

Exploding Pyramid Box Album Tutorial

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Exploding boxes have been around since Victorian times and this Pyramid one is easy to make and completely collapsible for mailing!

For this project we are using a 12 x 12 sheet of paper and making a 4x4 inch square based pyramid. However, once you know the pattern you may make the pyramids any size you like. The key is to make the entire square sheet into 9 identical squares (dividing the piece used by 3). After that you remove the corner squares and then create centre points on the remaining 4 squares to make the diamond shape.



Supplies

- 3 – 12 x 12 pieces of solid cardstock – all the same or coordinating colours
- 3 – 12 x 12 pieces of patterned paper – different but coordinating patterns.
- Scor-Pal
- Scor-Mat
- Paper Trimmer
- Cutting Blade (or Xacto Knife)
- Ruler
- Scor-Tape or Zip Dry (or adhesive)
- Eyelets
- Ribbons
- Assorted embellishments as desired

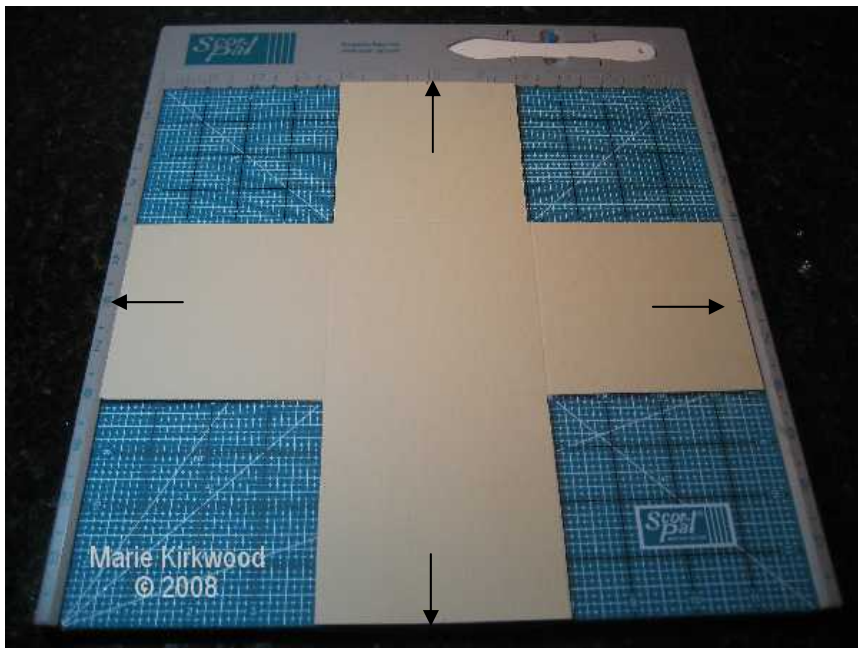
Step 1: Cut all the paper to correct sizes, see supplies

Step 2: Score as follows:

Large pyramid – 12” square cardstock, score into 4” squares.

Medium pyramid – 10 ½” square cardstock, score into 3 ½”

Small pyramid – 9” square cardstock, score into 3” squares



Step 3: For each of the pyramids – cut away excess corner squares (see photo below).

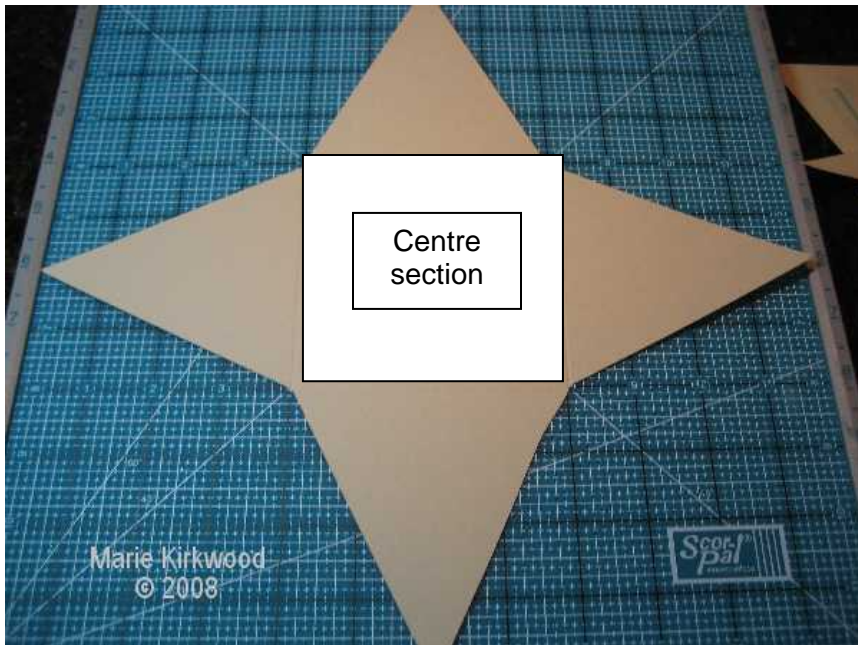
Make a mark at the centre point on each section as illustrated.

