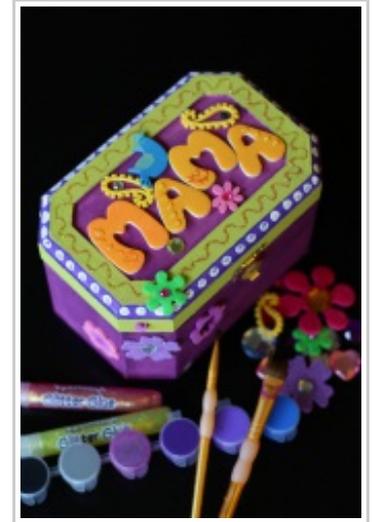


## Make Mom a Love Box!

There can never be too many ways to let Mom know just how much she means to the people in her life. These "Love Boxes" are just one of the many ways a child can tell Mom all of the things he loves about her, on Mother's Day, or any day!

Not only are these charming boxes adorable and easy to make, they're actually useful storage tools as well. Mom can use them to store some of her jewelry or keepsakes she's collected from outings with the kids—whatever her heart desires! This is an easy project that doesn't require much more than basic supervision from Dad—which is nice, since this is supposed to be a present for Mom!



### What You Need:

- Unpainted wooden box (find these at craft stores, such as Michaels or Hobby Lobby)
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrushes
- Wood glue
- Decorations, such as wooden letters, buttons, plastic gems, etc.
- Paper
- Pen or markers

### What You Do:

1. Let your child start by painting the box. It's better to limit the color options and make the rule that each box can only be painted one color. Otherwise you end up with the painted equivalent of scribble-scrabble; sticking with a single color results in a much more attractive box. Then later, after the paint dries, if he would still like to paint on polka dots or paint Mom's name, he'll have a clean, solid background.
2. While the paint dries on the box, let your child paint any decorative elements for the box. He might want to paint the letters for MAMA or add wooden flowers. He can even find some of his favorite pictures with Mom to cut out and paste on the box.
3. Once the paint is dry, he can attach the decorations he's just painted and any other decorations he would like. Some ideas: cover the box in buttons; paint large and small hearts on the box; add a fluffy pom-pom to the center of the box.
4. While the decorations dry, he can work on the part that is bound to be Mom's favorite part of the gift: a handwritten list of things he loves about his mom to put inside of the box. Mom will cherish that list forever!