

# Gift Box within a Purse

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A very sturdy box that looks like a purse.

When folded out it reveals a gift box attached in the center that can hold something special and still have room for other treats.



# Paper piece sizes, scoring and folding directions, and distressing directions if needed.

Colonial White Cardstock	Cranberry Cardstock	Red Leaf and Berry Print	Border Strips
<p><b>1 – 12" x 12"</b> <b>(Purse Base)</b></p> <p>A. Score at 4" turn, 4" turn, 4" turn, 4"</p> <p>B. Score all 4 outer corners on the diagonal from tip of corner to bottom inside corner.</p> <p>C. Pick two open squares across from each other and find the center (2") and make a tiny mark. Score from this mark to the inside bottom corners of this square. Fold on all score lines. Refer to pictures in the picture section.</p>	<p><b>6 – 3 ¾" x 3 ¾" pieces</b> <b>(5 for inside, 1 for outside squares Purse Base)</b></p> <p>A. Cut 4 pieces on a diagonal. Distress all the pieces with Chocolate.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> You can also cut 4 extra pieces to use on the corner of the outside if you wish. Cut them on a diagonal. I didn't use these because you don't really see them at any given time.</p>	<p><b>8 – 3 ¾" x 3 ¾" pieces.</b> <b>(Inside and Outside pieces of Purse Base)</b></p> <p>A. On 4 of these squares measure in 1 7/8" and make a tiny mark, draw a line from this mark to upper corners and cut into three pieces. Distress all pieces with Chocolate.</p>	<p><b>1 – Border piece</b> Use the words Love, Laughter, Family &amp; Friends. (Make sure you cut this piece long enough to be able to trim a little away once in place). Approximately 4".</p> <p>A. Distress with chocolate.</p>
<p><b>1 – 4 5/8" x 4 5/8"</b> <b>(Box Top)</b></p> <p>A. Score at 1" turn, 1" turn, 1" turn, 1"</p> <p>B. Fold up the score lines, make a cut up to the center point of the score line on each corner square making sure it's the same line of each corner.</p> <p>Cut File for Box <a href="https://us.cricut.com/design/#/canvas/35067602">https://us.cricut.com/design/#/canvas/35067602</a></p> <p>Cut File for Purse <a href="https://us.cricut.com/design/#/canvas/34909549">https://us.cricut.com/design/#/canvas/34909549</a></p>	<p><b>1 – 4" x 4" piece. (Flap Piece)</b></p> <p>A. Score at 1 ½" and at 1 ¾".</p> <p>B. Measure in ¼" from both edges at the 1 ½" score line and make a 1'2" cut right in the score line.</p> <p>C. Using something round that will almost cover the width of the bottom area up to about ¼" from the score line, draw a circle and cut the circle shape. Notch into the top of the circle.</p> <p>D. Distress all the edges and score lines on both sides with Chocolate.</p>	<p><b>1 – 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" piece.</b> <b>(inside Box Bottom)</b></p> <p>A. Distress with chocolate.</p>	<p><b>1 – Border piece</b> Used for the back 4" long. It can be the presents or the leaf and flower.</p> <p>A. Distress all the edges with chocolate.</p>

<p><b>1 – 4 ½" x 4 ½" piece.</b> <b>(Box Bottom)</b></p> <p>A. Score at 1" turn, 1" turn, 1" turn, and 1".</p> <p>B. Fold on score lines, make a cut up to the center point of the score line on each corner square making sure it's the same line on each corner.</p>	<p><b>1 – 4" x 2 ¼" Piece.</b> <b>(Flap Piece)</b></p> <p>A. Cut into the shape of the rounded piece with notches. Destress it with chocolate.</p>	<p><b>4 – 2 3/8" x 3/4" pieces.</b> <b>(Outside of Box Lid)</b></p> <p>A. Distress all pieces with chocolate.</p>	
<p><b>1 – 3 ½" x 3 ½" piece.</b> <b>(Box Base)</b></p> <p>A. Score at ½" turn, ½" turn, ½" turn, and ½". <b>These are just guides for the box center and corner squares. Do not fold this piece.</b></p>	<p><b>1 – 4" x 1 ½" piece.</b> <b>(Flap Piece)</b></p> <p>A. Destress with chocolate.</p>	<p><b>4 – 2 9/16" x 1" pieces.</b> <b>(Inside of Box Lid Sides)</b></p> <p>A. Distress all pieces with chocolate.</p>	
<p><b>4 – 1 9/16" x 1" pieces.</b> <b>(Inside filler pieces for box lid)</b></p>	<p><b>1 – 4" x ¼" piece.</b> <b>(Flap Piece)</b></p> <p>A. Destress with chocolate.</p>	<p><b>1 – 2 ¾" x 2 ¾" piece.</b> <b>(Inside Box Bottom)</b></p> <p>A. Distress with chocolate.</p>	
<p><b>4 – 1 7/16" x 1" pieces.</b> <b>(Inside filler pieces for box bottom)</b></p>	<p><b>4 – ½" x ½" pieces.</b> <b>(Corners of Box Base Piece)</b></p> <p>A. Destress all pieces with Chocolate.</p>	<p><b>1 – 1" x 12" piece.</b> <b>(Around Box Bottom)</b></p> <p>A. Distress on both short edges and one long edge.</p>	
<p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>If using the cut file in design space the filler pieces are not needed, I built them into the top and bottom pieces.</i></p>	<p><b>4 – 2 7/16" x 1".</b> <b>(Inside of Box Bottom sides)</b></p> <p>A. Destress all pieces with Chocolate.</p>		
	<p><b>1 – 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" piece.</b> <b>( Inside of Box Lid)</b></p> <p>A. Destress with Chocolate.</p>		
	<p><b>6 – 1" x 3/8" pieces.</b> <b>(4 for side of box lid and 2 for box Bottom)</b></p> <p>A. Destress all pieces with Chocolate.</p>		

