

How To Make Paper Cupcake Stands

These are great because you can color coordinate them with a themed party, they're inexpensive and you can make them any size you want.



Step 1: What You Will Need

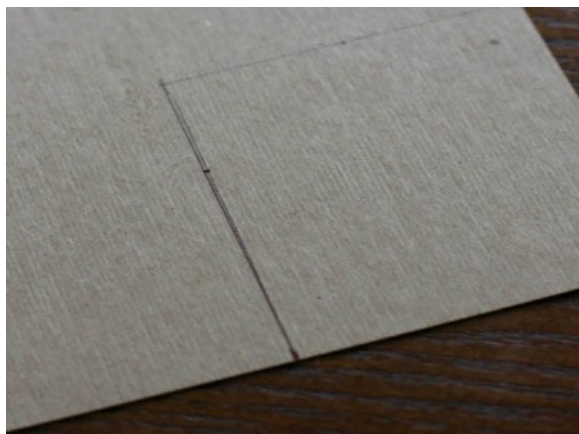
Here is what you will need to get started:

- 1 sheet of chipboard
- 1 sheet of plain colored cardstock
- 1 sheet of patterned cardstock
- 1 length of ribbon/lace to fit around your cupcake stand
- Scissors
- Glue
- Ruler
- Pen
- Cup (if you don't have a circle-drawing tool)



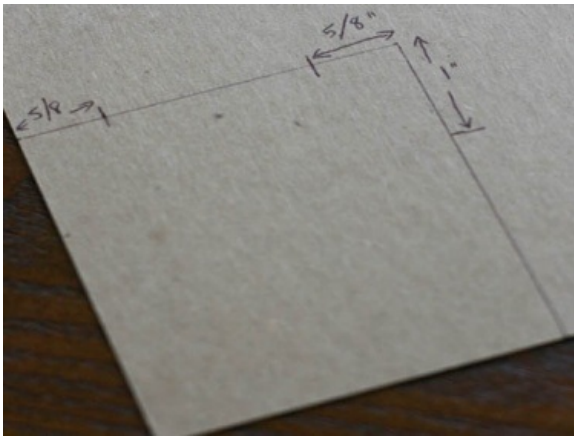
Step 2: Creating The Tray

We are going to start by making the tray that your cupcake will sit on. Take your chipboard and use your cup to trace a circle on the chipboard. Then repeat this step on the plain colored cardstock.



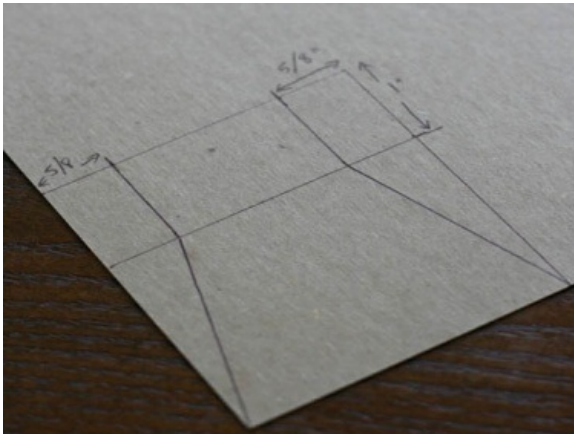
Step 3: Creating The Support

Next we will be making the support stands. Grab your chipboard and measure and rule a 3 inch x 2.75 inch rectangle on the corner of the sheet.



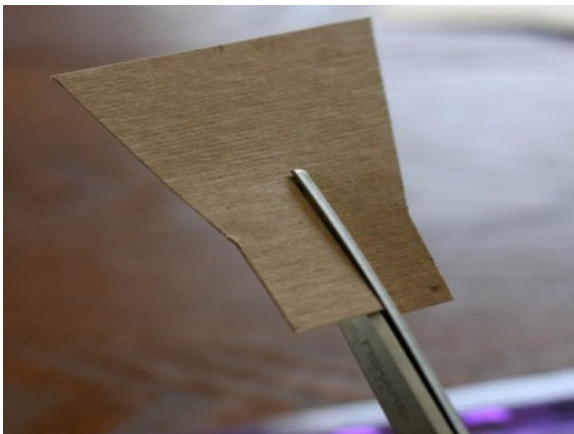
Step 4: Measure and Mark Your Support

From there, measure in $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch in from the left and right sides along the 2.75 inch side. Mark these places with your pen. Then along the 3 inch side, measure and mark 1 inch down.



Step 5: Finish Measuring the Support

Rule a line across the 2.75 length of the rectangle 1 inch down from the top where you marked at the end of Step 3, and then rule a line from the two marks you made at the start of Step 4 to the 1 inch line your just drew. Your rectangle should look like this image here.



Step 6: Cutting Your Pieces

Cut along the lines your ruled to make the first support leg for the stand.

Then cut a slit down the middle of the shape, but only half way. Repeat steps 3 through 6 to make another leg, but on this second leg, cut the slit on the opposite side, and again only half way down.



Step 7: Decorating Your Pieces

Trace your two new leg pieces onto your patterned cardstock, but make them half an inch taller on the thin side of the shape.

Cut slits on these patterned pieces in the same position you did on the chipboard.



Step 8: Gather Your Pieces

These are the pieces you should have at this point.



Step 9: Glue Your Pieces

Apply glue to the back of your chipboard leg pieces, and stick a patterned cardstock piece over one side.

Then fold over the half inch flap so that it sits at a right angle.



Step 10: Stick The Pieces Together

Stick the patterned cardstock to the other side and make sure that both top flaps are folded out at right angles.



Step 11: Cut Your Pieces

Cut a slit in the middle of the folded flaps.



Step 12: Fit Together Base Legs

Slot together the two legs by pushing them along the middle slits. It should end up looking like this.



Step 13: Add Trim To The Tray

Apply glue around the rim of one side of the chipboard circle, and then take your ribbon/lace and stick it around the edges. Gather it every now and then so that it contours along the rim.



Step 14: Cover The Tray

Apply glue to the rim of your plain colored circle on one side, and then adhere it to the other side of the tray (opposite to the side you applied the lace/ribbon to).



Step 15: Assemble The Stand

Apply glue to the folded flaps on the top of the leg base.

Then center it on the under-side of the tray (the side with the lace/ribbon) and press down firmly to secure. Hold still for a few minutes to allow glue to set.



Step 16: Ready To Go!

Your cupcake stand is now complete. Now all you have to do is bake some cupcakes!