

Beverage Holder: *guidelines, and gotchas...*

- **VERY IMPORTANT:** when printing your template & graphics, absolutely **DO NOT** set the printer to “fit to media size”. Print full size, and then measure your print before cutting.
- All standard 12 oz. bottles and cans should comfortably fit in a 2½ in. square holder compartment.
- Practice assembling the package dry (using no glue), and mark the alignment of pieces with a pencil where glue should (and *shouldn't*) be applied.
- White glue works fine for assembly. Hot glue is faster (very little wait time) but it's less forgiving.
- Clamps, bulldog clips, binder clips, paper clips, and matte board strips are helpful during gluing.
- Insert your chosen bottle or can, to check for fit and clearance before gluing.
- Glue pieces **aligned**, so as to not create tension or warping in your package.
- **DO NOT** glue bottom flaps of holder until the last step. This will allow you access to both top & bottom for gluing.
- Staples could be used for rapid prototyping, especially for a paper-only mock up.
- Download demo photos of assembly steps, if desired.
- Your beverage holder is probably not as strong as a “real” container from the store. The holder you're making is only meant to **look good**, and function as a **prototype**. Be careful filling it with weight—support the bottom at all times, and go easy on the handle.