How to Build Your Very Own Box Model

You will need: cardboard | markers | scissors (maybe) | these instructions

Step One: make some rectangles

* You will need four rectangles, of increasing size (that is, each is bigger than the previous one).

* If the rectangles are not pre-cut, use the scissors to cut out your own. Start with the smallest rectangle and work your way up.

* The rectangles can have whatever proportions you like, but they must be rectangular, and each rectangle must be wider and taller than the previous one.

Step Two: label some rectangles

* The smallest rectangle is the *Content*. Write "Content" inside, along with text and/or a drawing of your choice.

* The second-smallest rectangle is the *Padding*. Write "Padding" along the top. Fill the rest of the rectangle with some kind of pattern, like dots or lines, but don't color it in.

* The third-smallest rectangle is the *Border*. Write "Border" along the top and color in the rest of the rectangle.

* The biggest rectangle is the *Margin*. Write "Margin" along the top, then leave this one alone.

Step Three: stack some rectangles

* Put the Border on top of the Margin. Center it.

* Put the Padding on top of the Border. Center it.

* Put the Content on top of the Padding. Center it.

That's it! You've made your very own Box Model!