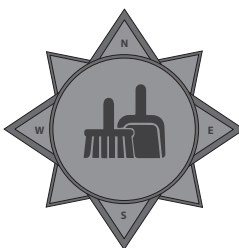


# PACKING BOXES FOR STORAGE

Sounds simple, doesn't it? Putting things in boxes, how tough can it be? Well, there are tricks and considerations to anything we do, and if we are going to do a job, I say Skill Trekkers do it right, especially the Cragsmen and Cragsladies.

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### EARN THIS NUGGET

To earn your Nugget, pack a couple of containers with items that need to be stored. Use the above considerations to guide you. If you don't have anything that needs to be stored, find existing storage boxes and repack, see what you can do to improve things.

So when packing a storage box, here are some considerations:

- **What size box?** It sounds obvious, but don't reach for the biggest box you can, you have to lift it after, and a large box with heavy items may well collapse. Leave the large boxes for light items.
- **What kind of storage environment will you use?** Will it stay dry? If so, then cardboard will be fine, or should you consider a plastic tote. I use plastic totes because I hate spiders.
- **Pack heavy large items first**, and pack smaller items around the large, maximizing your space
- **Wrap fragile objects.** Boxes get knocked over and all sorts of things, so if it is precious, protect it.
- **Put very small items in a box** within the box or chances are you'll never find them again. They may even fall out of the gaps at the bottom of a cardboard box.
- **Label boxes.** They all tend to look the same and chances are you'll have no recollection of what is in them. In the case of moving, mark the box with the name of the room it should go in. That way anyone who carries it will instantly know what room to deliver it to.
- **Close cardboard boxes with quality tape**, and this goes double for the bottom. You'd be surprised how many people pay great attention to the top; only to have the bottom flaps tear open, spilling all their items across the floor.
- **Don't over-stuff boxes.** Boxes are designed to stack, but if you over stuff, they lose their integrity and it is then the only thing supporting all of the weight is your stuff.

