

Secret Keepsake Box

Place small keepsakes, earrings, and rings in this vintage-style jewelry box with a plush lining. There's even a secret compartment for extra-special treasures.



Supplies:

Empty Altoids® box
Bright felt
Scissors
Craft glue
Scrap paper
Decorative paper
Cardstock paper
Pencil
Ruler
Tiny foam shapes

Instructions:

1. Trace the bottom of the Altoids® box onto the scrap paper. Cut out the tracing and check to see how it fits inside; you may need to trim it. Then use the paper tracing to cut three felt shapes of the same size. Glue one in the lid, one in the bottom of the box, and set the third aside.
2. Trace the top and bottom of the box onto decorative paper and cut the tracings out, then glue them on. Use a ruler to measure the sides of the box and lid, then cut strips of decorative paper that can fit around each. Glue the strips on.
3. Glue a foam shape on the front of the lid, where it latches.
4. To make the false bottom for the secret compartment, take the third piece of felt you cut earlier and glue it to a piece of cardstock the same size. Glue two foam shapes on top of each other then glue them in the center of the felt side. This will be the knob that you'll use to open the secret compartment. Put the false bottom inside, and a ring or two on top to disguise it. For best results, let your keepsake box dry overnight before using.

