**DARI’S POCKET EXPLOSION BOX**

For this project, you will need 4 sheets of 12x12 paper. This is for the bare bones box. If you would like to add embellishments, you will need more ☺.

BASE/OUTER LAYER

4”x4”

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12”

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1. Score 4” from edge on all four sides. This creates nine 4”x4” squares.
2. Crease corner squares in half and cut a heart shape from edge as shown.

SECOND/MIDDLE LAYER

12”

12”

1. Cut ¼” from two ADJACENT sides.

11.75”

3.75”x4”

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4”x4”

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4”x3.75”

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1. Score 4” from all sides. This creates a 3.75”x3.75” center, 4 internal 3.75”x4” blocks and 4 4”x4” corner blocks.

SECOND/MIDDLE LAYER CONTINUED

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Thin line of glue

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1. Score ¼” in one of the corners. With your finger, go to the top of your paper and turn it 90\*. Score that corner square ¼” and repeat until you make it around the paper to the side you began with.
2. In the corner you are now at, cut perpendicular to your ¼” score line on the edge at the line that divides that corner box with the box next to it. Turn your paper 90\* and repeat the process until you are back to where you began.
3. Crease all score lines.
4. Glue the ¼” tabs and the box edge closest to center as shown. You should have 4 sides with pockets.
5. Using a “Thumb Notch” punch, punch through ONE layer of each side to facilitate easy removal of tag inserts.
6. To create these, cut tags that are 3.5” wide and 3.75” high.

INSIDE LAYER

Made from 12”x12”

4” 4.5”

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1. Score 4.5” from one edge.
2. Score 4” from opposite parallel edge.
3. Turn paper 90\* and repeat.

1” from edge

4” 4.5”

4” 4.5”

4” 4.5”

½” from edge

1. On the two sides that are 4.5” wide, score 1” from edge.
2. On the two sides that are 4” wide, score ½” from edge.

\*Note: The photo only shows the scoring done one direction. I didn’t want it to be confusing.

4” 4.5”

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1. Cut along lines as indicated in photo. It forms a pattern. On each side, you leave one block untouched from cutting.
2. Crease all edges. Glue pockets like you did the middle layer.

\*Note: Before you glue the undersides of the center blocks of the middle and inside layers, embellish each layer as desired. It’s easier to embellish this way ☺. When you are ready to assemble the layers, cover the underside center block completely and position it directly in the center of the layer beneath. I found the easiest way to do this is to stand up and look down at it.

TOP

1. Cut 12”x12” sheet down to 8 5/8”x 8 5/8”
2. Score 1” and 2.25” on all sides.
3. Cut along lines as shown.

Score 2 1/4”

Score 1”

Glue along this strip first

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1. Crease all score lines well.
2. Glue strips that have tabs and fold over.
3. Fold these strips in. Put glue on other sections.
4. Fold the second sections over the tabs and push together so they adhere well.

ALTERNATIVE:

You can also create the box top using an 8.5”x11” sheet of paper.

1. Cut the paper so it is 8.5”x8.5”.
2. Score 7/8” and 2.25” on all sides.
3. Follow directions above to finish.