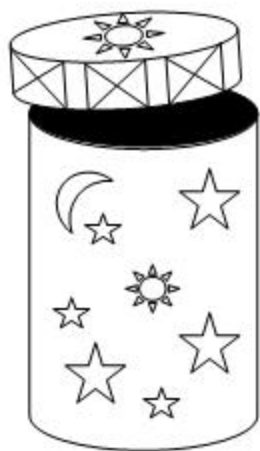


THE MAKE-IT-YOURSELF MAGIC "8" BOX

Have you always wanted your own Magic 8 Ball but you just can't afford one? Here's the answer—make your own version. It's so easy to make and it's even better than the store-bought one because you can decorate your magic box however you want. Give it a try and amaze your friends.

You'll need:

- ✦ A tall box (an oatmeal box or a tall, square gift box would work)
- ✦ Decorative papers, markers, stickers, etc. (these are for making your box gorgeous and/or mysterious)
- ✦ Old building block (one not in use) or a blank die (you can buy this at a craft store)
- ✦ Piece of cardstock
- ✦ Wide packing tape or clear contact paper (optional)
- ✦ Scissors
- ✦ Glue (tacky glue is best)



Making the box:

1. Decorate your box. You can draw pictures, make a collage, glue on cutouts, add glitter, whatever you want. Decorate the lid also but make sure it fits back onto the box snugly.
2. Now to make the magic part. Cut your piece of cardstock into pieces that fit the sides of the block or die. You'll need six. Label one with "yes," one with "no," and one with "maybe." Then choose from the list to the right for the other three sides.
3. If you would like your answers to last longer cover them with the tape or contact paper but only on the top.
4. Once you have the answers written on the paper and covered with the tape, glue one on each side of the block. Make sure it is on tightly. It's going to get a lot of hard use. Let it dry completely before trying it out.
5. Place the block in the box and put on the lid. Ask a "Yes" or "No" question and give the box a couple of shakes to move the block around. Open the lid and see what your answer is.



More Answers

Ask later
Most likely
Very doubtful
Don't count on it
Cannot predict now
You may rely on it
It is certain
Outlook good