12" at 2",

10 ½" at 1 ¾"

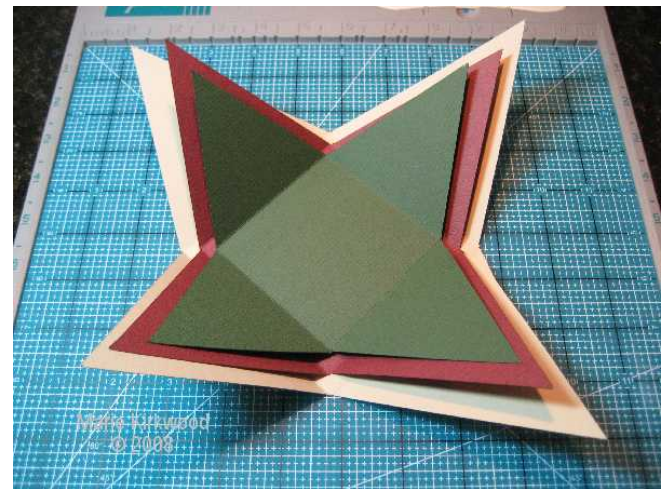
9" at 1 ½"

Your Scor-Mat makes this an easy task.



Step 4: With your Scor-Mat in place use a steel ruler and an exacto knife to cut away the sections or trim with scissors.

Trim all the layers cutting away the excess leaving protruding triangles or as my son calls it a "Ninja throwing star" shape.





Step 5: Coordinate the patterned paper and cut for your inside layers according to the following measurements.

Outside and Inside Layers of the Large Pyramid (12")

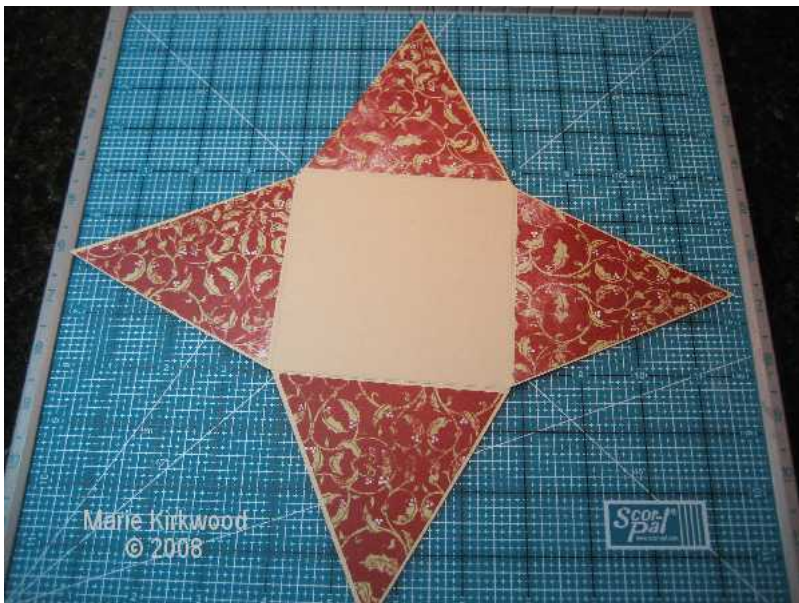
Using 2 different patterns – cut 4 squares of each pattern $3\frac{3}{4}'' \times 3\frac{3}{4}''$. Mark centres at $1\frac{7}{8}''$ and cut into triangles.

Medium Pyramid Layers (10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")

Cut 4 squares of patterned paper $3\frac{1}{4}'' \times 3\frac{1}{4}''$. Mark centres at $1\frac{5}{8}''$ and cut into triangles.

Small Pyramid Layers

Cut 4 squares of patterned paper $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 2\frac{3}{4}''$. Mark centers at $1\frac{3}{8}''$ and cut into triangles.



Step 6: Use your adhesive to adhere all the patterned pieces on the cardstock bases. Attach the whole **pyramid base** of the 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the 12" pyramid. Finally the 9" one to the 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pyramid base. See photo below





Step 7: Attach eyelets at the top of each of the outside points of your largest pyramid and thread the ribbon through.

Step 8: Finally - Add photos and/or embellish the layers. Use quotes instead of photos on some flaps, use scraps for journaling, photo mounts, and small die cut embellishments etc. You may add small flowers – punched flowers would be perfect because they wouldn't be too lumpy! Add some treats to the inside or a special gift – the possibilities are endless!

Step 9: Give it to someone you love and eat the leftover treats! You know you bought extra "just in case"!

