

making a scroll case

A scroll case is a protective vessel for a scroll that will keep it secure during transportation to and from the event. Mostly they are made for traditional paper scrolls and a few types of non-traditional scrolls. These can often be turned in at events to Royalty or the Signet for reuse, so that another worthy recipient's scroll can make it home safely. Sometimes these cases will provide longer storage while the recipient of a scroll gets it framed, sometimes months or even years in rare cases- so durability and protection are key. There are many styles of scroll cases, ranging from two pieces of cardboard taped together to ornate hand stitched fabric cases. In this resource, you will learn how to make one style of utilitarian scroll case, as well as a more ornate fabric version that you can use as a general gift to your Kingdom, or specifically for your own scroll.

Things to consider in a scroll case are:

- ◆ A clean, unsoiled inside surface that won't damage the artwork, preferably white
- ◆ Rigid and sturdy
- ◆ Some manner of closure or fastener
- ◆ Properly sized for the scroll
- ◆ Reasonably water-resistant

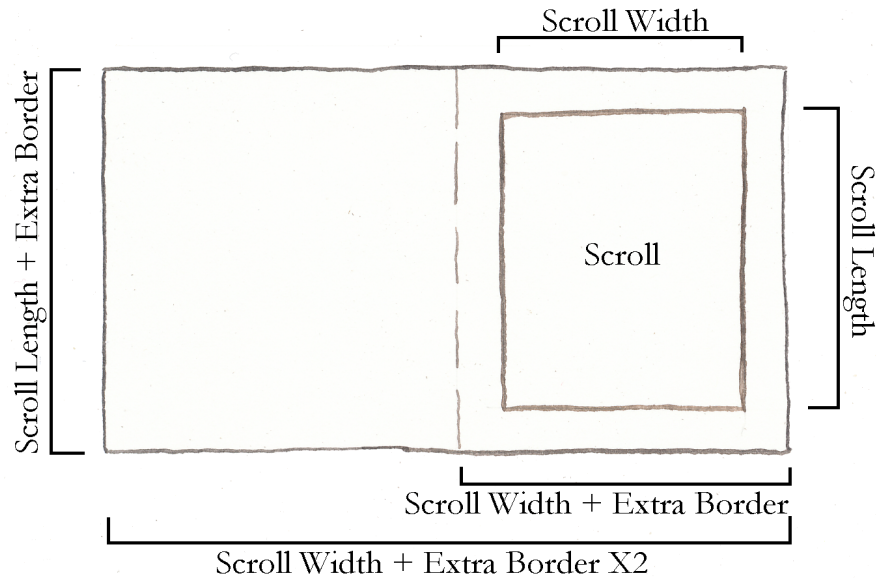
Some of the best materials to use for rigidity and durability are Binder's board (also called book board Davey board, grey board, and sometimes chip board) and mat board that is at least 4 ply. These options can be a little on the expensive side, so if you can find sturdy cardboard or even foam board, that usually will suffice for short term storage. If you choose to use tape as your closure, please ensure that it is a low tack tape, as there is an off chance of the scroll sliding down in the case and adhering to duct tape or similar strong tapes.

Basic Utilitarian Scroll Case

What you will need:

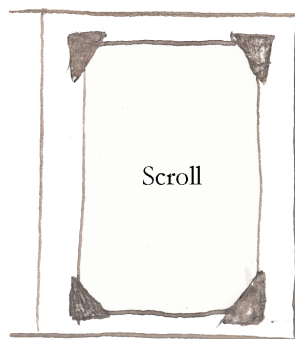
- ◆ Sturdy, unbent corrugated cardboard or foam board
- ◆ Painter's tape or similar low-tack tape
- ◆ Photo mounting corner stickers

Step 1. Measure your scroll and add anywhere from 1" - 1 1/2" to each side. Double your adjusted measurement for the width and mark onto your cardboard or foam board.



Step 2. Score the center for easier and cleaner folding by scoring right down the middle, lengthwise and fold. If scoring will cut into your material, score from the outside. Using a single, folded piece of material is done to avoid the use of tape along the center hinge.

Step 3. Position your scroll onto the inside of your case and carefully trace one corner of the scroll in pencil. Fit one photo corner sticker onto a corner of your scroll, remove the backing and place where you made the mark. As it is not a permanent display for your scroll, it needn't be *perfectly* centered. With one corner set, fit another corner onto your scroll and set it to your case. Repeat until all your corners are tacked down.



A note about Cardboard: the acid in the cardboard can discolor the scroll if it is left in direct contact with it for a long period of time. Hopefully the recipient takes it home and immediately frames it, but just in case, it is wise to line the cardboard with acid free white paper, glassine paper (available at art supply stores), or a water-resistant paper , You can also slip the scroll in a plastic bag (especially for wet camping events!) before placing it inside the cardboard.

Step 4. Close up your scroll case and secure the remaining long open edge with a piece of painter's tape and you're set to securely mail a scroll!



Decorative Fabric Scroll Case

What you will need

- ◆ Sturdy, unbent Corrugated cardboard, Foam Board, 4+ ply rag Matboard, or similar material
- ◆ Decorative Fabric of any type
- ◆ Solid color white or off-white fabric- preferably cotton or poly/cotton for liner
- ◆ Ribbon
- ◆ White Elastic Ribbon (optional)

Step 1. Cut one piece of each fabric according to the measurements in the chart below. Cut your white/liner material in half width wise. For scroll sizes not listed in the chart, here is how you get the measurement.

