

# Trinket Boxes

Have you ever heard of scrapbooking? People in Samantha's times used scrap pictures for lots of different crafts. In this case a scrap isn't something you would throw away, it just means leftover but still useful. For example, Samantha might look through old magazines or old greeting cards and if there was a picture that she liked, she would cut it out and paste it in a book or on a box. You can do the same thing at home!



## Materials:

- A small box, roughly 3"x4" with a lid (it can be wood, cardboard, plastic, etc.)
- Masking Tape
- 2 paint brushes (the best are foam brushes about 1" wide)
- Acrylic paint (any color)
- Scissors
- Old magazines, greeting cards or pictures (make sure you get permission)
- White glue
- A small bowl

## Directions:

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NOTE: If you box is made of wood, you may want to sand it with sandpaper to make it smooth before beginning.

1. Wipe away any dust from the box. Use one of your paint brushes to paint the box and lid, inside and out.
2. Let them dry. Keep the lid and box separate until the end of the project.
3. While the box is drying, cut out small pictures from old magazines and greeting cards that you have. Make sure the pictures are small enough to fit on the box or its lid.
4. When you have cut enough pictures, think about how to arrange them some on the lid and some on the box. You may want to overlap some pictures or put your favorite one on the top or center.
5. When the lid is dry, begin gluing your pictures to the box and lid. Make sure they are completely glued down with no edges curling up.
6. If any pictures stick out past the edge of the box or lid, trim them to fit.



7. Squeeze some glue into the small bowl until it is about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep. Dip the other paint brush into the glue.
8. Lightly brush a thin layer of glue over the lid and sides of the box. The glue will look white at first, but it will dry clear. If the glue gets too thick, add a little water to thin it.
9. Let the glue dry for about 15 minutes and then give it another coat of glue.
10. When the glue is dry, your box is finished. Fill it with jewelry, rocks, shells, ribbons or anything that you want!