Making a Playing Card Tuck Box

You will need:

A box template
A4 card
PVA glue
Scissors
A ruler
A butter knife, empty ball pen or a blunt six-inch nail

Instructions:

You will need a template. I created my own by opening up an existing playing card box, drawing around it, and marking the crease and cut lines, and then scanning it into a computer file:
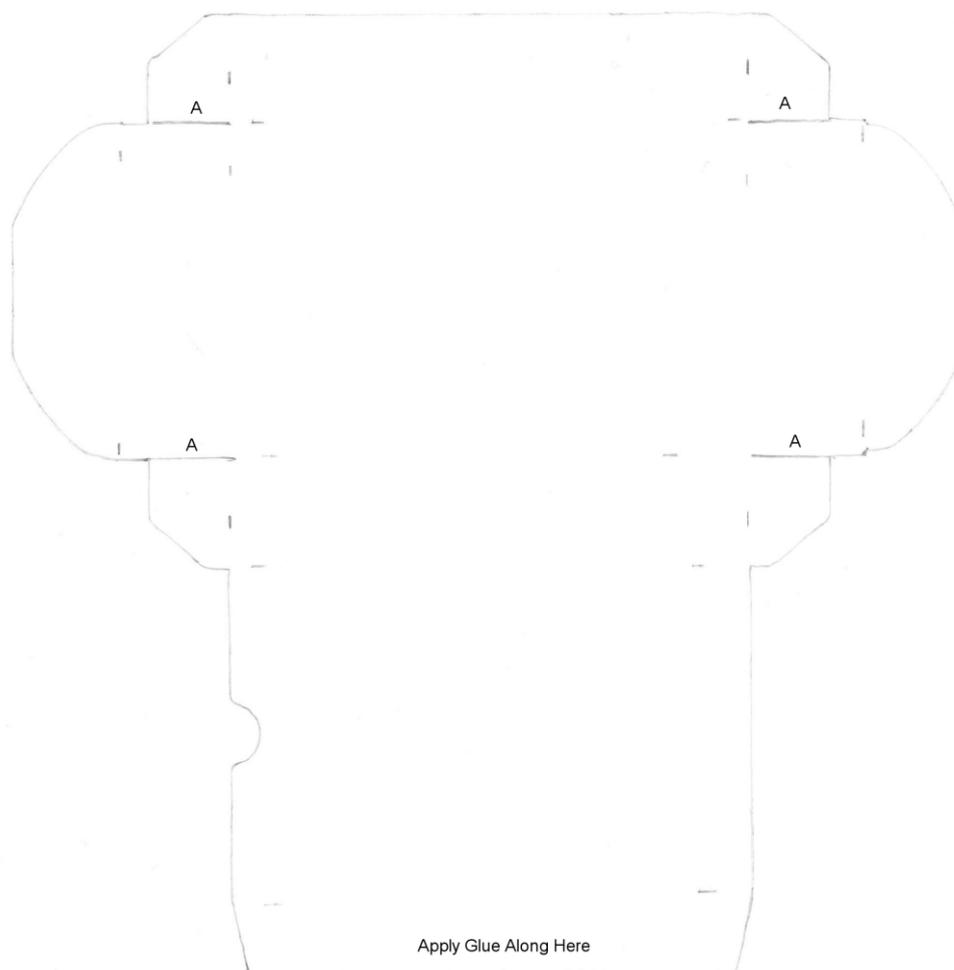

Fig 1: Basic template for bridge size cards.

Remember that a printer will normally print at a resolution of 300 dpi, so scan your original at 300 dpi so that when you reprint it, it duplicates at the correct size!

Cut out around the edge of the template, and along the short unbroken lines marked 'A'. These will then provide you with the small flaps which fold in at the top and bottom of the box.

