



# Parent Guide

## How can I use this with my children?

Follow these step-by-step instructions to upcycle empty cereal boxes by turning them into stylish magazine holders.

## How does this help my children's learning?

By getting creative and crafty with this resource, children can practise following instructions and using fine motor skills.

## Ideas for further learning:

Challenge your child to think about how else they could upcycle an empty cereal box. **This pack contains a variety of ideas for you to try at home.**



# Cereal Box Magazine Holder



Turn an empty cereal box into a stylish magazine holder or box file. A great activity for older children, or younger ones with some adult supervision.

## You will need:

Empty cereal box

Pencil

Ruler

Scissors

Decorating materials (see below)



## Instructions:

- 1** Hold the cereal box with one narrow side facing you. Mark and draw a straight line across this side, about 10cm from the bottom.
- 2** Place the box on its wide side so that this line is on the right. Mark and draw another line across the front wide side of the box, starting from the line you drew on the narrow side and joining up to the top left corner.
- 3** Turn the box over and do the same thing on the other wide side of the box, starting from the line you drew on the narrow side and joining up to the top right corner.
- 4** Now, carefully loosen the glued flaps of the box and open it out flat. Use scissors to cut along the lines you have drawn, and to cut off the top flaps of the box.

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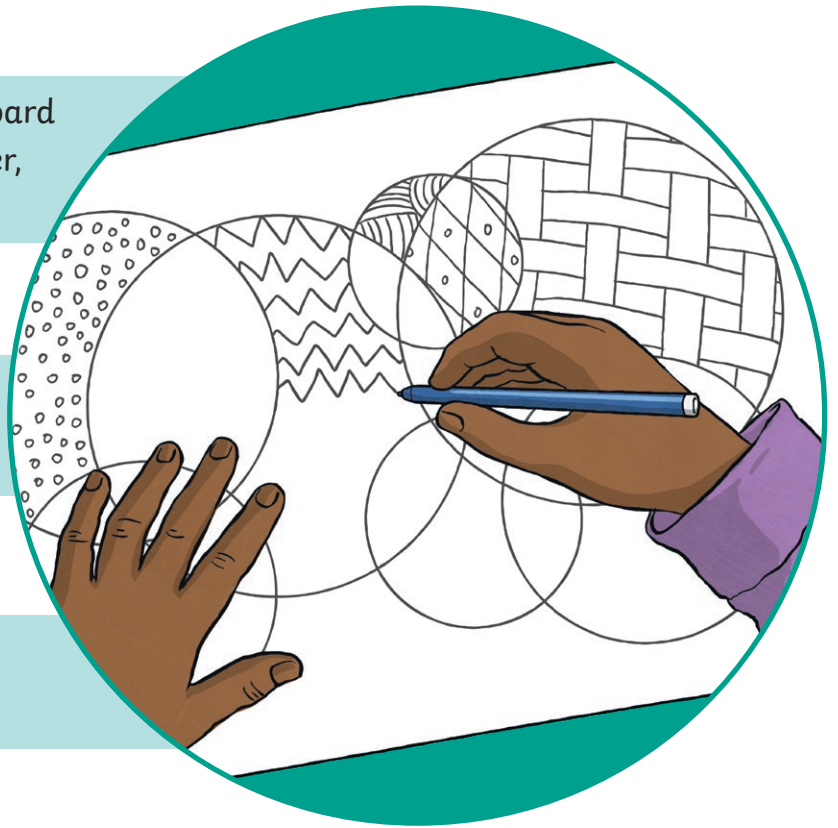
Decorate the inner plain cardboard side of the box with paint, paper, pens or crayons.

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Reassemble the box inside out, gluing the flaps down.

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Use the box to store magazines, papers or files.



## Hints and Tips

- If you don't want to decorate the box, you don't need to flatten it before cutting. Just cut along the lines you have drawn on the box. This is trickier than cutting flat, so make sure children are supervised.
- The box is turned inside out for decorating because the plain inner cardboard takes paint and pen much better.
- Try using different sized cereal boxes and make a collection of matching boxes to store all your bits and bobs.
- You could cover the entire box with a piece of pretty wrapping paper, or paper that matches your décor. Or try some decoupage (gluing on scraps of colourful paper to decorate). Decoupage glue, brushes and papers are available from craft stores.

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