

# “You Rock Dad” Picture Frame



## Materials:

- 3 pieces of cardboard (1 large pizza box and one shoe box with lid)
- Glue
- Rocks (washed and dried)
- Sticks
- Twine or Ribbon
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Paper with designs (wrapping paper, scrapbook paper, magazine, etc.)
- Photograph

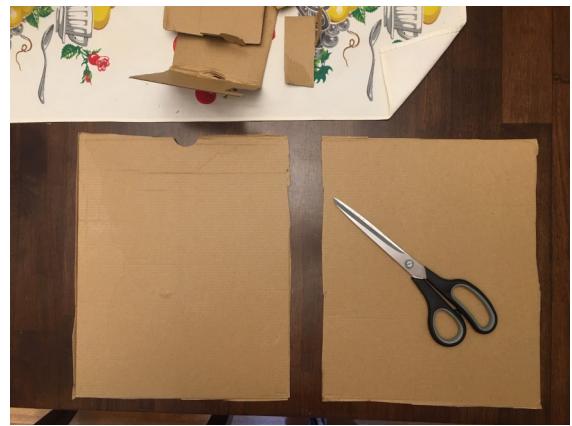
### Step 1:

- Find 3 pieces of cardboard - I used a new shoebox, with lid, and the clean lid to a large pizza box.



### Step 2:

- Flatten shoebox and using scissors cut out the bottom of the box, and the top of the lid. Recycle remaining pieces of cardboard. You should end up with two pieces that look like this:

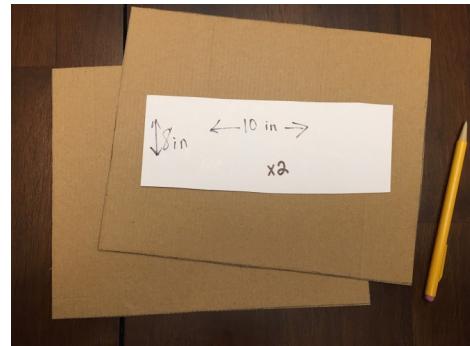
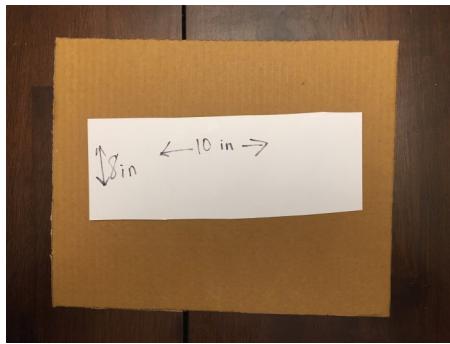


### Step 3:

- Using a ruler, square off your pieces of cardboard and cut along the straight lines

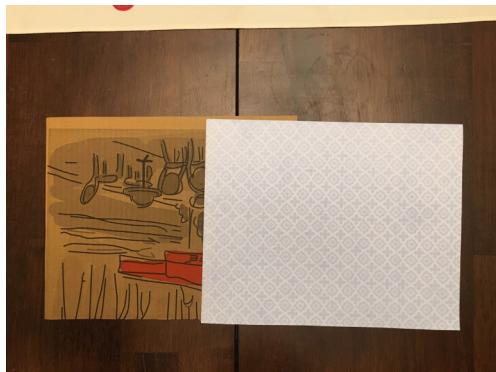
#### Step 4:

- Measure an 8 in. by 10 in. rectangle on each piece of cardboard, and cut out. You should end up with 3 pieces of cardboard measuring 8 in.  $\times$  10 in.



