Origami Wrapping Paper Boxes

Supplies
2 Coordinating Wrapping Papers (can use cardstock for a more sturdy bottom of box)
Pencil
Scissors
Ruler
Tape (optional)

Step 1
Cut a square out of each wrapping paper. I made a template out of chipboard or cardstock so I could make a lot of boxes quickly by tracing the pattern. The bottom box needs to be 1/4" smaller than your lid size. My boxes were 8 ½" for the lid, and 8 ¼" for the bottom box. My finished box size is a 3" square.

Step 2
I cut a 3" square on the diagonal out of my lid pattern. This allows me to see what will be on the top of my box. (The truck shown in the square will be on top of my finished box.) You don't have to do this, just beware that your box may end up with a partial design on the top depending on what your wrapping paper looks like.

Step 3
On the wrong side of your wrapping paper, use your ruler to draw a line on the diagonal from corner to corner. Do this both directions so you end up with an "X" on the back of your paper.

Step 4
Fold one corner into the center of the box (where your pencil lines cross from step 3) and crease the fold. Do this for all four corners.

Step 5
Fold one corner straight across past the center to where your pencil line and fold line meet and crease the fold. Do this for all four corners. You will end up with a grid on your wrapping paper, and you will be able to see the top (or bottom) of your box in the center of the paper. (That's the little diagonal square I cut out of my chipboard pattern.)
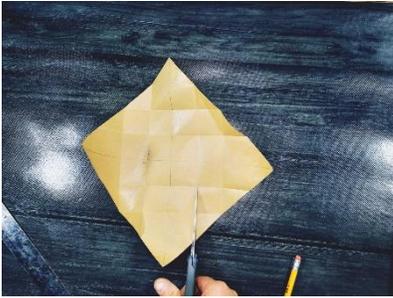
Step 6
Choose a corner (it doesn't matter which one) and cut one fold line out from your pencil line up to the second fold line (or center square of your box). Do this on both fold lines on either side of your pencil line.

Step 7
Turn your paper around and do the same cuts in step 6 on the opposite side. Your cuts will be straight across from each other, and will look like this.
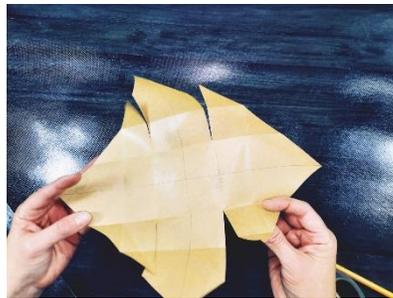
Step 8
Turn your paper a quarter of a turn so that your cut lines are horizontal. Fold the corner closest to you up to the center. Then, fold the bottom up to the center as well and crease.
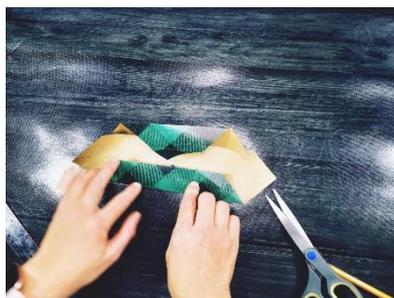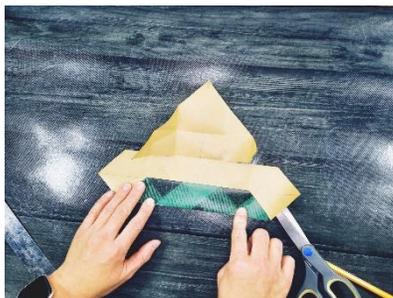
Step 9
Turn your paper around and repeat step 8 on the opposite side.

Step 10
Turn your paper a quarter of a turn. Unfold partway on each side and fold up the flaps where you cut and crease.

Step 11
Fold the two edges so they are standing up. Bring the two flaps you folded in step 10 so they overlap and hold them together. This will create the sides of your box.

Step 12
Bring the piece below where you are holding up and over the flaps and crease on the inside edge of your box. This will finish the side of your box.

Fold in the flaps on the remaining side to crease, hold them both together and bring the last piece up and over to complete your box.

Step 14

Place a piece of tape in the center of your box where the corners meet to hold it in place. This step is optional. The boxes stay together pretty well, but I like to add the tape for more stability.

Step 15

Repeat the steps for the coordinating piece of wrapping paper. When both boxes are completed, you can put them together. Because the bottom is ¼" smaller in size, they nest together perfectly.   You can make these any size as long as the bottom is ¼" smaller than the lid. If you want a sturdier bottom, make it out of cardstock with a wrapping paper lid. Fill with a small gift or treats. It's always fun to tie around them with bakers twine or tulle and add a tag for a cute little gift!

I hope you enjoy making these fun gift boxes.

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