Duct Tape Tray

If dad is always losing his keys or looking for a place for all that loose change, he's really going to appreciate this gift. Get creative with the patterns and colours of your tape.

You'll need:
A piece of card stock
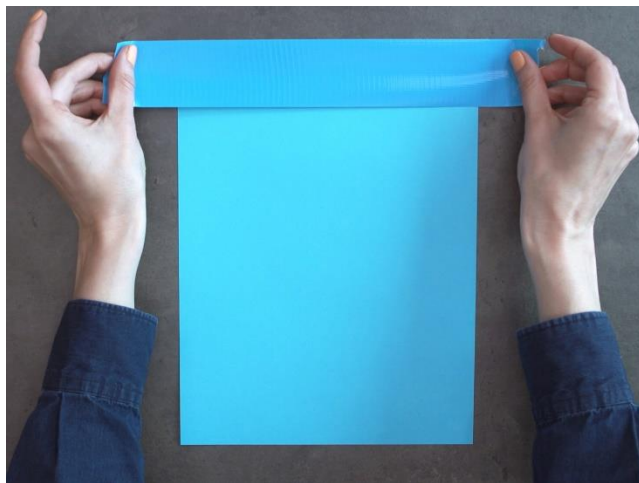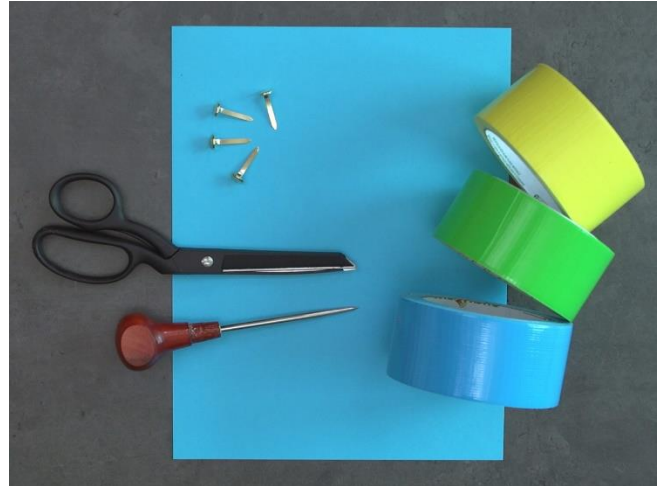Brass fasteners (skip this if you're doing the modified version below)
Scissors
An awl or something to pierce a hole
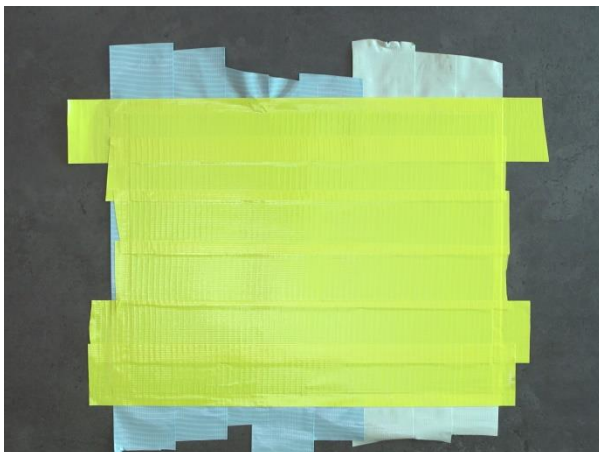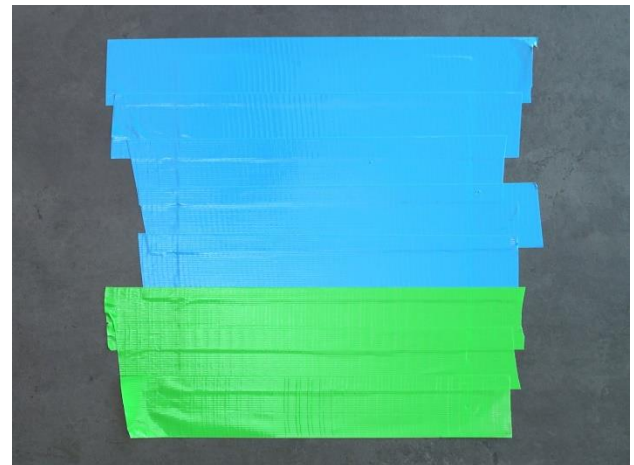Duct tape (try different colours and patterns or go with a classic silver)

Step 1
Layer strips of duct tape over your card stock.
Tip: Do this on a hard, non-painted surface like the kitchen counter (duct tape is very tacky and could take up the paint finish).

