

Great Escape- Upcycle Cereal Boxes

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Drawer Organizers

<http://iheartorganizing.blogspot.com/2013/01/diy-cereal-box-drawer-dividers.html>

Materials

Pretty papers, {both wrapping and decorative cardstock},
Regular tape and double-sided,
pencil, scissors,
box cutter
yard stick.

I used the drawer as a guide to mark the height around each edge of each box.



Then, using the box cutter, cut the box using a thin strip across the bottom, attaching it to the box with double sided tape.

Push in the inside edges with a pencil eraser and taped it all down. It is easiest to do creases/folds before taping, vs. trying to work around the tape.



All done!

DESK ORGANIZER

<http://modpodgerocksblog.com/2013/03/recycled-craft-diy-desk-organizer.html>

Materials:

- Cereal boxes and toilet paper rolls
- Wood plaques
- Mod Podge Satin – if children do this project, use Mod Podge Kids Washout
- Acrylic paint in the colors of your choice
- Scrapbook paper to cover your boxes and rolls
- Ribbon in coordinating colors
- Scissors
- Craft knife
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Pen or pencil
- Ruler
- Tape





Cut 1/4th of the box off of the bottom and then proceeded to cut the rest of the box in that same manner. Make the “back row” of boxes taller than the front row.



Here is a finished bin. I also made two smaller compartments by cutting the larger compartments down and taping them. Don't worry – you'll cover over that tape with Mod Podge and paper.

. But I have a structure for my desk organizer! If you like, trim the TP/paper towel tubes to different heights to add interest.



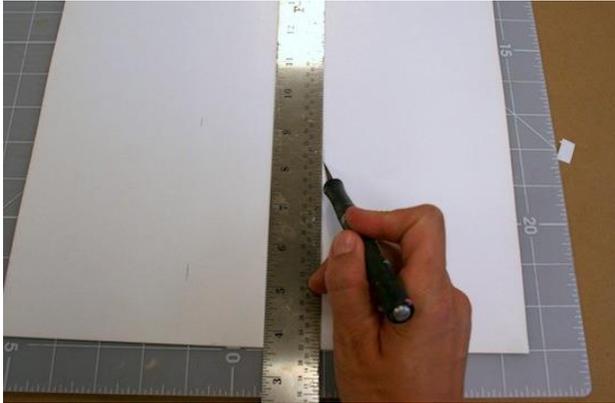
Paint the plaque for the base, if desired. Choose colors that coordinate with your paper, paint the whole plaque and then let dry.



Now this is an optional step . . . but I used some white paint on the edges of my cereal boxes and tubes. Sometimes my paper doesn't match EXACTLY and I didn't want the brown of the tubes or the colors of the box to show (since they didn't match). If you are particular, you might want to do this. If not, don't worry about it.



Now that everything is painted and ready, time to trace. Take a pencil or pen and trace each compartment on your scrapbook paper.



Cut everything out.



Add Mod Podge to the backs of all of the papers . . .



And then proceed to decoupage your compartments with paper and Mod Podge. Hold everything down, smooth and let dry 15 – 20 minutes. Then give it a top coat of Mod Podge.



Don't forget to Mod Podge your plaque as well, just to seal.



Add ribbon to the top edge of each compartment with the **craft glue**. I did it on the rolls as well.



Glue each compartment down to the plaque using craft glue. You'll see white around the edges, but it will dry clear.



Mail/Document File

<http://www.kixcereal.com/kix-cereal-4-ways-to-organize-with-cereal-boxes/>

Materials:

Empty cereal box

Scissors

Decorative paper (available at AC Moore, Michaels, Hobby Lobby)

Adhesive/Mod Podge

Cut off top tabs of the cereal box, or use a Priority Mail box.

Using a ruler, cut a diagonal line on the front and the back

Draw your template on the first box. If the box is standing tall, you will make a line 4 inches up and 3 inches wide from the left side. Flip the box from bottom to top and do the same. Then flip over the box, and pencil in the same measurements, making sure to match up with the other side.



Using a box cutter, carefully cut over the lines. Use the first box as your template for the additional boxes.

Here is what it looks like (this is one complete box)...

Now you are ready to decorate it! You can use any style of wrapping paper you wish, but remember to use a good quality/thick wrapping paper, or it will tear easily.

Now, all you have left to do is start wrapping...



Wrap paper around the box using mod podge or spray adhesive. Add a coat of Mod Podge to the finished product.

Decorate with ribbon or other embellishments.

Other sources

<https://www.pinterest.com/sdkohlman/recycled-items-crafts/>

<http://www.kixcereal.com/kix-cereal-4-ways-to-organize-with-cereal-boxes/>