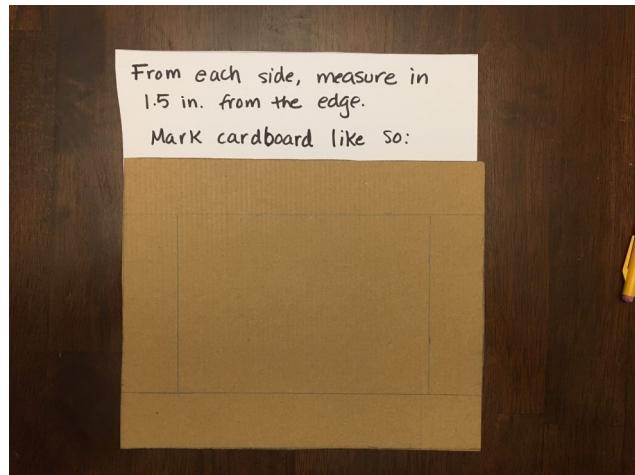
#### Step 5:

- Using your sheet of designed paper, measure out a piece 8 in.  $\times$  10 in. and glue onto one of your pieces of cardboard. This forms your base.



#### Step 6:

- On the two remaining pieces of cardboard, measure in 1.5 in. from each edge, as shown here. You should end up with a rectangle measuring 5 in.  $\times$  7 in. inside the 8 in.  $\times$  10 in. piece of cardboard



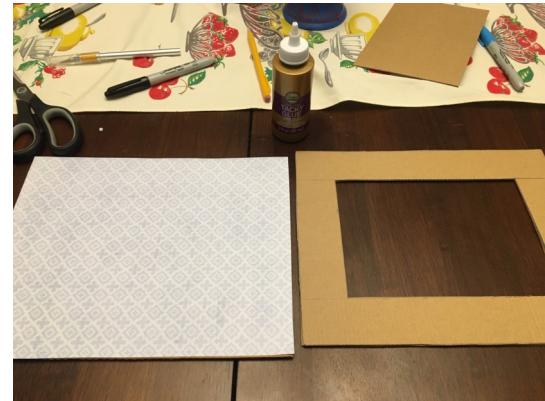
### Step 7:

- Using an exacto-knife or scissors against a ruler, trace the edges of the smaller 5 in. x 7 in. rectangle. **ALWAYS ASK FOR ADULT PERMISSION AND ASSISTANCE WHEN USING SHARP OBJECTS OR TOOLS!**
- Your finished result should look like this:



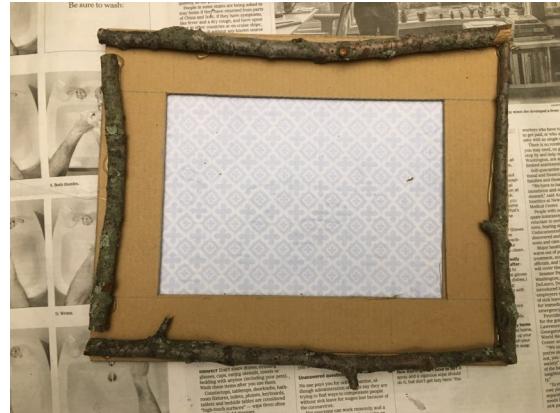
### Step 8:

- Glue one frame to the base board, and glue the other frame on top of the first frame, like so:



### Step 9:

- Gather two long sticks, approximately 18 in. long each. Lay one stick on top of the frame, and mark the stick where it should be broken or cut. The sticks should form a “frame” on top of the cardboard frame, like so. One measured, cut and glue sticks to cardboard frame.



### Step 10:

- Gather your stones, and begin to glue along the edge of the top cardboard frame, like so:



## Step 11:

- If you find your frame edges need a bit more decoration, you can fill in gaps using whatever you like, such as mini pinecones, pebbles, or small twigs. I used Spanish moss in this example:



## Step 12:

- Cut a piece of twine or ribbon, about 12 in. and glue to the back of your base, like so:



### Step 13:

- When your glue is dry, turn your project over, and add a special photograph in the center of the base cardboard. You can use glue, double sided tape, or push pins:



### Step 14:

- You did it! Wrap your "You Rock Dad" frame and give it to the special Dad or Dad-figure in your life!