

# The Shower Diva's City Block Diaper Cake Centerpieces

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## MATERIALS NEEDED

Hot glue gun + sticks  
Scrapbook or fun paper  
Iron / Ironing board  
Thin corrugated cardboard  
Ribbon in various sizes (1/2" through 2")  
(14) size #1 diapers

Rubber bands  
Ruler  
Exacto knife / Scissors  
Clear packaging tape  
Fabric material  
*(For our cakes we chose scarf material and various sheer materials with sparkles and polka dots)*

Fun themed accessories and adornments  
Your imagination

**Assembly Time:** 1-1/2 to 3 hours per 2-Tier Cake depending upon level of complexity and skill.  
*Shopping time not included.*

*The Shower Diva's preferred choice in this shopping excursion was Jo-Ann Fabrics which offered a wide selection of styles, textures and colors. Their superstore had a large scrapbooking section at 40% off. The Shower Diva and her team found plenty of bling accessories for all five cakes at Fred Meyers and craft stores. What a day of really fun shopping!!*

## PREPARATION

Before you begin, pre-cut and score the cardboard pieces, ribbons, roll and rubber band the diapers, and have the hot glue gun warming up.

**Diapers:** Fold your diapers in half width-wise (approx 2" wide by 7" long.) Then roll them tightly and wrap rubber bands to secure into small rolled balls.

**Material:** Top-Tier Scarf Fabric: 14" x 14"  
Sheer Fabric Covering: 12" x 12"  
Bottom Tier: 16" x 16"  
Sheer Fabric Covering 14" x 14"  
*If needed, use a cool iron to remove wrinkles or creases.*

### Bottom Tier Box Measurements

Width: 6-1/2"  
Length: 6-1/2"  
Height: 2-1/2"  
Inset Piece: 6-3/8" (separate finish)

### Top Tier Box Measurements

Width: 5"  
Length: 5"  
Height: 2-1/2"  
Inset Piece: 4-7/8" (separate finish)

*Inset Piece may be assembled later as your creativity depends on the design of this step. Or, you may choose to leave the cardboard plain, which is a nice simple choice.*

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Begin with the bottom tier. Fold each side up to match the flaps with their corresponding sides (A, B, C and D). Use hot glue to secure the flaps to the sides. Reinforce corners with clear packaging tape. Repeat for top tier.

2. Lay scarf fabric on a flat surface. Center bottom tier on the fabric. Place a thin line of glue on the inside panel of the first box flap. Fold fabric over and hold with pressure for 25 to 30 seconds. Repeat on all 4 sides.

**Please note:** *To achieve the beautiful corners this step must not be skimped on. After all 4 sides have been glued, you will have leftover material at the corners. Begin with one corner, lift material straight up and tightly bring toward the center of the box, making sure to crease tightly the folds at the corner. Glue your fabric material to the inside corner of the box. Hold with pressure for 25 to 30 seconds. Repeat on all 4 sides.*

Repeat process for top tier.

3. **The Inset Piece:** To polish off the look inside the keepsake boxes, you'll want to have a clean finish once the diapers are removed. Place the inset piece inside each box on top of the loose ends of the material. It should fit snug. (The inset piece is your pre-cut cardboard measured to each specific tier.) You may leave it plain or cover it with scrapbooking paper, construction paper, or anything else you'd like. You can even decorate the inset piece with fun adornments for an added surprise! Why not welcome the new baby by decorating the piece with fun themes? Or even inscribe a special gift message from you to baby or mom? Now, there is a special gift for new mom that no one will know about! Shhh! I won't say a word if you won't!

- Place diapers into keepsake boxes. Bottom tier has nine. Top tier has five.
- Wrap your ribbon around the width of each box, using a small dot of glue to secure to boxes. Where the ribbon ends meet, place a sparkly patch or scrapbooking sticker over the area. Secure with glue dot. Layer the ribbon for effect, using patterns, sizes, colors and texture.
- After ribbons have been secured, lay the pre-cut sheer fabric over the diapers and gently tuck in the ends.
- Bottom tier:** Add fun accessories such as flat back rhinestones, patches, beads, etc. These are just ideas to start your imagination!
- Top tier:** To complete this centerpiece, we suggest using one large focal point that fits your theme which will stand out and make a bold statement. Some ideas for you to ponder: frame holders, coin purses, sparkly notebooks, mini photo scrapbooks, oversized rhinestone rings, flowery stands, large feathers, etc. To add more flare, consider adding some pre-strung faux pearls or crystals that can drape down the side of the cake for drama. Team Diva and I had way too much fun assembling our City Block Diaper Cakes for Victoria!

**Final Assembly:** Simply set the top tier on top of the bottom tier. No securing required.

**Optional:** Tie a large bow around both keepsake shower cake boxes for a grand presentation.