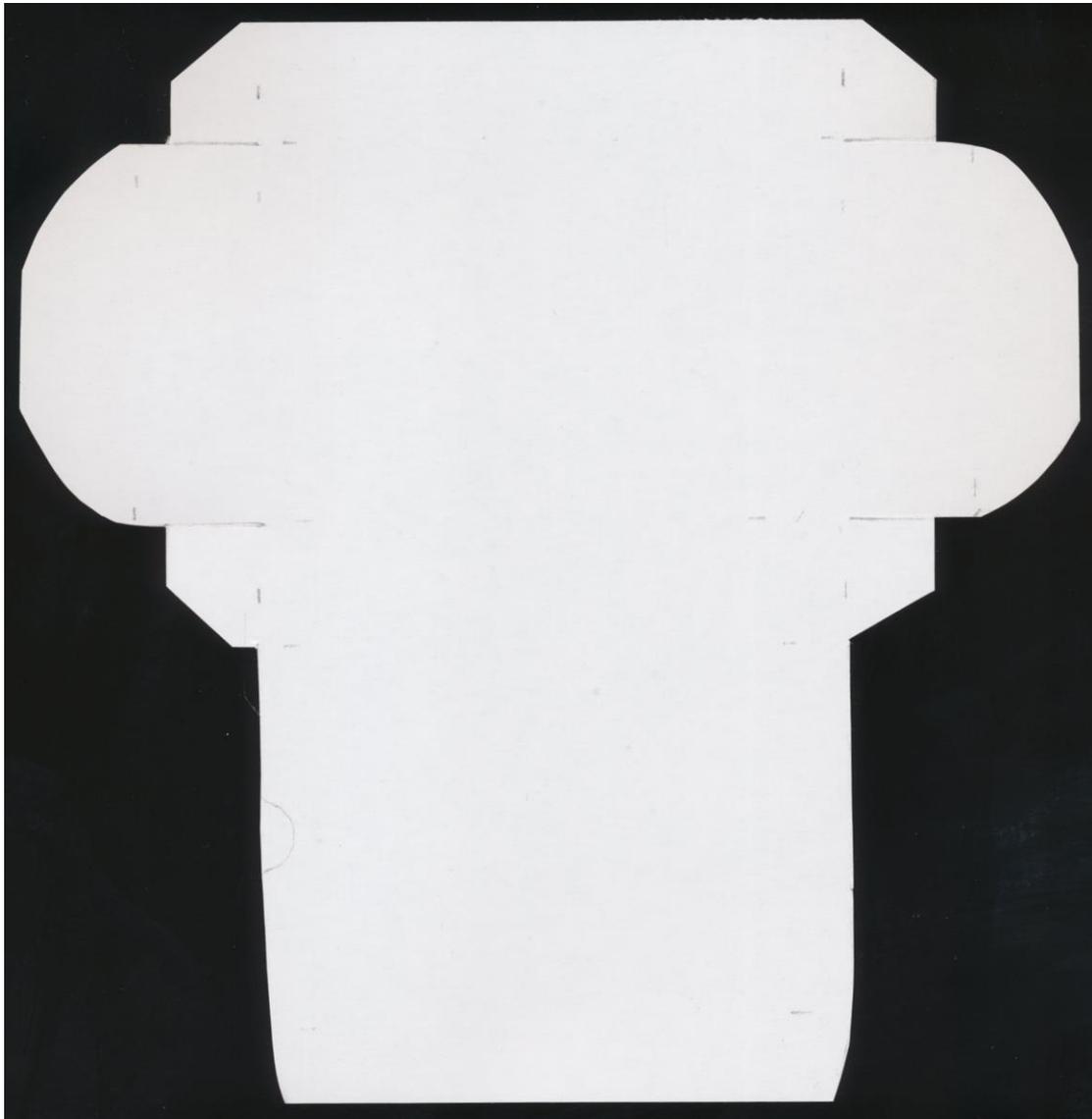You will then end up with the basic shape thus:

Fig 2: The template cut out

The semi-circle on the lower left large section of the template is an optional thumb hole. You can cut this out if you want a thumb hole for opening the finished box.

