



Birdhouse Bank

(Remember always ask permission and clean up after you are done)



Materials Needed:

Tall square box – Similar to a half quart sized milk carton

Paint or colored paper

Straw or wooden peg

Glue

Scissors

Directions:

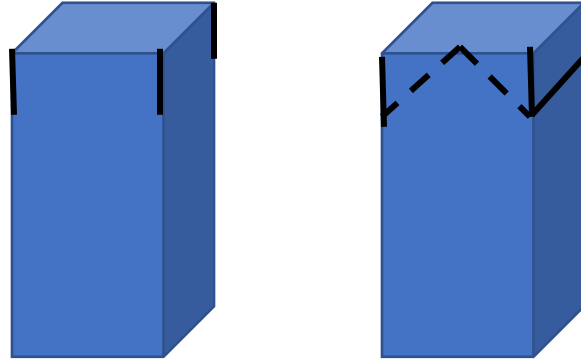
Note: Solid lines indicate cutting line. Dashed lines indicate a folding line.



Cut the top off of the box to make it flat.



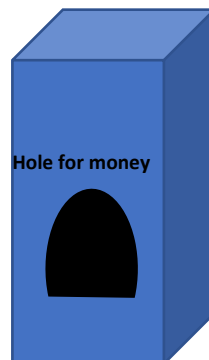
Cut inch slits down the sides of the each corner of the box. Bend the two opposing sides outward. With the other two side you will bend the 4 corners down to make the outside appear as a triangle.



Glue one of the rectangle flaps (from the sides you did not fold to make triangles) to the edge of the triangles you just created. Cut off the other flap. This will be how you retrieve the money that you put in your bank.



Draw a shape for the opening where you will put your money. Now take a pencil and slowly create a hole in the center of your drawing. This pencil hole will help you to cut your opening. Cutting this hole is a bit tricky. Ask an adult for help and if they have a box cutter this can be helpful. Go slowly and carefully. Paint or cover your box the color of your choice.





Use colored paper to create a rectangle that will make a roof for your birdhouse. The rectangle should hang over the box about a ½ inch on all sides. You may want to first use scratch paper to make a template to trace.

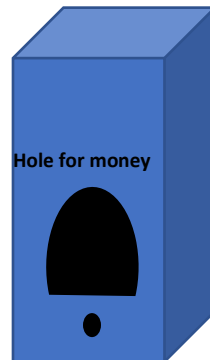


Glue one side of the rectangle to the box. Leave the other side so you can get your money out easily.

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Make a hole with a pencil in the front of the box just under the money deposit opening. Glue in a piece of straw or wooden twig for a perch.



Now you can start saving your money for something special!