

## Treasure Chest

### Outcome

A special decorated box will be created to keep your secret treasure in.

### What you will need

Clean and empty milk carton  
Ruler and pen  
Brown acrylic paint (raw sienna works well)  
Gold acrylic paint or gold ribbon  
2cm square of adhesive velcro  
Scissors  
PVA glue if using ribbon  
Old newspaper

### Here's how to make it!

- o Spread newspaper over your work area to protect it from paint.
- o Measure the height the chest will be and mark the sides and front with a pen line.
- o Using the scissors cut along the line but not the back.
- o Cut upwards so that the long back flap can become the lid with a front allowance.
- o Fold the back flap in two places to form the lid and front flap. Check where these folds should be by measuring the width and half the depth of the box (see photo).
- o Paint the box inside with brown acrylic paint. When dry paint the outside to match.
- o Using the black pen, draw wood planks on the sides, top, front and back. Add knot holes and wood grain if you like.
- o Paint 1cm gold edges on the box and a gold plate for the keyhole. If you prefer, glue gold ribbon on instead.
- o To keep the treasure chest closed, use your adhesive Velcro under the front lid flap.

*Tip: For an authentic under the sea look, paint the box in pale grey acrylic paint, then add splashes of a watered down green acrylic paint to the wooden parts of the box to resemble mould.*

#### Variations

Paint the box pink and decorate with lace for a lovely mother's day gift.

Use a beautiful button and a loop of elastic instead of Velcro.

Paint the bottom as a flower pot in terracotta colour and glue silk flowers all over the lid.