

Stone Riley's Magic Mirror Tarot Set

Instructions for building the inside box for the Simple Tarot deck

(The box for the Spirit Hill deck is identical except the dimensions and the wrap sheets.)

The box consists of two parts hinged together along one edge like a clamshell, optionally covered with a wrap of printed paper. The boxes for the two card decks are identical except the dimensions and the printing on the wrap. I adapted this design from an old dentist's instrument case.

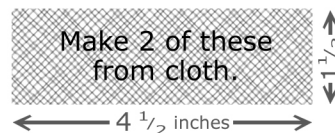
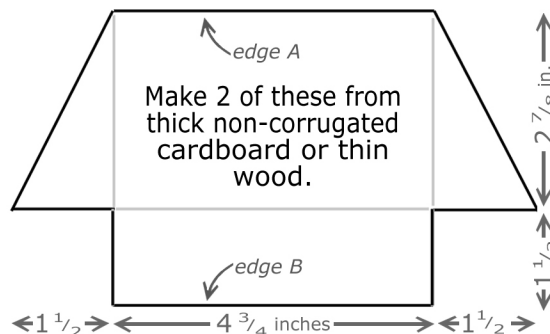
1. Build two of the parts shown in the plan. Use extremely thick non-corrugated cardboard or else thin wood. Dimensions on the plan are measurements inside when finished. When finished, put the box parts together and make sure they fit. Nice, huh? With a pencil, lightly write "top" on one part and "bottom" on the other. Write "A" and "B" near edges A and B of both parts.

2. Cut two strips from strong lightweight fabric that accepts paint. Cut on 45° angle to the weave. Put the box in front of you, held shut maybe with rubber bands, with the bottom part up. Wrap a fabric strip around from the bottom's edge A onto the top's edge B. Glue in place. Let dry. Open the box fully and similarly apply the other fabric strip to the inside of the same edges. Glue the fabric only to the box parts; do not glue the fabric strips to each other. Use a stiff wire or similar tool to tease the fabric strips well apart by sliding it in between them.

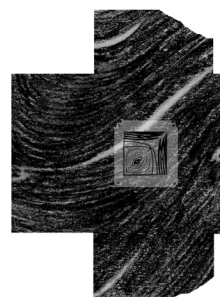
3. Paint the inside of the box as desired, also the inside and outside of the fabric hinge. If you aren't doing the optional paper wrap, also paint and decorate the outside of the box as desired.

4. Optional: This is the hard part. Print the two paper wrap sheets. Use medium weight paper if available, labeled as maybe 27 or 28 pounds. To protect the ink during work, varnish the paper lightly on both sides and let dry. Glue the top paper to the top part and the bottom paper to the bottom part, wrapping around all the corners, while exactly tailoring the paper to fit.

5. Varnish heavily all over to resist water and dirt.



1 inch = 2.54 centimeters
10 centimeters = 3.9 inches



Top Wrap Sheet



Bottom Wrap Sheet

(optional)
Print these on medium weight paper.

Suggestion
Use types of paint, glue and varnish like for paper arts and crafts. Acrylic types are best. Use brush-on stuff rather than sprays.

