

How to Make and Use a Prop Box for Photographing Post Earrings



What you will need:

- small, sturdy box or lid, if deep with white interior (cell phone boxes are best)
- small sheet of craft foam
- a tool in which to drill a hole through the box with a 1.1 (more or less) diamond drill bit
- UHU stic or similar adhesive
- post earrings
- digital camera or phone
- tripod or other secure rest for the camera



- Measure the bottom inside area of your box and cut a sheet of white craft foam the same size as the bottom of your box.



- Using UHU stic or a similar adhesive, apply to both the inside of the box and one side of the craft foam. Allow a couple of minutes for it to slightly dry and then attach both glued sides together inside of the box. Apply pressure for a few seconds.



- Mark two side-by-side points on the back of the box about an inch from the top. These marks will be where the earring posts will fit in. Make sure they are far enough apart to allow for earrings with a wide top or drape. You can also make alternate boxes for different size earrings if necessary.



- Drill through the back of the boxes where you have marked using a 1.1ga. or similar, diamond drill bit.



- Your post earring prop box is now ready to use. Put your earrings through the holes in the inside of the box, with the earring backs behind the box. The craft foam allows the backs to fit securely without marring the box. Your earrings are now ready to digitally capture!



- Using a tripod or a steady rest, you can now take a great photo of your earrings. Don't forget to wait for them to stop swinging (sometimes it takes a while). Crop out the box when you lighten the photo. Most images will need these minor touch ups post production.