Step 2
Repeat until the whole sheet is covered. Feel free to play with colour and pattern.
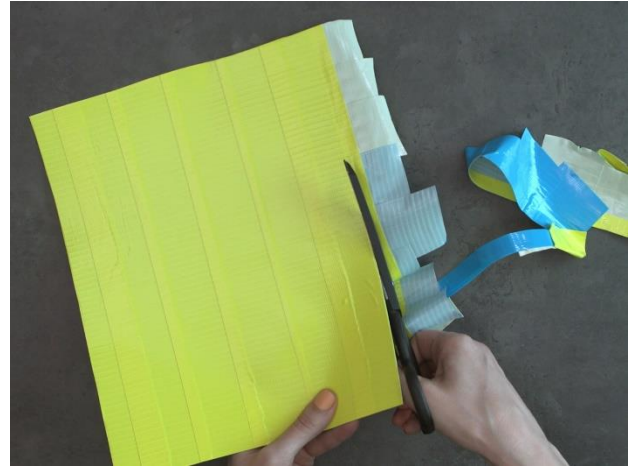

Step 3
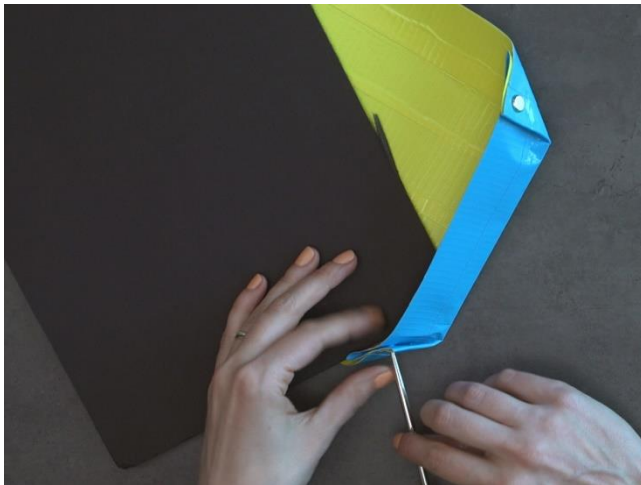Flip over your card stock and repeat duct tape layers on the other side.

Step 4
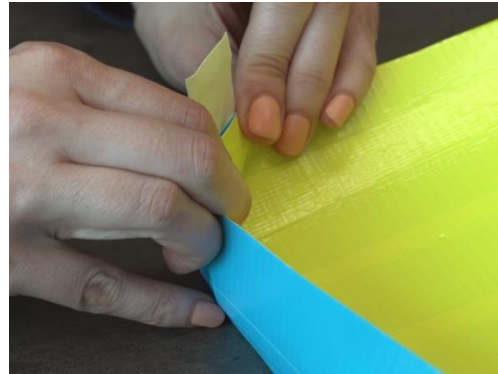Using the paper underneath as a guide, trim the excess tape to reveal a nice clean-edged rectangle shape.

Step 5
Here comes the trickier part (for a modified, kid-friendly version, go to step 5A below): Fold up one end of the rectangle about 1-inch (however high you want the sides walls to be), then fold over the corner as shown below. Poke a hole in that folded corner with your awl—slow and steady, it's a lot of tape to get through. Using a piece of foam core or a cutting mat will give your awl something to go through. Insert your brass fastener and repeat on all four corners.

Step 5A
If your crafter is young, or you don't have brass fasteners, you can simply tape your corners together with strips of duct tape. You won't get the hardware touch, but it still looks really cool and will be functional.

Ta-Da! OK, Dad, no more losing your keys…
Now that you've made one duct-tape tray, you can

experiment with different shapes and sizes and make lots more duct-tape gifts for family and friends.