

# Thinking “Outside” the Takeout Box

Mixed Media

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Four Lessons \$50

- 1-Create a sheet of cotton/parchment
- 2-Create the Take out Box
- 3-Create embellishments and handle
- 4-Create the contents: Fushi

This is a light hearted and fun course. You will learn how to create a unique version of the humble Chinese “take out box”.

The Take out Box has an amazingly simple and clever pattern design. When flat it is actually an “x”; when folded up the sides overlap at two points and the top interlocks. I will provide the pattern and instructions and you provide the originality and you will create your very own, one- of- a- kind Chinese **Takeout Box**.

The box will be made out of “cotton/parchment”. This is made by layering cotton muslin and various types of paper that are torn into small pieces. These are bonded together and painted to make a wonderful layered (and sturdy) base to fold and create with. The inside of the box is lined with a fabric

I have chosen to use a logical theme relating to food; however, you may use any theme you like.

The box is embellished on the outside with fish shapes. The fish are made with a second layering process I call “tulle trap”. A variety of embellishments are combined and sandwiched between painted interfacing and tulle and then used as the source for shapes that are used as embellishments.

A *Take out Box* is a container. Again, it is logical to think of food thus, we will also fill it with a remarkably realistic food item typically associated with Asian cuisine that I call: “Fushi” (fabric/sushi).

The box will be finished with a custom handle of wire, beads, old costume jewelry and/or buttons.

All stitching is done by machine except for hand embellishments.

You need to be comfortable with free motion stitching and have a sewing machine that does zigzag/satin stitch.

This box makes a great gift. The cotton/.parchment is a versatile surface and has multiple applications; this is only *one* way to use it.

I look forward to Thinking “outside” the “Take out Box” with you.

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