### Additional Supplies Needed:

**1 – Velcro Closure Tab, Ribbon “I used approximately 34”, 9 – Brads, 5 – Hangers**

Please use the pictures below as a visual reference

### Assembly Directions:

- Step 1. Complete the purse base page as directed in the paper pieces section on page 2.**
- Step 2. Cover the inside and outside of the base page with the papers needed.**
- A. Using the Red print paper, glue the appropriate pieces to their appropriate spots on both the front and back of the 12" x 12" scored and folded base of the purse. Refer to pictures.
  - B. Using the distressed cranberry cardstock, glue the appropriate pieces to the appropriate spots. Refer to pictures. ***I have included in the paper pieces cut section enough of the cranberry to cover all the inside instead of just half of the corner pieces. You can choose which you like better. Also if you would like to cover the complete outside you will need 4 more 3 ¾" x 3 ¾" pieces cut on a diagonal.***
- Step 3. Complete the purse flap and attach it to base of the purse.**
- A. Using the Cranberry pieces for the flap, start with the piece with the slits cut in the fold line. Insert a hanger into each slit and secure with a brad from the outside to the inside of the flap.
  - B. Place a hanger in the center edge of the circle part of the flap and secure it with a brad. Make sure your putting the brad through the front and not the back.
  - C. Place the second circle piece over the exposed brads and glue using liquid glass. Make sure you have the pieces lined up and that it doesn't overlap the score line.
  - D. Place the rectangle piece over the back part of the flap to cover the brads and make it sturdier.
  - E. Place the ¼" piece in the between the two score lines on the inside. This may require a little trimming of the width of the piece. It shouldn't lie over the score line.
  - F. Glue the word border piece in place on the front side of the circle flap, aligning the top edge even with the notch and trim off excess. Destress the area where you trimmed with chocolate.
  - G. Adhere this to the back side (outside) of the 12" x 12" prepared base, **placing it on a solid piece not a triangle side piece.**
  - H. Glue the desired area of the present border or the leaf and flower border across the back edge of the purse closure, this is the back of the purse. Trim to size and destress the trimmed edges with chocolate.
- Step 4. Complete the box base to except the box bottom when completed.**
- A. Glue one ½" x ½" piece of the cranberry cardstock to the piece marked box base that was sored but not folded. These fit perfectly into the corner using the score lines as a guild. Place a brad in the center of each of the ½" x ½" pieces of cranberry cardstock. Firmly press down the prongs. Glue this prepared piece to the center of the inside of the purse box, leaving the same amount around all sides.



## Step 5. Complete the Box Lid:

- A. The top: Using the piece from above listed Box Lid. Glue each tab to the adjoining side of the next piece on the inside. Using the filler pieces for the top, glue one in each open spot to create a totally flat service for the pattern paper.
- B. Using the pattern paper from above list, glue 1 to each of the four side.
- C. Glue the listed Cranberry piece to the inside of the Box Lid.
- D. Glue the listed Red Pattern Paper to the top of the Box Lid.
- E. Glue the listed Red Pattern Paper to the sides of the Box Lid.
- F. **Hanger Pieces:** Using the listed pieces create 2 strap pieces by inserting one of the 1" strips into the hanger and secure with a brad. Glue a second piece to the back side of the hanger to cover up the flatten prongs of the brad. (Create 2 of these pieces) Glue one on each side in the center of the Box Lid.
- G. Using approximately 8" of ribbon, make a handle by tying it to the hanger loops and trim the tails to look like bow tails. This will be used to lift the lid from the Box Bottom. Top of Box is finished. Now create the bottom.

