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Newspaper Book Box Pattern

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In *The Paper Caper*, bookbinder Brooklyn Wainwright teaches a group of bibliophiles how to make a basket using nothing but newspaper and one paperclip. This project is similar, but the end result will be a book box the perfect size to hold a hardcover copy of *The Paper Caper*, itself.

You will need:

- 1 newspaper, with double pages cut in half*
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Paperclips
- Scissors
- Glue stick or Scotch tape

*You will need 20 total strips, so you might want to start with the Sunday paper to make sure you have plenty of pages.



Step 1

Place half of a double newspaper page on a flat surface. Mark one inch from the long edge in two or three spots. Use these marks as a guide to fold one inch over. Then use that one inch as a guide to fold the rest of the page accordion

style, until you have a strip that is one inch by the length of the paper.

Repeat until you have 20 strips.

Step 2

Make three double-length strips by join-

ing two strips together at the short end and sealing with the glue stick or Scotch tape. Set aside.

Step 3

Lay six strips side by side, close together, and weigh down the ends with books.



Step 4

Starting approximately in the center, weave eight strips perpendicular to the six strips, alternating over and under, trying to keep the weave as tight as possible. Use glue stick or tape to fix the four corners.

Step 5

Place the ruler along each of the four edges and make a crease in the paper. These will help form the sides of your book box.



Step 6

Fold one of the double-length strips about six inches from one end. Place this fold onto one corner of the base. Anchor it with a paper clip to one of the base strips to start the first wall of the book box.

Weave the double-length strip in and out of the base strips. Anchor each corner with a paper clip, keeping it as tight as possible to have straight sides. When the two ends meet, anchor them together with a paper clip.

Repeat with the other two double-length

strips. Tighten the weave as much as you can, then use glue stick or tape in place of paper clips.

Step 7

Cut the ends of each vertical strip, leaving one inch. Fold each end over the top of the book box wall and affix with glue or tape.



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