

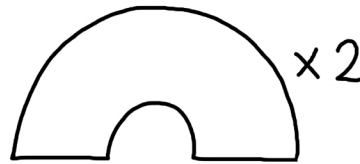
Rainbow Valentine Box

A BRIGHT, SPARKLY PLACE TO KEEP ALL YOUR VALENTINE WISHES

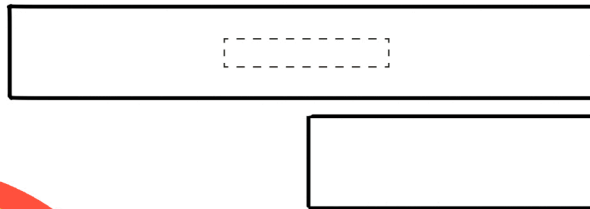
SUPPLIES:

- RIGID CARDBOARD or PAPERBOARD (LIKE CEREAL BOXES)
(for front and back arches and bottoms)
- SINGLE FACE CORRUGATED CARDBOARD or PAPERBOARD
(to go over and under the arches)
- SCRATCH PAPER (at least the size of the rainbow you want to make)
- CRAFT PAPER or GROCERY BAGS (optional)
- CLOUDS (small white tissue paper flowers,
or pom poms, cotton balls, card stock, etc.)
- CRAFT KNIFE
- CUTTING MAT
- PAINT
- GLITTER
- WHITE GLUE
- MASKING TAPE
- GLUE STICK or SPRAY MOUNT
- HOT GLUE GUN
- PENCIL

RIGID CARDBOARD or PAPERBOARD



SINGLE FACE CARDBOARD or PAPERBOARD



APPROXIMATE SIZE:
RAINBOW: 16" x 9.5" x 5.5"

LINK TO TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS:

<https://ideas.hallmark.com/articles/gift-wrapping-ideas/how-to-make-tissue-paper-flowers/>

STEPS



1. **MAKE ARCHES:** Sketch an arch on scratch paper, cut it out, and trace it onto the rigid cardboard. (Ours is 16" long and 9" high.) Cut two identical arches. Cut 2 squares; make both sides the same length as bottom of one side of the arch. (Ours are 5 1/2" x 5 1/2".) Tape the bottoms of each side of the arch to opposite sides of the two squares. (The result will look like a big O.)

2. **ADD THE TOP AND BOTTOM:** Using the single face cardboard, cut a strip as wide as the cardboard squares that will run the length of the bottom arch. Do the same for the top arch; in the center, cut a circle or slot for the valentines. Attach the bottom to the sides using pieces of masking tape, then repeat for the top.

3. **PAINT IT OR WRAP IT:** To cover up the masking tape, you can spray paint your box with primer or paint it white. Or can wrap the whole thing in craft paper, which is what our artist did.

5. **SKETCH THE RAINBOW:** Cut a narrow piece of scrap paper the same length as the bottom of one side of your arch. Decide how many colors you want your rainbow to have; make marks to divide the scrap into that many rows. Starting on one side of the rainbow, use the scrap to mark the rows—continue across the whole arch, then connect the marks to draw your stripes. Repeat on the top and opposite side. If you're not concerned about perfect stripes, just freehand the whole thing.

6. **PAINT THE STRIPES:** Sure, you can use traditional Roy G. Biv colors—or you can choose your own color palette.

7. **ADD GLITTER:** To add a little sparkle, pour glitter in a small jar or bowl. Slowly stir in white craft glue until you like the consistency—a 50/50 mix works well.

8. **MAKE LITTLE CLOUDS:** Make little clouds to surround the bottom of the rainbow. We made about 15 tissue paper flowers from white paper and iridescent cellophane; each is about 3". Hot glue each cloud to the rainbow.


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