

Bentwood Box

Bentwood boxes were used by Indigenous Peoples in the Pacific Northwest for many purposes. Bentwood is a way of shaping wood by using water.

Some used bentwood boxes for ceremonial and spiritual purposes.

These bentwood boxes were also used for food and supply storage.

You can create your own bentwood box to store your valued items by decorating kraft paper over a box of your choice.

Materials: An empty shoebox, scissors, glue, kraft paper, markers/paint

Steps:

1. Research traditional designs! Pick the one you like best.
2. Use glue or tape to evenly smooth kraft paper on the sides of a small cardboard box or shoebox.
3. Use markers or any medium of your choosing to create your bentwood box with your favorite designs.

You can also color the bentwood box to the right!