The fold lines are marked with broken lines, score along the fold lines using an empty ball point pen, a butter knife, or a blunt nail and a ruler to keep the lines straight and then keeping the template with the markings face up, fold upwards so that the marked side becomes the inside of the box. See fig 3 and fig 4
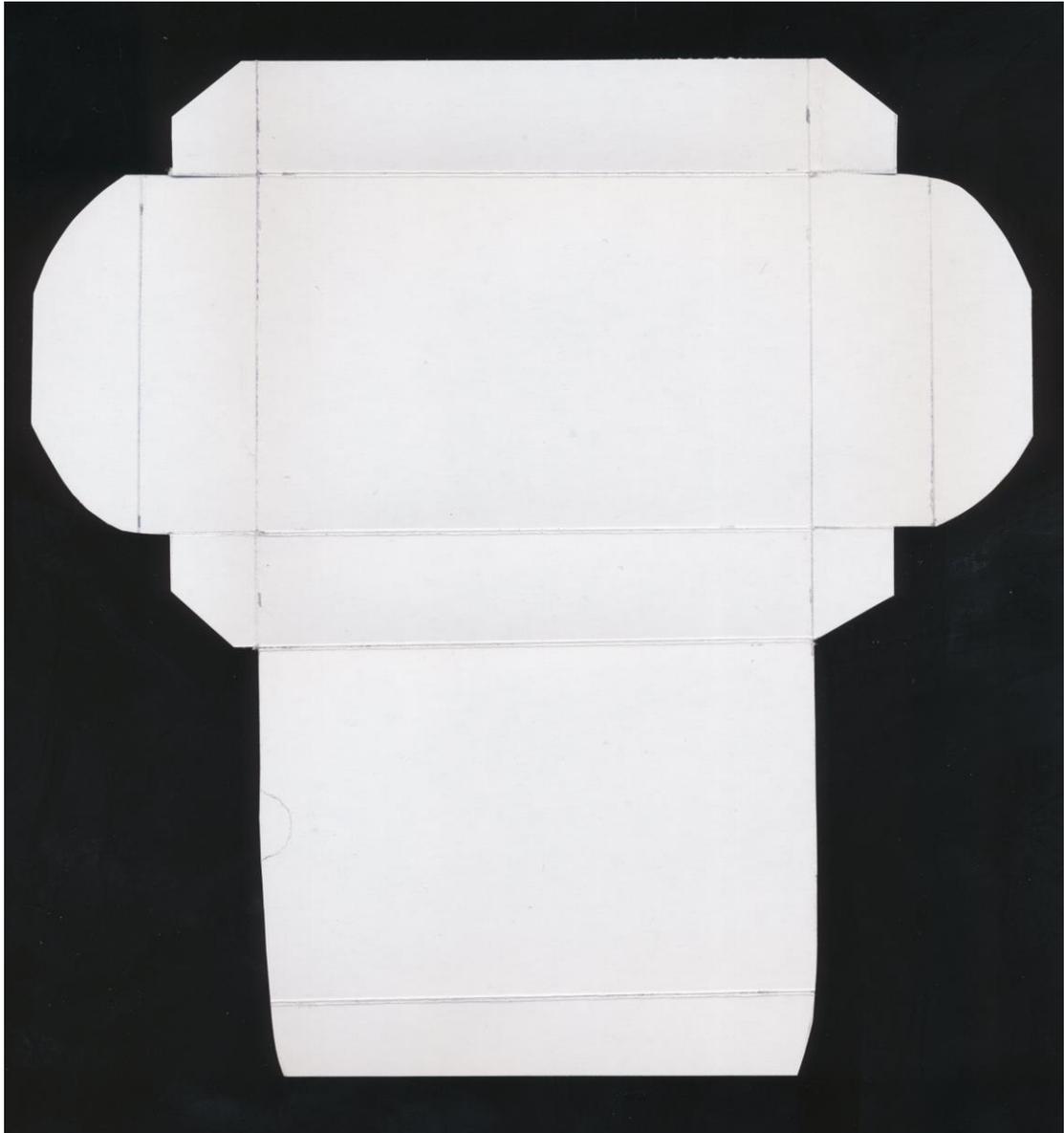
Fig 3: Showing score lines which make folding easier and more accurate.

Fig 4: Ready for glue to be applied, showing folds.

