



Valentine Window Box
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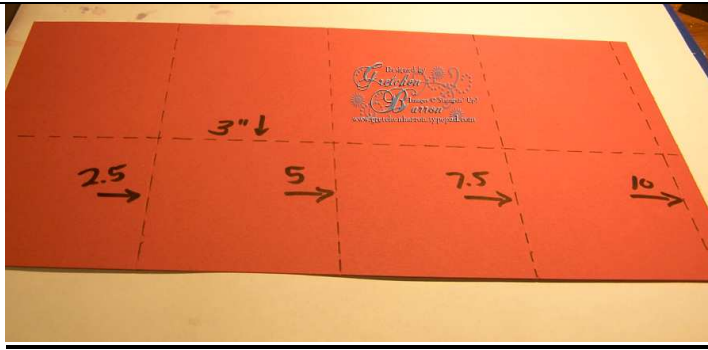
Cut an 8.5 x 11" piece of cardstock into two pieces – one 3" wide and one 5.5" wide.

Trim .75" from one end, leaving you with pieces that are 10.25" long



Place the 3" edge against the top of your Paper Scorer and score at 1/2" down the long edge.

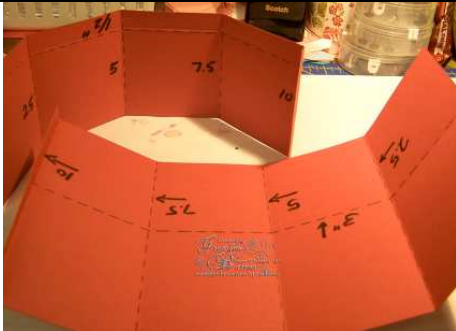
Turn the cardstock so that the long edge is at the top and score at 2.5" intervals – at 2.5, 5, 7.5 and 10"



Take the piece of cardstock that is 5.5" wide and place the shorter wide at the top of your Paper Scorer.

Score at 3" from one side.

Turn the cardstock so that the long side is positioned at the top of your Paper Scorer. Score again at 2.5" intervals – at 2.5, 5, 7.5 and 10"



Using a Bone Folder, crease and fold on all score lines. You will be left with a 1/4" tab on the end of each of the two pieces.

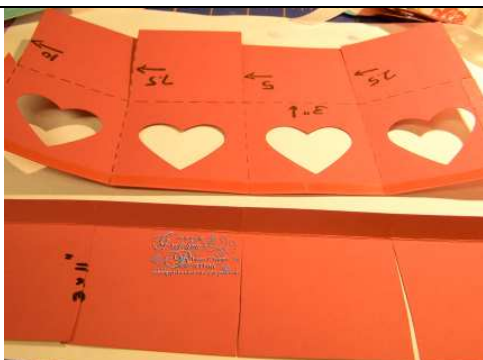


Working on the piece that is 5.5" wide and working in the boxes that are 3 x 2.5", Punch out a heart-shaped window in each of the 4 sides of the box, using the Full Heart Punch.



Trim off the 1/2" tab on the top part of the box (the part that is 2.5" tall) – see photo

Your box should look like this (without the measurements written all over it, of course – LOL).



Line the two pieces of cardstock up so the score lines and tabs match.

Run a piece of Sticky Strip adhesive the entire length of the bottom of the 5.5" wide piece of cardstock, as shown in the photo.



Remove the red backing from the adhesive and carefully align the bottom piece to the top piece, matching the 1/2" fold line with the bottom edge of the larger piece of cardstock.

Using your Bone Folder, burnish (rub hard) along the entire length of the adhesive to set the glue.



Apply Sticky Strip Adhesive to the remaining 1/2" tab.

Remove the backing and adhere the box together, using your Bone Folder or fingers to burnish along the adhesive to set the glue.



Fold in the four flaps on the bottom of the box and adhere with Sticky Strip Adhesive, burnishing as you did above.



Insert the heart-shaped treat cups into each of the punched windows. Do not peel off the adhesive that is included on the treat cup.

Instead apply Sticky Strip Adhesive around the outside edge of the plastic rim on the treat cups, remove backing and adhere to the inside of each window.



Embellish and decorate as desired.

I used the Pinking Hearts Border Punch to create trim strips that are 11 x .5" long.

I used 5/8" Black Satin Ribbon for the Bow and embossed images from the I {Heart} Hearts stamp set to dangle down.



To see the original blog post and coordinating items in this set, go to
http://gretchenbarron.typepad.com/my_weblog/2010/01/welcome-to-the-control-freaks-january-blog-tour.html

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