

Miniature Chinese Takeout Box Pattern

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1. To print this pattern, use letter size (8.5 x 11.0 in) 65 lb. or heavier card stock and use the "fit to page" setting.
If you'd like a fancier look, decorate by hand on the side opposite the pattern after you print it, or print a design on one side of the paper, flip it over and then print the this pattern on the opposite side, or use designer (preprinted design) paper and print the pattern on the plain side or side that will be used as the inside of the box.
2. To assemble the box, cut the pattern out, taking care to cut off the outer most lines, then use a ruler and a small blunt object to score all the remaining solid lines. A dotting tool or a bone folder works best, but if you don't have either you can use a no-serrated side of a butter knife, a plastic spoon, an orange stick or a pen that has completely run out of ink.
3. Once scored, carefully fold all the score lines inward on the solid lines you scored, ignoring the "T" shaped diagonals. Then, bring the box together pushing out the "T" shaped diagonals. Fold the diagonals by pushing them outward and pinching them together to form "wings". Bring the tips of two of the wings together on one side of the box and secure with glue, repeat on the other side. Lastly, cut on the dotted lines to create a closure.
4. Optionally, poke small holes in-between the tips of the glued down wings and thread in string or ribbon from the outside in, then triple knot the ribbon on the inside to secure it. Decorate your box however you'd like.

