

DIY Lightbox Tutorial

Materials:

White foam core, 20" x 30" - 7 sheets
Clear shipping tape
Parchment paper roll (the kind you use for cooking in ovens)

Tools:

Xacto knife, box cutter, or rotary cutting wheel
Ruler
Lighting sources
Measurements (on page 2)

Step-by-Step Directions:

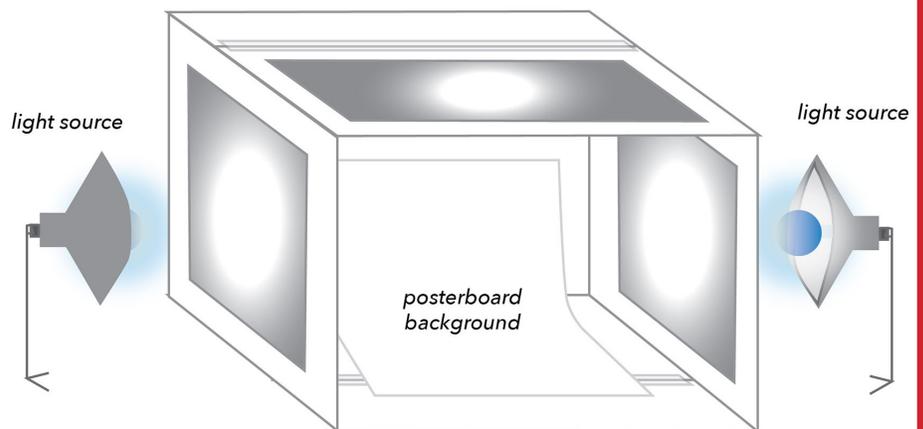
Step 1: Cut out windows in three sheets of the foam core. The windows should be about 1" narrower than the width of your parchment paper. For example, my parchment paper is 12" so I cut out my windows at 11" high. This will allow us to overlap parchment paper over the edge of the windows later.

Step 2: Roll out the parchment paper to fit each of the three windows you cut in step 1. Carefully tape all four sides of the parchment paper to the foam core, avoiding wrinkling the parchment paper. You need only one layer of parchment paper per window.

Step 3: Take one sheet of foam core and cut it in half lengthwise. This means you'll end up with two pieces, each 10" x 30".

Step 4: Tape one of the half-size pieces you made in step 3 to one of your windows. You want to tape the long sides together so the total size is 30" x 30". Important: Tape only one side of the foam core, not both. This is the TOP of your light box.

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Step 5: Tape the other half-size piece you made in step 3 to a new piece of foam core. Tape both sides for stability. The finished size is 30" x 30". This is the BOTTOM of your light box.

Step 6: Now tape the walls to the bottom of your lightbox. You want two windows walls on either side, and a new piece of foam core (no window) on the back. Important: The two side wall panels go on top of the bottom panel, as shown below.

Step 7: Tape the top on, putting the extra bit we added toward the back. Important: Make sure the side with tape (where you joined the two pieces of the top panel together) is on the top. The tape acts as a hinge, allowing you to open and close the top for better access.

Step 8: Now just position two lights on either side of your lightbox, put in a large piece of paper to act as a backdrop, and snap away.

Enjoy your gorgeous photos!

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