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Zither Box Tutorial



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Supplies needed:

- Pion Design papers (Linnaeus Botanical Journal)
- 12" x 12" Chipboard
- ½" thick poster board
- 80 stick pins
- Paint to color the stick pins
- Metallic embroidery thread
- Craft knife (to cut the chipboard and the poster board)
- Paper Trimmer

PROCESS:

1. The project measures about 10" x 10 ½" so to be able to get the correct size, the template is in two pieces. Scale and print the template pieces at 100% and then cut them out (except for the 80 tiny holes) and tape the two pieces together.
2. Trace the template with the exception of the 80 tiny holes onto chipboard and then cut it out.
3. Trace the template onto Pion Design paper.
4. For all the tiny holes, use a piercing tool to pierce through each of the template holes to mark where each of the holes are to be on the Pion Design paper.
5. Cut out the Pion Design paper and adhere it over the chipboard.
6. The strings are held in place by an unusual, inexpensive element - stick pins! Before adding the stick pins to each of the 80 tiny marked piercings, adhere pieces of 1/2" thick poster board behind where the stick pins are placed to completely cover the sharp ends of the pins.
7. Paint the stick pins and then pierce them through the 80 piercing marks.

8. The string is metallic embroidery thread. Take the embroidery thread and wrap it around a stick pin and then stretch it across and wrap it around the corresponding stick pin. Twist to tighten.
9. Use the same template without all the holes to cut out the chipboard bottom of the box.
10. Add chipboard rectangular sides covered with Pion Design papers to the top and bottom zither pieces to form the box.