

## Baby Photo Decorated Paper Mache Boxes



This paper mache box set makes adorable baby room decor. Need a "New Baby" present? Print out and use photos of their new arrival to create a unique gift that the parents will treasure! (Can't get baby photos? Try images of letter blocks, baby animals or nursery rhymes for a cute set.)

### Materials Checklist

- Paper mache 7 box set #2849-15
- Small wood animal #9828-08
- Small wood alpha shapes #9828-A, #9828-B, #9828-C
- 2 sheets pink cardstock
- Baby photos, photocopies or other images of your choice
- Gesso\*
- Acrylic paint: Soft yellow, pink, yellow, orange, lavender, apple green, sage green & blue gray
- 1.5" Wood ball knobs #9119-29
- Thin pink ribbon
- Paintbrushes
- X-acto knife or paper trimmer
- Sand paper\*
- Scissors
- Glue or glue dots
- Hot glue gun
- Rag or paper towels
- Sponge dabbers

\*Optional. See Tip in Step 1.

1. Paint the boxes soft yellow or your choice of color. Let dry.  
Tip: Gesso the boxes first, let dry and sand. The paint will adhere better, and you will use less paint.
2. Choose 7 coordinating colors to paint the box lids, or paint them all one color. Paint the lids and let dry.
3. Use a sponge dabber dipped in paint to make the polka dots. Paint a wood knob the same color of the polka dots used on each box. Let dry.
3. Hot glue a wood knob to the center of each lid.
4. Cut thin ribbon to wrap and tie around each box lid. If desired, glue thin ribbon around the base of each box, too.
5. Measure and cut a square paper mat for each box from pink or blue cardstock. You will need to cut 1.75", 2.25", 2" x 2.75", 3.25" and 2" x 3.75" squares.
7. Choose an image or photo for each box. Sizes needed are: 1.5", 2", 1.75" x 2.5", 3", and 1.75" x 3.5".
8. Use a tape runner or glue stick to attach photo to each paper mat and then attach a mat to the front of each box.
9. Use a 3-D glue dot to attach a wood cutout or alpha to the corner of each photo.