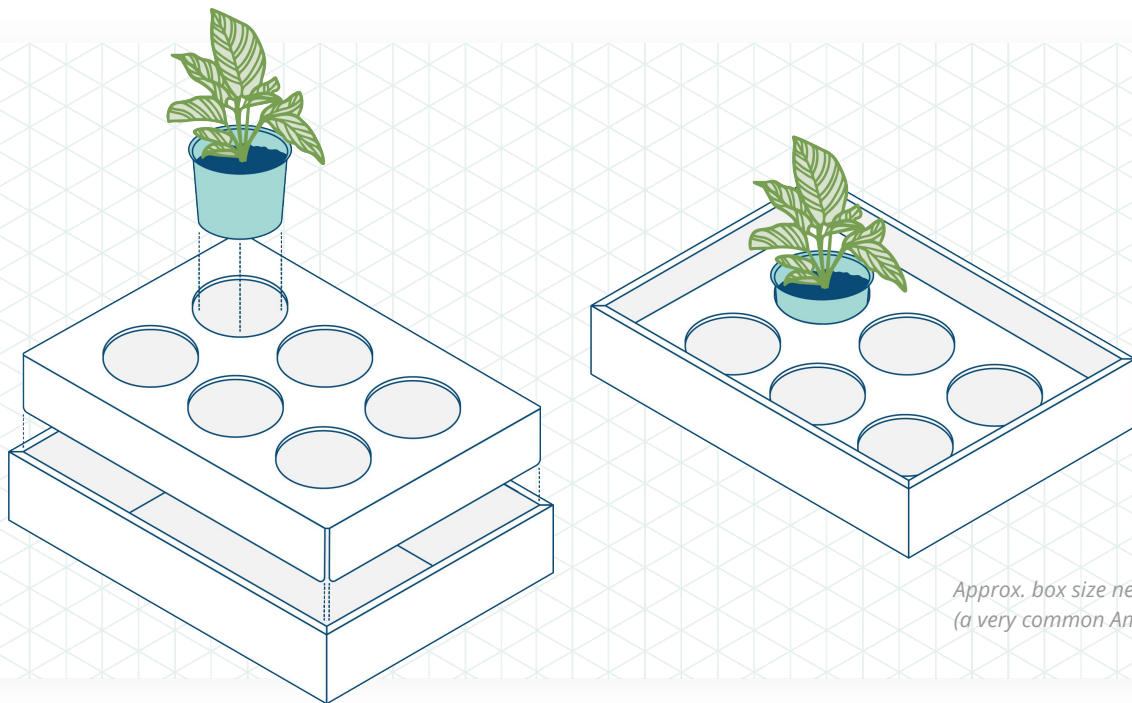


# DIY Indoor Plant Station

Create an Instagrammable upcycled planter box for sending little green gifts safely and securely—you don't want them getting crushed in the mail! This planter is perfect for gifting small 4"–5" houseplants to the plant lover in your life. It can be easily customized with paper liners, paint, stencils, etc. for a modern, sleek look. Get creative!



Approx. box size needed: 12.5" x 15" x 3"  
(a very common Amazon box size)

## Supplies Needed

✓	A green thumb	Exacto knife / box cutter <i>Adult supervision required</i>
	Cardboard shipping box <i>(approximately 12.5"W x 15" H x 3" D)</i>	Pencil
	Spare, flat piece of cardboard <i>(larger in width and height than your box)</i>	Decorating materials of your choice <i>(stickers, confetti, etc.)</i>
	6 small plants <i>(in 4" or 5" pots, dry or without bottom holes)</i>	
	Paint	
	Scissors <i>Adult supervision required</i>	

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## Box Prep

1. To prepare the box, trim off the box flaps with an exacto knife or sharp pair of scissors (adult supervision required). For a slightly cleaner look, you can also trim down the flaps (so they match the internal height of the inside of the box), fold them down and secure with adhesive inside the box.
2. Paint the inside and outside of the box with a color of your choice. Or, use a thin wrapping paper of your choice and spray adhesive to wrap the box, trimming off excess paper and smoothing air bubbles as you go. Let all paint and adhesive dry fully before proceeding to the next step.

## Creating the Insert

3. First, measure out the width, height and depth of the *inside* of your box. Be exact, and write the measurements down to have on hand.
4. Next, create the insert. With your spare piece of cardboard or paperboard, measure out a rectangle with the measurements you recorded earlier. On all sides, mark out an additional 2-3" wide rectangle to create support flaps.
5. Next, measure out the circular holes for the planters. For a 12.5" x 15" box, leave a 1" margin from the center rectangle, and from there mark out a 2x3 grid of circles large enough to fit your planters (we recommend no larger than 5" width). Leave at least 1" of space between cutouts.
6. Cut out the insert and the circles with your exacto knife or box cutter. Paint the insert, as well as the inside / outside of the box, with the color(s) of your choice, if desired.
7. Once the insert and the box have been decorated and all paint / adhesive has dried, take the insert and score along the underside of the seam of the fold flaps with an exacto knife. Then fold the flaps down at a 90 degree angle to turn the insert into a table or platform inside your box.
8. Slide the insert inside the box and fill with plants!