## Step 6. Complete the Box Bottom:

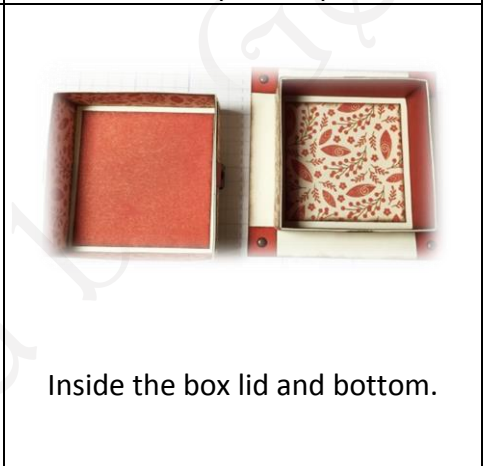
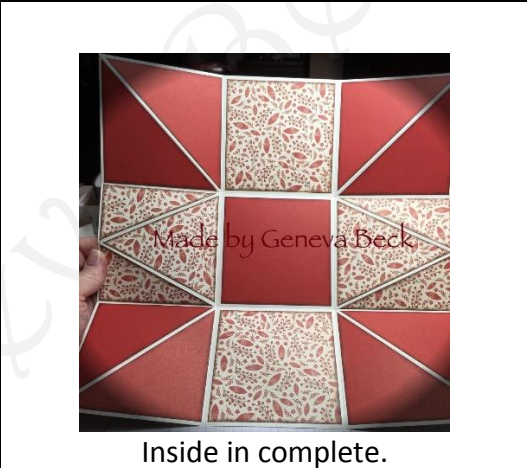
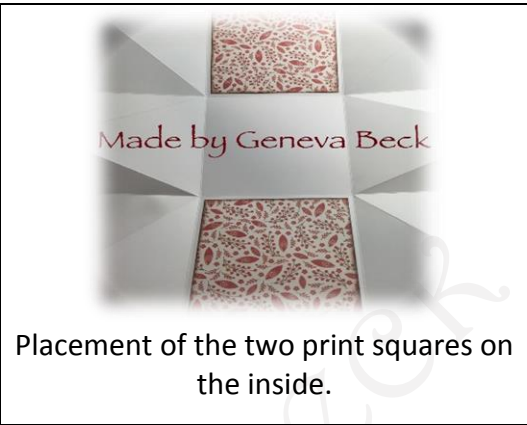
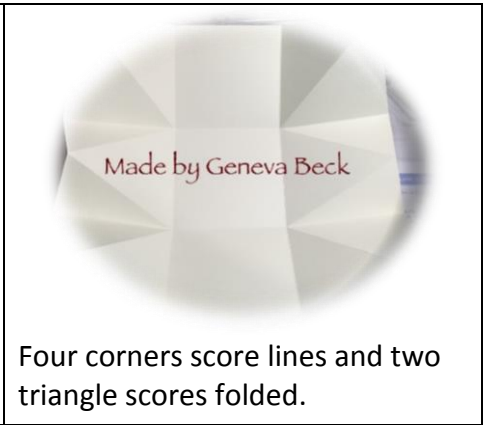
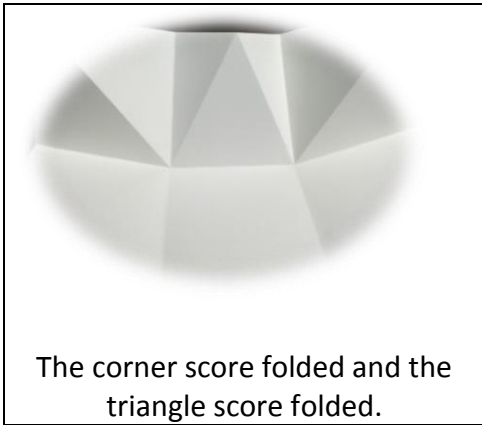
- A. Using the piece from above listed Box Bottom. Glue each tab to the adjoining side of the next piece on the outside. Using the filler pieces for the bottom, glue them to the open spots to create a totally flat service for the pattern paper.
- B. Glue the 12" x 1" piece of Red Pattern Paper around the sides starting at the center of one side and continuing around to meet where you started, trim to fit. Glue the remaining two pieces of 1" x 3/8" pieces of Cranberry Cardstock over the joint and to the center on the opposite side.
- C. Glue the 4 listed Cranberry pieces to the inside of the Box Bottom sides. They should meet in the corners.
- D. Glue the listed piece of Red Pattern Paper to the inside bottom of the box. Apply glue to the bottom of this Box Bottom and press it in place on the center inside of the Purse, centering the four brads. It fits perfectly in that scored center. This piece was prepared in step 3, part A.

**NOTE:** *When placing the lid on the box bottom it works the best to have the ribbon hangers facing the closure flap and front of the purse when flat. It allows it to close up easier.*

## Step 7. Complete Strap and Closure:

- A. Using the desired length of ribbon, tie each end to the hanger loops and trim tails. Also tie a piece to the hanger on the flap center hanger to look like a bow knot, trim tails.
- B. Place a Velcro piece just below the flap hanger on the underside. Place the other part on top of this one. Remove the glue cover of this piece and close flap carefully as to achieve good placement of this side of the Velcro closure. Carefully lift it open and press each piece of Velcro down snug.

**Your Hidden Gift Box in a Purse is now complete.**



# Thank You

I hope you enjoyed making this project.

