

Roller Skate Valentine Box

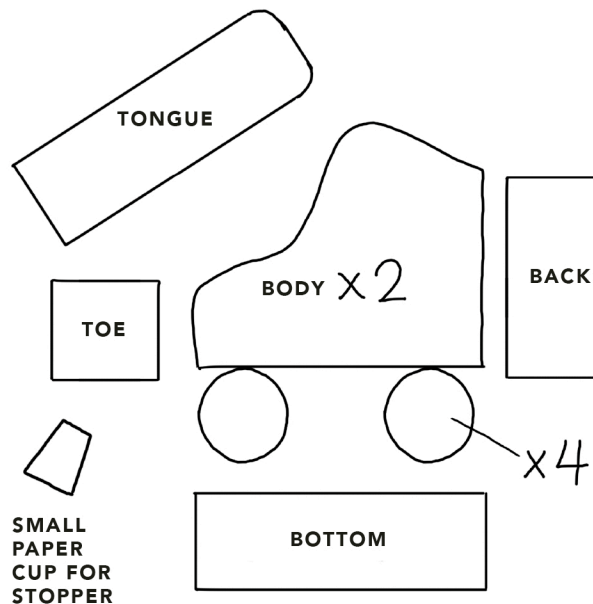
A PLACE TO PUT ALL THOSE WHEELIE SPECIAL CARDS AND TREATS

SUPPLIES:

- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD
or FOAM CORE BOARD
 - 2 skate body (ours is 9" high and 11 3/4" long)
 - 1 rectangle for skate bottom (11 3/4"x4")
 - 1 rectangle for skate back (9"x4")
 - 4 wheels (about 3 1/2" in diameter)
 - CARD STOCK or PAPERBOARD (CEREAL BOX)
 - 1 toe (measure to go up and over toe)
 - 1 tongue (measure 1" longer than distance from top of toe to the top of the skate)
- NOTE: The skate bottom, back, toe, and tongue should all be the same width—about 4".*
- SCRATCH PAPER
 - SMALL PAPER CUP
 - RIBBON AND POM POMS
 - CRAFT KNIFE
 - CUTTING MAT
 - COLORFUL PAINT, WRAPPING PAPER or TISSUE
 - GLITTER (OR OTHERWISE SHINY) PAPER
 - MARKERS
 - TAPE
 - GLUE STICK or SPRAY MOUNT
 - HOT GLUE GUN

APPROXIMATE SIZES:

BODY: 9" x 11.75"
BOTTOM: 11.75" x 4"
BACK: 9" x 4"
TOE: 5" x 4"
TONGUE: 10" x 3.75"
WHEELS: 3.5" round
STOPPER: 1.5" x 2"



STEPS

1. CUT OUT SKATE PARTS: Sketch all the parts on scratch paper and trace them on to the cardboard and card stock as shown at left. Cut everything out with a craft knife.
3. ADD COLOR: Cover the parts in tissue or wrapping paper or paint them so they all match.
4. BUILD THE SKATE: Wait until paint is dry, then use hot glue supported by masking tape to attach the bottom and back of the skate to the body. Tape in the tongue, and finish by adding the toe with hot glue. The top of the skate will be the opening for cards. (Note: Don't add the wheels yet.)
4. DECORATE THE SKATE: Paint colorful stripes & circles, cut out a glittery paper heart, or do your own thing. Don't forget to decorate both sides of the skate.
5. MAKE THE WHEELS AND STOPPER: Trace a cup on to cardboard for the wheels and cut them out with a craft knife. Trace the same cup on glitter paper to give them some sparkle, and add smaller circles to finish them off. Don't forget to add some shimmer to your stopper, too.
6. LACE THEM UP: Center a 4-5" piece of ribbon over the toe, and lay it out like you would laces over the tongue of the skate—just to make sure it fits. You can glue it down on the sides, or cut holes and lace it up. Add pom poms for some serious skater girl accessorizing.
7. FINISH IT OFF: Hot glue the wheels to the sides of the skate and add the stopper just under the toe.