

How To Make a Barrel Out of Cardboard

Supplies:

Cardboard Box

Ruler/Measuring tape/yard stick

Box cutter

Duct tape

Scissors

Paint/paint brush

Pencil

Glue gun

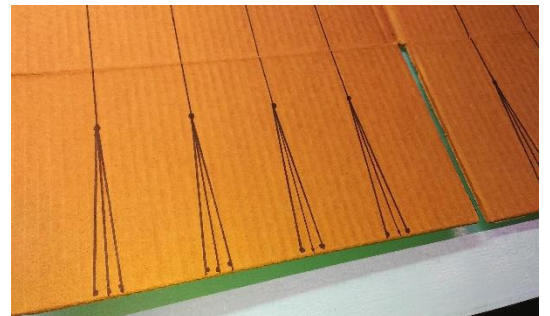
1. The first step is to cut any packing tape and pull the box apart where it was glued together. Open it and lay it flat with the inside facing up. You want the plain side with no marking facing you.
2. Now you have one long piece of cardboard with four sections. Each section will have a slit between them. The spaces between the sections will vary depending on the size of your box . Measure the sections. You want to make a mark every 2 or 3 inches between the sections on both top and bottom but a few marks may need to be adjusted.
3. Then take your yard stick or a long piece of wood to draw a straight line on each mark from top to bottom.



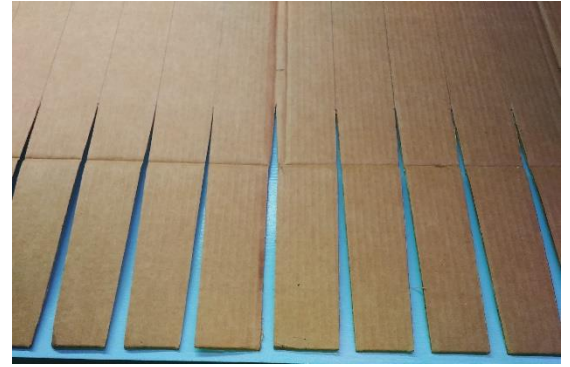
4. Place a quarter inch mark on each side of the line at both top and bottom. Then make a mark about 2 inches down from the crease line of the cardboard. Do this at every line. You don't need to make a mark on the slits.



5. Draw a line connecting the two marks to form a triangle.



6. Take the box cutter and lightly cut along the lines between the top and bottom creases including the space at the slit. Do not cut all the way through the cardboard. You just want to cut through the top layer. Do this to all the lines.
7. Then use a very sharp pair of scissors to cut out the triangle and cut straight up the line to the crease of the cardboard. This will allow you to fold the end strips inward and together.
8. When you are done cutting you should be able to bend the cardboard at the lines. This is going to allow you to form the barrel shape.
9. The next part may be a little tricky. You may need to ask for help or have extra tape on hand. Form your barrel by duct taping or hot gluing the two sides together. You are going to wrap the duct tape around your barrel just under the crease lines. Then bring two sides of the triangle together and tape with masking tape all the way around or ask someone to hold them together while you wrap duct tape around it. Try not to wrinkle the tape the best you can.



10. Finish by painting however you like.

Significance of Barrels in the Bible

(1 Kings 17:8-16)

In biblical times barrels were essential storage containers. The use of barrels in the Bible symbolizes God's provision and abundance. Remember the Prophet Elijah who met a widow woman with an almost empty barrel of meal and an oil jar. But by God's grace, they never ran out.

It is our prayer that your VBS is filled with the abundance of God's provisions, and that the kids have a great time while learning the awesomeness of God's love.