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Coffin Box Assembly Instructions – Six-Sided

A 3D paper coffin box from the Electric Screams collection by Michelle Ward Designs



What you are making.

Materials

Tools and Adhesive

- Paper glue, a tape runner, or a hot glue gun
- A fine-tip weeding tool, for lifting small lettering and fine detail off the mat
- A silicone mat, if you are using hot glue

Hot glue works and sets fast, which is why I use it for builds like this. Two things come with it: glue strings, which look like cobwebs and are arguably seasonal, and a real risk of gluing your project to the table. Work on a silicone mat.

Paper

Use **80 lb cover** cardstock or heavier — about 216 gsm — for the structure. Don't skip the word "cover" — 80 lb cover and 80 lb text are two different papers, and both exist. 80 lb text is closer to thick writing paper, and a piece built from it will lean.

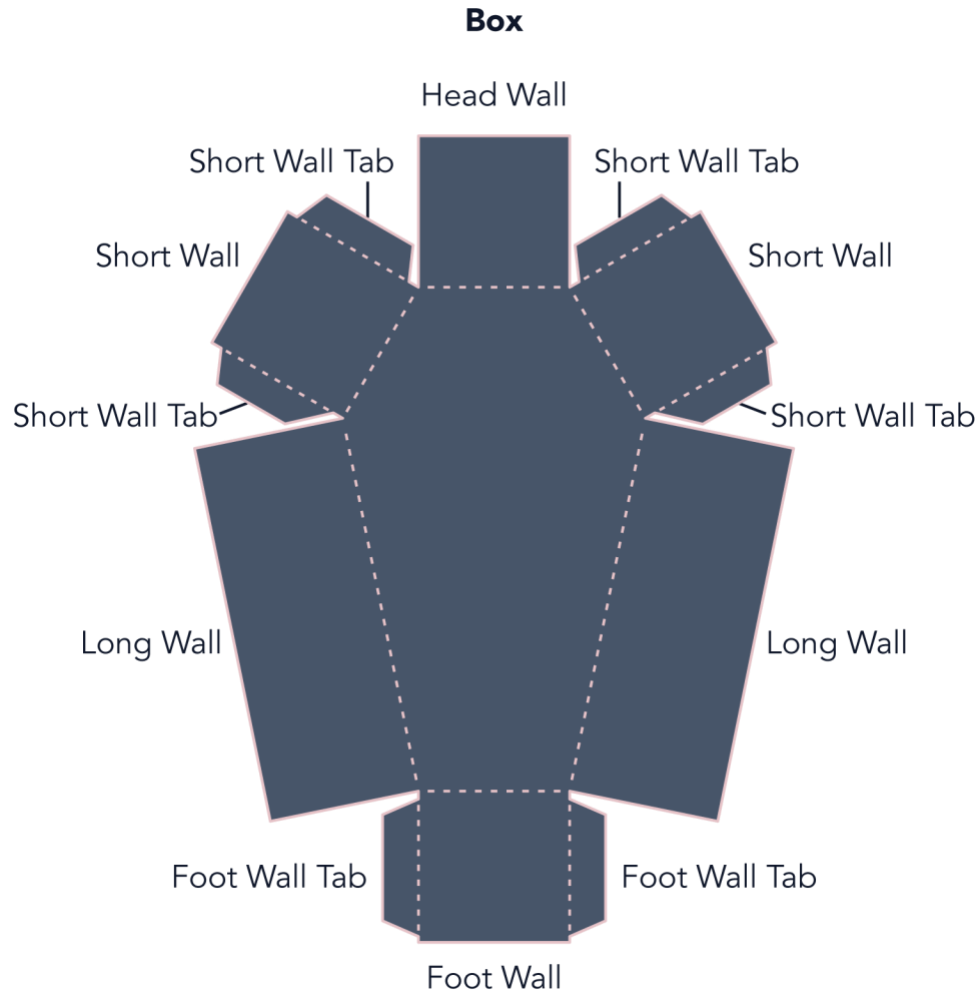
If your design includes small lettering or fine details like names and dates, cut those pieces from adhesive vinyl rather than paper.

