12. Tie 18" coordinating ribbon around the envelope, attaching a chipboard tag before you tie a bow.

