

Art revealing the gunfire epidemic.



If you could save a life by folding two pieces of paper, would you?

Over 70,000 people are killed or injured by gunfire in the U.S. every year. Suicides by gun account for over half of those deaths.* How do we put meaning to those numbers, the individual lives torn apart by gunfire? Statistics can tell us facts, but they do not reveal the pain. How do we respond?

The Soul Box Project is *showing* people the numbers. We are collecting hand-folded origami boxes to represent victims of gunfire in the U.S. and displaying tens of thousands of those Soul Boxes in public spaces around the country, and in our Online Exhibit. When people see the numbers, they *feel* the magnitude of this gunfire epidemic. They *get it*. And they realize they can make a difference: By locking up their guns. Or supporting a friend who's struggling. By writing to their legislators. By being aware.

Every Soul Box holds space for a single life. Anyone can fold a Soul Box and send it in to be included in our exhibits. The very act of folding can provide solace to a person experiencing trauma – directly or indirectly – from gunfire incidents. Gun violence. Suicides. Defense. Accidents. Folding a Soul Box is a nonconfrontational, nonpartisan way to take action. To express outrage or frustration. To honor a victim. To help heal a grieving heart.

“ARTivism” can reach hearts, change minds and shift culture. The AIDS Memorial Quilt proved it decades ago. The gunfire epidemic has grown within the COVID-19 pandemic. Once again, people across the country are responding to the Soul Box Online Exhibit and to huge piles and long walls made from thousands of individual Soul Boxes in open air exhibits.

Won't you join in? It begins with two pieces of paper, when you fold a Soul Box to acknowledge one life. It comes together in a massive art statement. The movement continues with a cultural shift, as people comprehend the devastating loss of lives and take actions that align with their concerns.

Make a Box. Send it in. It counts.

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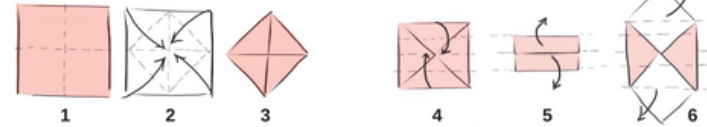
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First - **WATCH A VIDEO** >

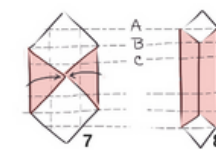


Use medium weight paper 8 1/2" square.

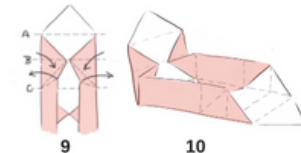


First make the **BOX BOTTOM**. #1 Begin with the side of the paper you want showing face UP, fold in half both ways. #2 **TURN** the paper over. #3 Fold the four corners into the center point.

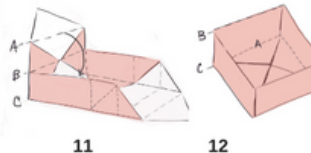
#4 Fold the top and bottom to the center so it looks like #5, then unfold. Open the top and bottom flaps. #6



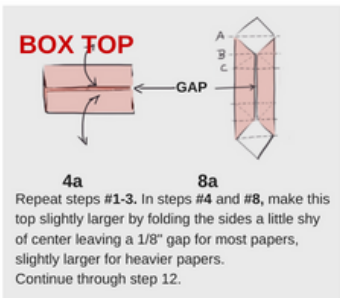
#7 Fold each side into the center and crease #8. Open the flaps to an upright position to form the sides of the box.



#9 While holding the side flaps open push in the diagonal folds between fold B & C with index fingers, forming figure #10 **WATCH THE VIDEO**



#11 Fold the flap along fold B to the inside, so fold A meets fold C. #12. Repeat on other end. **Stuff this box bottom** with a crumpled sheet of paper to keep it from getting crushed.



Repeat steps #1-3. In steps #4 and #8, make this top slightly larger by folding the sides a little shy of center leaving a 1/8" gap for most papers, slightly larger for heavier papers. Continue through step 12.

Add a name or message to the top of your

Soul Boxes. Send them to

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