

ET Cheer & Dance Crate “How To” Instructions

Items needed:

- 1/4” or 3/8” (11/32) plywood for top of crate (approx 23” x 19”)
- One 2” x 4” piece of wood to reinforce the top (approx 18”)
- Sandpaper. Electric sander recommended if you have one.
- Wood glue (Gorilla Glue works well)
- Nails or screws (better)
- KILZ primer (spray or water base brush-on/roll-on)
- 2-3 cans Krylon spray paint: **TRUE BLUE GLOSS #1910**
 - Sold at Walmart, Michael’s, Ace Hardware, other
- Tubular Foam Pipe Insulation - 3/4” inner diameter (6’ length).
 - Sold at Home Depot or Lowes. Secure with tie-wraps.



Directions:

1. Measure top of crate. Should be approx 23 inches by 19 inches. (Home Depot will cut the plywood to your specifications).
2. Affix plywood to top of crate with a good quality wood glue, then nail or screw plywood to crate.
3. Attach 2 x 4 reinforcement to the inside-top and sides of the crate with nails or screws
4. Lightly sand entire box to smooth out
5. Apply 1 coat of KILZ primer to entire box
6. Apply 2 coats of Krylon TRUE BLUE GLOSS #1910 to entire box – inside & outside
7. Decorate/personalize box. **Must use school colors for decorations** (blue, gold/yellow and/or white) **Name should appear on the front top plank of box.** Creativity is encouraged however, decorations should be appropriate and school/sport related.
8. Secure Tubular Foam Pipe Insulation to the bottom edges of the box with tie-wraps.

Material/Supply Ideas for decorating/personalizing box:

- Yellow, white, black & blue paint pens
- Yellow and White acrylic paint sold in plastic bottles
- Small paint brushes
- Stencils
- Wood or address letters/numbers
- School/sport related wood appliques
- Print-out letter/numbers and school/sport pictures to trace



Strongly suggested but not required: Purchase a luggage travel caddy to transport the crate on and off the football field. Sold at Costco, Walmart & Target.

Visit <http://etcheeranddance.weebly.com> under the Boosters menu and “How To’s” for finished crate examples!