

# Folding an Origami Box for your Bundle of Zines

Folding this box takes some skill and practice. If it is too complex for now, I recommend you make a simple wrapper to hold your bundle of zines together.

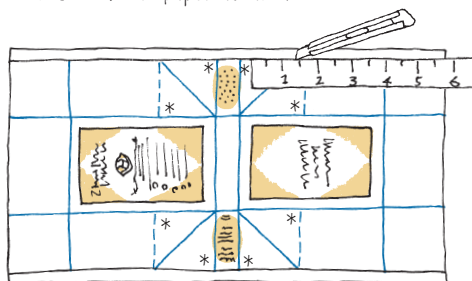
The box needs to be precisely folded in order to stand up when complete.

## IMPORTANTLY:

When folding the paper always make sure the cut edges line up.

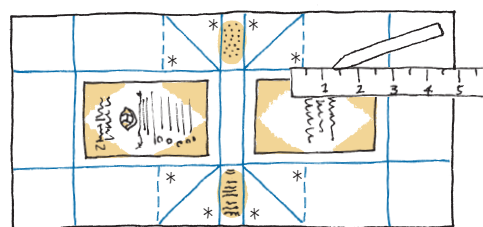
Use the bone folder to press the paper into crisp folds.

- 1 Begin by trimming away the two narrow strips of paper along the long edge of the 8.5 x 14" paper as shown.

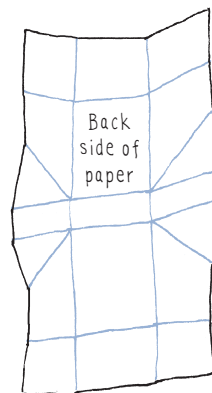


- 2 With a fine-tipped bone folder crease the paper along all solid lines. DO NOT crease the dashed lines.

Then fold all perpendicular creases in both directions. Your box construction will be much easier this way.



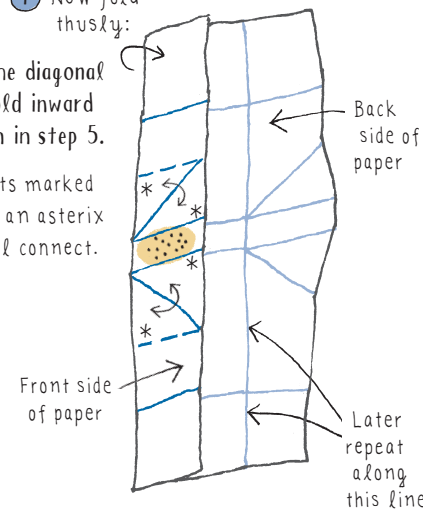
- 3 The folded paper will look like this when placed face down.



- 4 Now fold thusly:

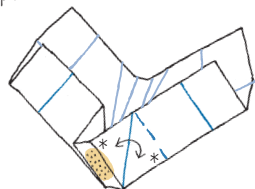
The diagonal creases fold inward as shown in step 5.

The spots marked by an asterisk will connect.



- 5 When tucking in the diagonal folds, make sure that the folded paper lines up exactly with the dashed line and the edge of the folded paper.

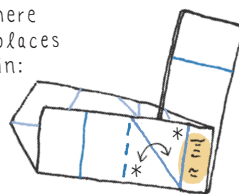
Shown here with 1 place tucked in:



- 6 Do the same at all 4 places where there is a diagonal fold.

If this fold is unfamiliar, it will likely take some practice.

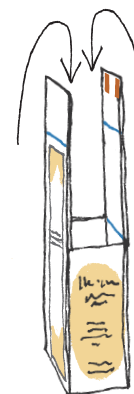
Shown here with 2 places tucked in:



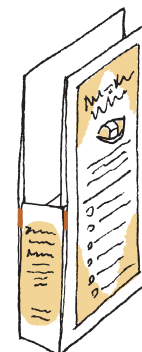
- 7 The box will look like this:



- 8 Now fold the top flaps into the box. First do the front of the box.



- 9 The completed box will look like this:



At the very end:

Add small amounts of dry adhesive here and there to stabilize the box.

## Helpful Tools

- ~ A snap-off graphic knife (Olfa is a good brand)
- ~ A bone folder with a fine tip to crease the paper
- ~ An 18" cork-backed ruler to guide the knife
- ~ A self-healing cutting mat

## Adhesive Advice

I have great results with Gafix Double Tack Mounting Film. Other "dry" adhesives, such as double stick tape, should work as well. It is best to test this out.