

Useful Storage Box

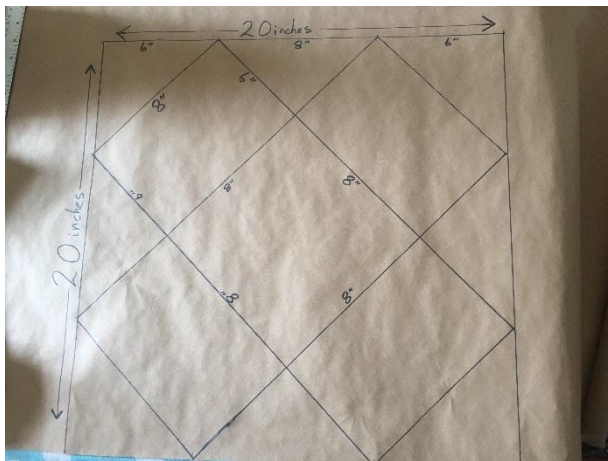


Today we are going to make A Useful Storage Box. It is very simple to make although I have to admit it looks quite complicated. I have done all the hard work going back to the maths jotters to refresh my mind on the properties of right-angled triangles. It is really an exercise on measuring and folding. Get your ruler ready and off you go.

Step 1 Cut two squares of fabric each one measuring 21 x 21 inches. These two pieces will be referred to as outer fabric and lining fabric. Cut a piece of cardboard 8 inches square. I bet you were wondering what the cornflakes were for!



Step 2 Place two pieces of fabric right sides together and stitch round all four sides using a half inch seam allowance. On one edge leave an eight inch gap so that you can insert your piece of cardboard at a later stage. If you have any stiffener available you could iron it on at this stage. Turn your fabric to the right side out. You should now have a 20 x 20 inch square. Push the corners out and iron the seams, folding in the gap.



Step 3 Now comes the clever bit! Place your fabric with the lining uppermost on the table. With a pencil and a ruler mark two dots on each edge of your square. These dots should be 6 inches in from each corner, the gap between the dots will be 8 inches. Now all you have to do is join the dots as shown in the photo.

Step 4 Slip your piece of cardboard through the gap and position it in the central square, this will be the base of your box. Pin around the cardboard to stop it moving. Close the gap by hand stitching along the seam.

Step 5 Sew along all the lines that you have drawn. These lines of stitching will become your folds.



Step 6 Iron over the four corners along the stitching line and pin in position, this will create the four top edges of your box. Bring the top edges together to create a box shape and you will see that a little pocket is formed at each corner. Pin in position. Sew from top to bottom of each corner.



Step 7 Now all you have to do is sew four buttons on the flaps to hold them in position. Your box is now ready to fill with your bits and pieces. Well Done!