

Creative Assignments:

Soapbox

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Dictionary definition: a box or crate used as a makeshift stand by a public speaker.

// "a soapbox orator" used with reference to a situation in which someone expresses strong opinions about a particular subject.

// "I do tend to get up on my soapbox about this issue"

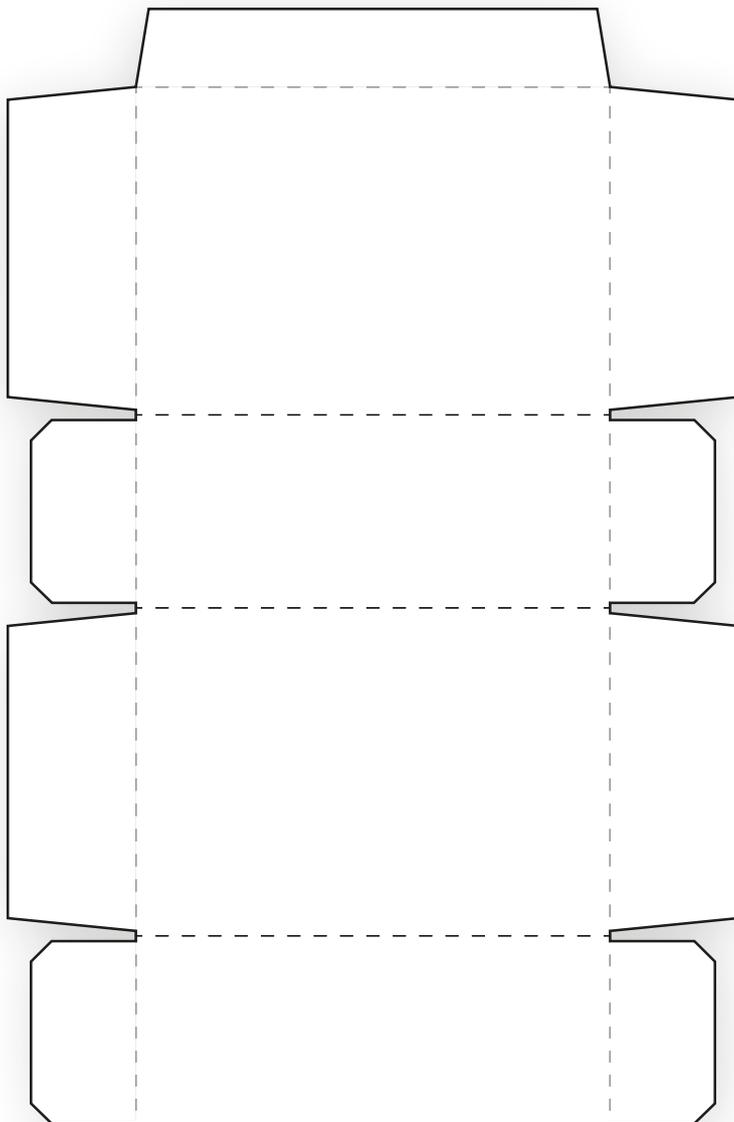


Making the soapbox

Gather your materials for decorating the box. You can use old maps, photos, poems etc. to collage to the surface. Use the template provided, draw around it on a piece of card, cut out and glue the tabs. Don't forget to leave an opening to

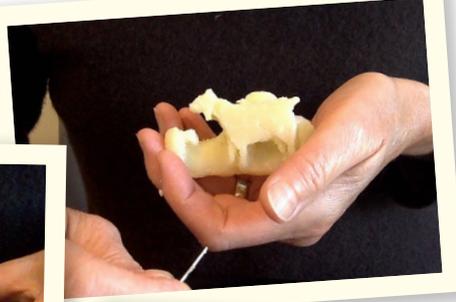
put your soap in!

You can reuse card packaging if you wish. Your box can act as a little plinth to display and house your soap carving.



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You can use simple objects as tools to draw with. In this picture, I used a paper template to draw around and then I carved the soap away with a twisted and unfolded paper clip. Please use all equipment safely and protect your hands and eyes. Only allow children to use safe, age appropriate tools under your supervision.

I based some of these forms on my shell collection. They are memories of beaches I visited before lockdown and places I am looking forward to revisiting one day. I have made the box from a template and collaged it.



Grate your leftover soap.

Melt in hot water, be careful not to boil. Remember to not leave pans unattended.

Cool and pour into the dispenser.

When you have finished carving your soap, you can use the left-overs to make liquid soap. Wash out and recycle an old soap dispenser to pour your liquid soap into. The ratio needed is 1:9 soap to water. Use within a week.

Please share photos of your artworks on Ty Pawb's Instagram and Facebook

Thank you for taking part.

