

Shoebbox Nativity

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Does your family have a nativity to set up for Advent and Christmas? These displays, also called manger scenes or *creches*, are great ways to keep in mind the reason for the season! You can easily make your own.



Here's what you'll need:

- An empty shoebox
- Old Christmas cards (that you can cut up)

- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Colored paper (wallpaper samples work great)
- Other things to decorate with, such as markers and ribbon



Here's what you'll do:

1. Lay the shoebox on one side, sitting in the lid. Color the insides of the box with markers, or cover with paper.
2. Choose figures or scenes from the Christmas cards. Cut them out and arrange them

in the shoebox. You can make the box itself the stable, or you can make a whole scene of Bethlehem inside the box.

3. Glue the figures in place by folding a leftover strip of card paper into an “L” shape and gluing one part to the figure and the other to the bottom of the box.

4. Decorate according to your imagination. Display in your room or somewhere else in your house. Also makes a nice gift for an elderly friend in a nursing home or for anyone!