Parts

Six-Sided Coffin Box Parts List

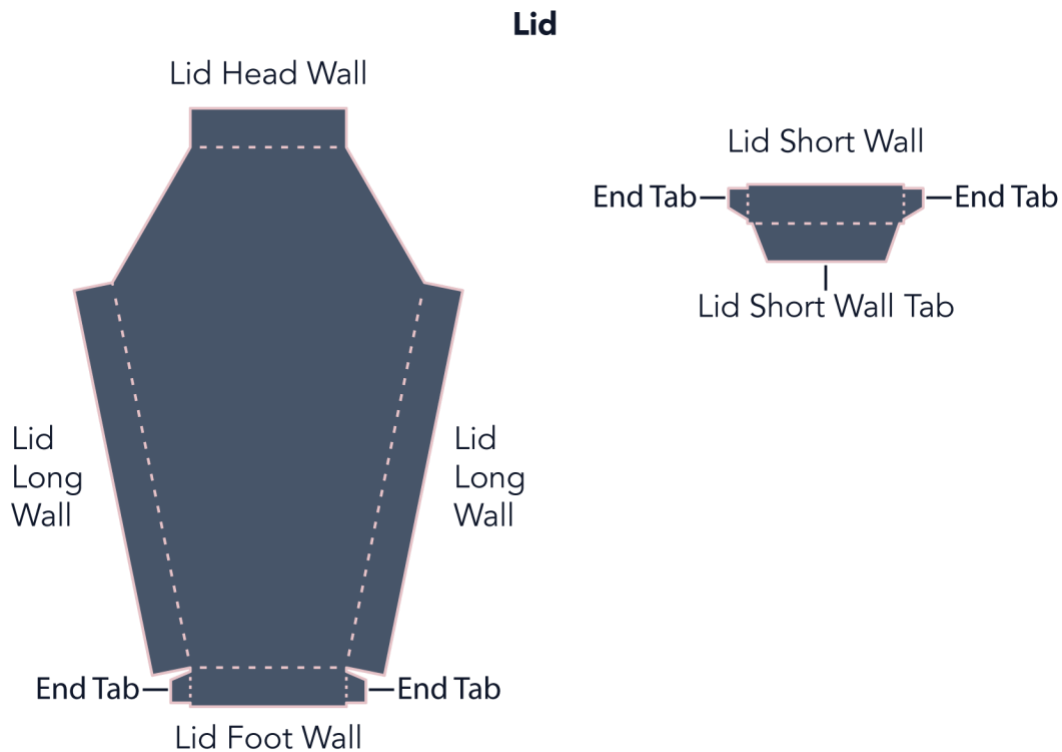
Part	Name	Number to cut
	Box	1
	Lid Floor	1
	Lid Short Wall	2
	Lid Border	1
	Name Lettering	1
	Date	1

Assemble the Box



1. Fold every fold line on the Box before you glue anything. The Box is a single piece — all six walls come out attached to the floor.
2. Fold the Foot Wall and both Long Walls upward. Glue one of the Foot Wall Tabs to the inside of the Long Wall next to it. Then glue the other Foot Wall Tab to the inside of the Long Wall next to it.
3. Fold one Short Wall and the Head Wall upward. Glue one Short Wall Tab to the inside of the Long Wall beside it, and the other to the inside of the Head Wall.
4. Repeat with the second Short Wall to close the coffin shape.

Assemble the Lid



The Lid Floor cuts with the Lid Head Wall, both Lid Long Walls, and the Lid Foot Wall already attached. The two Lid Short Walls are cut separately.

5. Fold every fold line on the Lid Floor and both Lid Short Walls.
6. Glue one Lid Short Wall Tab to the Lid Floor at the shoulder, between a Lid Long Wall and the Lid Head Wall.
7. Repeat with the second Lid Short Wall on the opposite side.
8. Fold all six walls up. Glue each End Tab to the inside of the wall beside it, working around the lid until every seam is closed.

Make It Yours

- Ink or distress the edges for a weathered look.
- Add metallic paint, wax, or chalk for depth and texture.
- Draw cracks or wooden plank lines with a fine-tip pen.
- Layer die-cut bats, skulls, or flowers on the lid for dimension.
- Add a vinyl name, a witty epitaph, or a set of initials.
- Tie a ribbon or twine bow around the box to make it giftable.

Light and Display

- Put a small LED tealight inside for an eerie glow, or fill it with candy and skip the light.
- Group several coffins with the Frankenstein Castle or Gravestone pieces to build a Misfit Halloween scene.
- For a scene, stand the castle on black posterboard and pull cotton balls apart into a thin drift around the base. It reads as fog, and it hides the edges of the board.

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