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BAND BOXES

SUPPLIES:

12" X 20" piece of flexible cardboard (Bigger boxes need sturdier cardboard. The cardboard should curve, but not bend. The thickness does not matter as long as the cardboard is flexible.)

Patterned wallpaper in 4" lengths (Fabric, wrapping paper, or newspaper can also be used.)

White glue--thinned with water

3/4" masking tape

Pen or pencil

1" wide sponge brush

Scissors, X-acto knife or rotary cutter

Ruler or yardstick

Brayer

Wax paper

1. Cut the following pieces from your cardboard:
 - 13" to 16" by 3"
 - 13" to 16" by 1"
2. Cut 2 circles that are 4" in diameter. The top circle must be slightly larger than the bottom circle. The thickness of the cardboard will determine how much larger the top should be. (The width of a medium marking pen will usually allow enough extra space to permit the lid to fit over the box.)
3. Spread out a piece of waxed paper to cover your work space.
4. Use the sponge brush to cover the cardboard strips and circles with the diluted glue. Attach the wallpaper you have selected for the inside of your box. (The glue must be distributed evenly and the wallpaper must be attached firmly.)
5. Using the brayer, press out all the air bubbles. This is critical for a quality box.
6. Trim the lining with an X-acto knife and straight edge, allowing a one-inch overlap of wallpaper at one end on each strip.
7. Stick masking tape down the edge of the cardboard side of each strip. One half of the tape should be lapped beyond the cardboard and one half should be attached to the cardboard.
8. Clip the tape every 1/4 to 1/2 inch.
9. Starting with the end overlap, stick the clipped masking tape to the circle. Try to be neat. If necessary, redo and straighten the uneven tape (this will show through the wallpaper on the finished box).
10. Glue the exterior wallpaper to the top and bottom circles but do NOT cut it to fit. Leave 1/4 inch overhang, then clip and secure the wallpaper.
11. Cut strips 1/2 inch taller than the band and box. Glue it to the cardboard, matching it along the top edge and along the sides.
12. Clip and secure the excess on the inside of the lid and the inside of the box.
13. Use a colored marking pen or decorative cording to cover the exposed edge of the cardboard.
14. Band boxes can be made to fit the contents they will hold, i.e., candy, cookies, paper clips, toilet paper, etc.