Apply a thin layer of PVA glue to the marked outside (that is NOT the side with the score lines, but the other side) of the strip marked in fig 1, and then fold the long edges up to form a rectangular box with the glue strip sticking inside the box to the narrow rectangle strip on the opposite side. Press along the glued strips to hold them together.
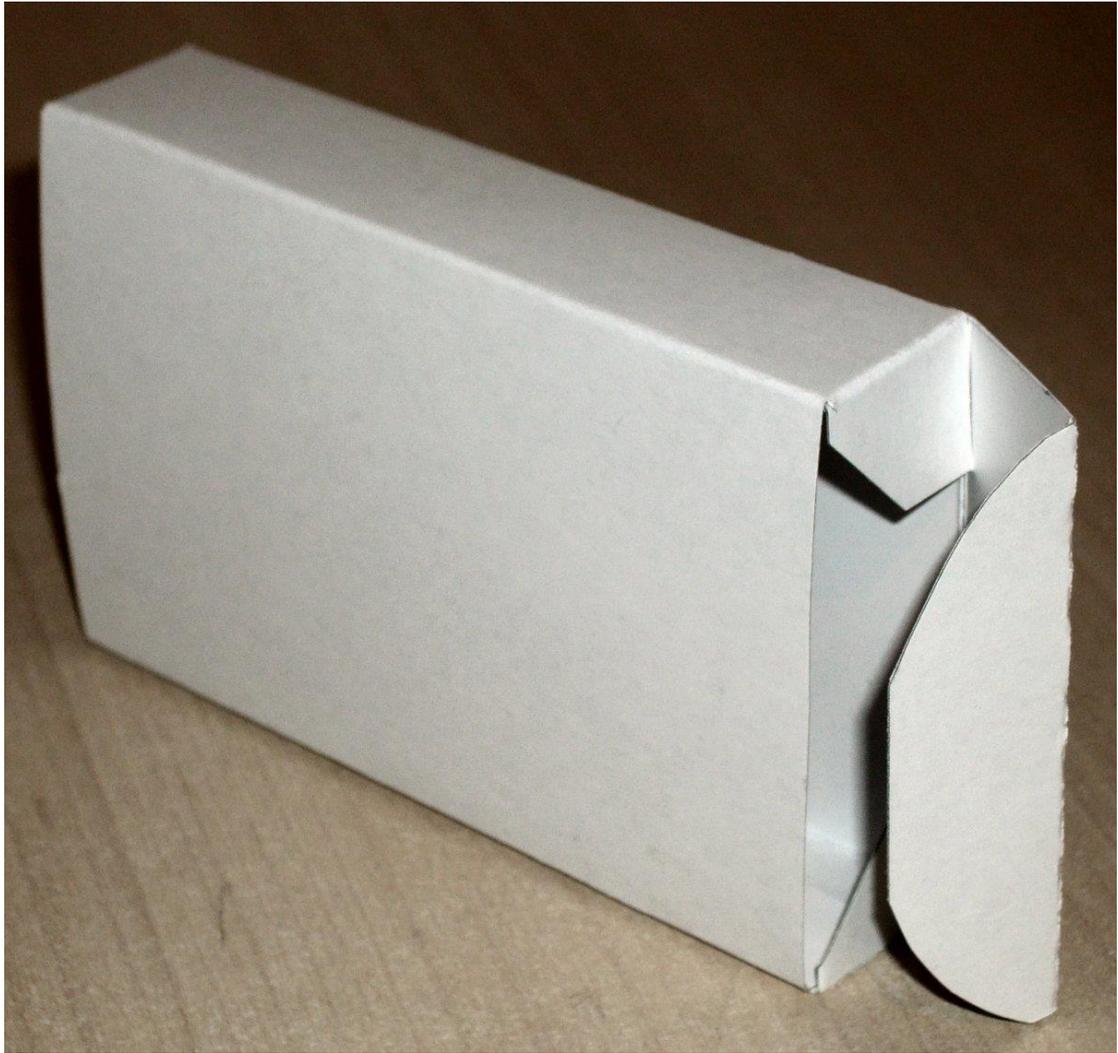
Fold in the top and bottom, and leave for the glue to dry before using.

Fig 5: The completed box.