

## How to Package Flat Products Beautifully

Learn how to make a quick, easy and lovely, handmade package for any flat items you might have.



### Step 1: What you will need

Here are the items you will need to get started:

- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pen/Pencil
- One sheet of solid color cardstock
- A ribbon of your color choice



### Step 2: Cut your cardstock

Depending on the size of the item you wish to package, cut your cardstock to a size that will cover the front and back of your item. In my situation, my product is a set of note cards that are 4 x 4 inches square, so I am cutting my cardstock to 10 x 10 inches. That way it will more than adequately cover the front and back of these cards.



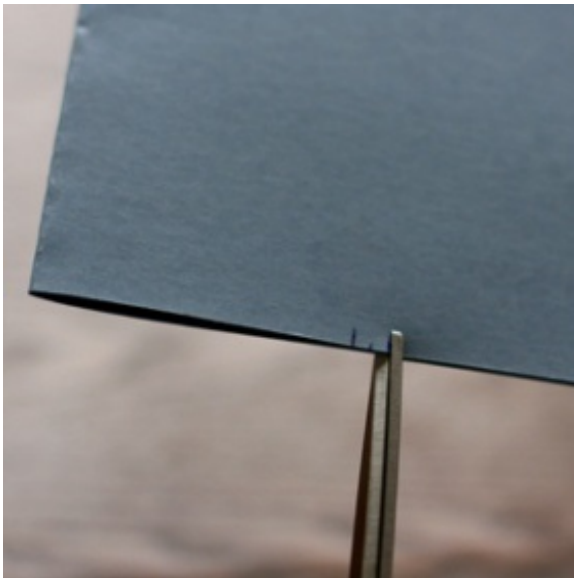
### Step 3: Fold the cut cardstock

Take this cut cardstock and fold it in half. Inside this folder is where your item will sit.



#### **Step 4: Measure and mark half-way points**

Take your ruler and mark half-way points on each side of the front of this folder. Folded in half, my piece is now 5 x 5 inches, so I marked on each edge the 2.5 inch mark. This indicates where the ribbon will wrap around when putting the finishing touches on your package. Then, depending on the width of your ribbon, measure out the width of the ribbon centered on that mark. My ribbon is  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, so centered on that 2.5 inch mark, I added two other markers to show where the edge of my  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch ribbon would sit.



#### **Step 5: Cut little squares on all sides**

Go around each of the four sides and cut out little squares at your cut points. Make sure to cut through both halves of your folder. This will create little divots on each side that the ribbon will slide into. This will keep the ribbon centered and secure when wrapped.



#### **Step 6: Weave your ribbon**

Weave the 15-inch length of ribbon in and out of the slits you just cut in the cardstock band.



### Step 7: Package your items

Take the items you wish to package and place it inside the folder. Make sure that it is centered.



### Step 8: Cut your ribbon

Cut your ribbon to a length that is long enough to wrap around your package twice and still leave room for a bow. For my 5 x 5 folded package, I cut mine to about 36 inches.



### Step 9: Wrap the package with ribbon

Next, take your ribbon and wrap it over the front of your package around to the back, then cross the ribbons over each other at the back and then bring them back towards the front (like how you would wrap a parcel). Make sure that the ribbons are sitting in the divots that you cut. Then tie a lovely bow at the front. You can also string on a [product tag](#) like the ones we created in previous Byte Syze tutorial.



## Step 10: The perfect packaging!

A simple packaging idea that uses minimal materials, and won't add too much bulk to your item when mailing. The perfect blend of pretty and practical!