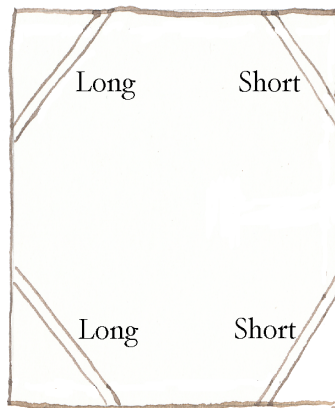
Measure your scroll. Add 1½ inch border all around. Add a half inch to the width of that measurement. Double the width and add a half inch seam allowance to all sides.

Scroll Size	Material size	Corner ribbon/ elastic
5" x 7"	18" x 11"	5" / 6"
8" x 10"	24" x 14"	7" / 8"
11" x 14"	30" x 18"	9" / 10"
16" x 20"	40" x 24"	10" / 11"

Step 2. Cut two pieces of ribbon, approximately 6 inches in length for closures and cut two pieces each of the corner ribbon or elastic ribbon to the specified length above.

Step 3. Cut your Cardboard or similar rigid material insert. Use the measurement of your scroll and add a 1½ inch border to each side.

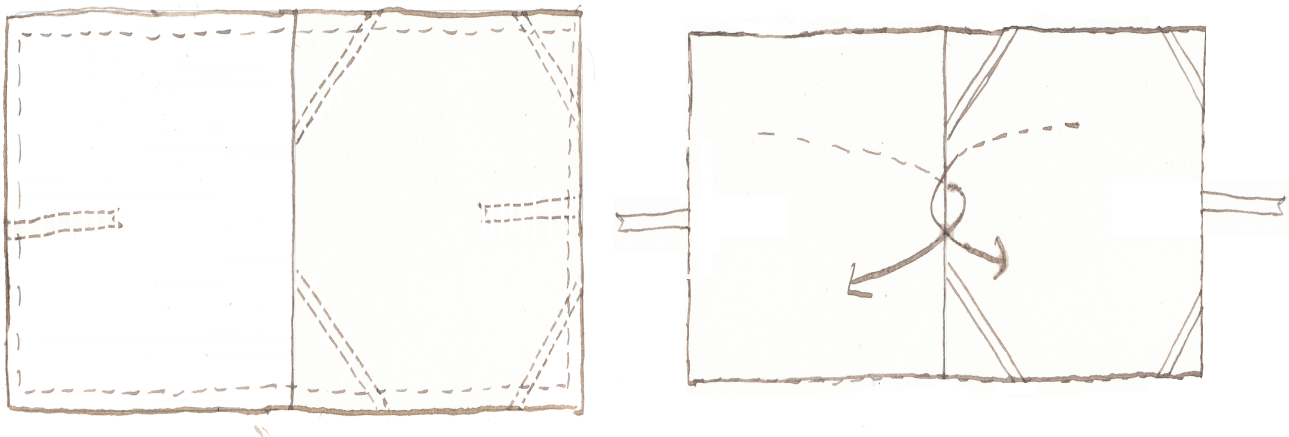
Step 4. Tack your four pieces of ribbon or elastic to the face side on one of your liner pieces at the corners at a 45 degree angle. The reason two of the pieces are longer are because a half inch of this will be taken up in the final seam, as shown in step 7 and 8.



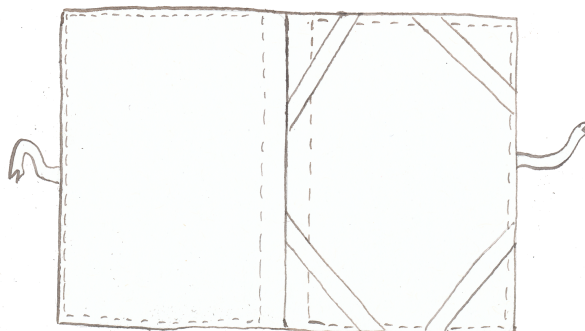
Step 5. Tack your two pieces of closing ribbon on opposite ends of the face side of your decorative material, lengthwise- going towards the center of the material.



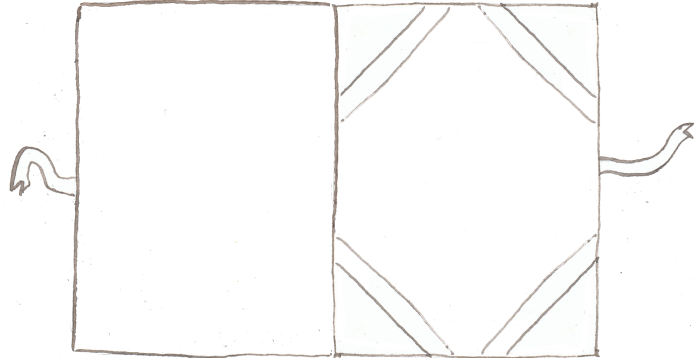
Step 6. Place your materials face to face and sew with a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam all around, leaving the edge on the white material facing the center open. Turn this case right side out so that the elastic is over the white liner, not the decorative fabric.



Step 7. Insert your cardboard or similar rigid material all the way into the sleeves you have just formed, there should be a 1" gap in the center between the two pieces. If your inserts do not want to fit into the sleeve, simply shave off a little bit from one of the shorter sides.



Step 8. Close the scroll case and sew along the spine as close to the rigid material as possible. A zipper foot on a sewing machine or hand sewing will do the best job, here. Once this stitch is done, your scroll case is complete and ready to have a scroll secured inside and tied off.



This scroll case may be modified by simply having one piece of ribbon or elastic running along the length, width or diagonal of the inside, or only two corners may have the corner ribbon or elastic. You can also include extra ties for the top and bottom in case the case is reused for a smaller scroll that won't be held properly by the ribbon or elastic- the goal is to not allow the scroll any means of slipping out of its securing straps and the case. This method is shown because it is the most versatile and most secure.