

Picture frame wall safe

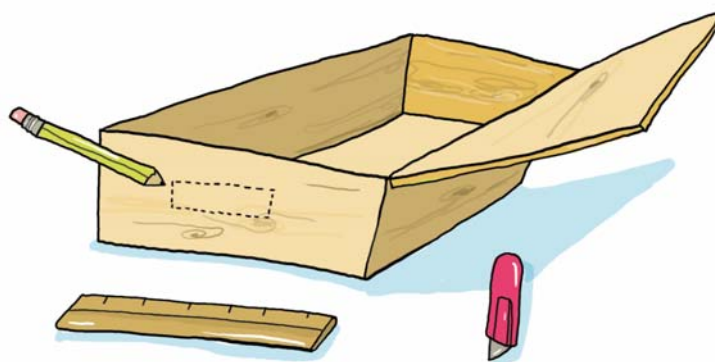
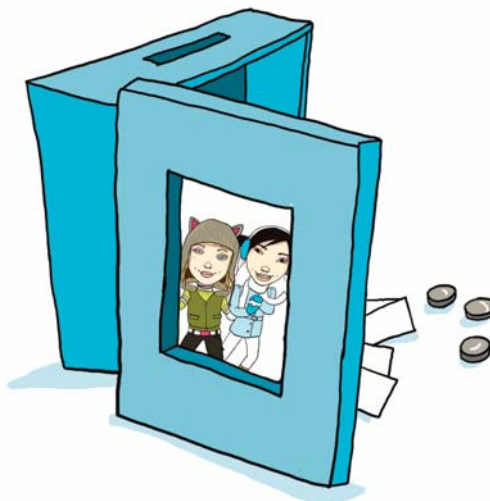
Create a secret stash for your cash that looks like just another pretty picture. Only you will know that your moolah is tucked in behind safe and sound!

STUFF YOU NEED

- an 18 cm x 23 cm x 5 cm (7 in. x 9 in. x 2 in.) wood or cardboard cigar box (from a craft-supply or cigar store)
- a piece of Velcro 2.5 cm (1 in.) wide
- a 23 cm x 28 cm (9 in. x 11 in.) unfinished wood picture frame with glass, with a 13 cm x 17 cm (5 in. x 7 in.) center opening
- a picture for the frame
- 3M Command Picture Hanging Strips
- a glue gun and glue sticks
- newspaper, masking tape, craft paint, a small paintbrush
- a ruler, a pencil, a utility or craft knife, scissors

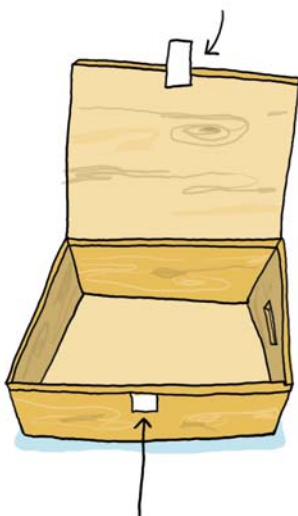
1 On one short end of the cigar box, measure and mark 7 cm (2½ in.) from each short edge. Then measure and mark 2 cm (¾ in.) from each long edge. Using a ruler, connect these marks to draw a rectangle.

2 Using the utility knife, carefully cut out the rectangle from step 1 to make a slot. Ask an adult to stand by to help you, and make sure you keep your fingers out of the way of the knife blade.

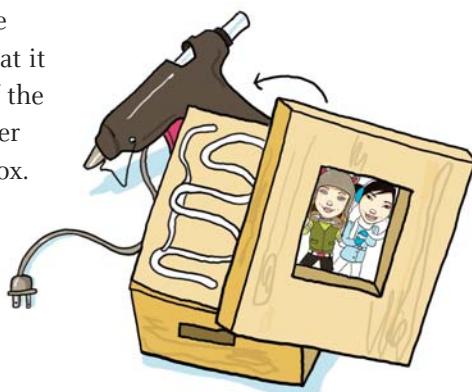


3 Separate the two sides of the Velcro. Cut one side in half and set the pieces aside.

4 Measure and mark the center point on the long edge of the mouth of the box. Glue one of the short pieces of Velcro to the side of the box at this point. Glue the long piece of Velcro to the inside lid of the box so that it wraps around the edge of the lid and sticks to the shorter piece on the side of the box.



5 Remove the back of the picture frame, put your picture in, and replace the back of the frame. Apply a generous amount of glue to the cigar box lid. Center and stick the picture frame to the lid, with the top of the picture and the slot you made in step 2 at the same end.



6 Cover your work surface with newspaper. Apply masking tape around the inside edge of the picture frame glass to keep from getting paint on the glass.

7 Paint the picture frame and the cigar box the same color. Let dry. Repeat.



8 Apply the hanging strips to the back of the box, and then ask an adult to help you hang your wall safe. Tuck your money into the top slot, and when you want to make a withdrawal, lift the Velcro tab to crack the safe!

