

The Kleenex™ Elevator

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Kleenex Trusted Care is Kimberly-Clark’s name for the current version of their standard 2-ply tissues. This article is about typical rectangular boxes. These tissues are excellent and convenient. The sheets lie flat inside the box, interleaved so that taking one tissue brings up the next, due to friction. Here is a survey of prices and packaging in the Canton, Massachusetts, area:

| Kleenex™ Trusted Care | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|---------|---------------|
| Store | Boxes | Sheets | Total | Price | Per 100 |
| Costco | 10 | 230 | 2300 | \$24.99 | \$1.09 |
| Shaws | 1 | 160 | 160 | \$2.49 | \$1.56 |
| | 4 | 160 | 640 | \$8.39 | \$1.31 |
| Stop & Shop | 3 | 160 | 480 | \$8.19 | \$1.71 |
| Walmart (other sizes avail.) | 1 | 160 | 160 | \$1.98 | \$1.24 |
| | 4 | 160 | 640 | \$6.98 | \$1.09 |
| | 10 | 230 | 2300 | \$36.98 | \$1.61 |
| Wegmans | 1 | 160 | 160 | \$2.59 | \$1.62 |
| | 4 | 160 | 640 | \$7.49 | \$1.17 |

The prices shown appear to be normal; they are as advertised on the web, June 7, 2025. 160-sheet boxes are more convenient, so the Walmart 4-pack is the best choice at these prices.

Cube boxes are available, if space is at a premium. However, their sheets are in a roll, often requiring a second hand on the box – and cubes usually cost more per 100 sheets. *If you only use cube boxes, read no further.*

230-Sheet Boxes



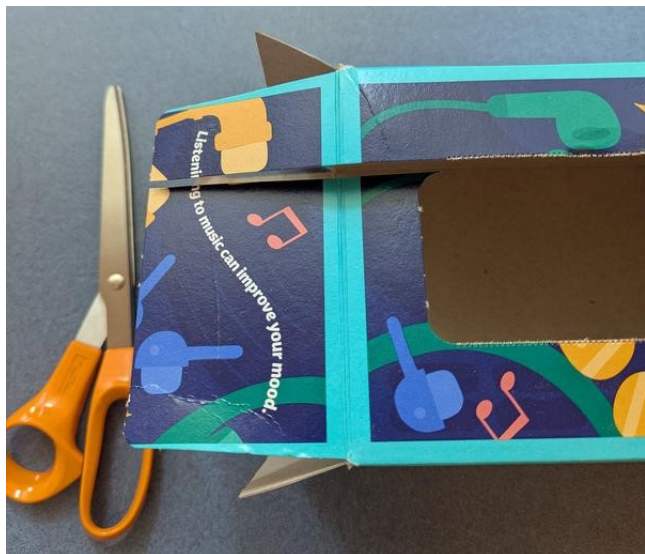
Costco has periodic sales, which can make their 230-sheet boxes attractive. The main problem with them is the tendency for the last quarter or so of the sheets to drop free (the friction fails with a large distance to the top of the box). 160-sheet boxes can also lose friction. The slot on the pictured box has been distended by a hand reaching in, to grab the top sheet or two.



A Kleenex elevator is a platform inserted into the box, beneath the remaining sheets. We make the platform from another box. A great time to make one is when we have *two* mostly-depleted boxes. Remove the tissues from both boxes and combine them into interleaved one stack. Make an elevator from one box, insert it into the other box, and install the sheet

stack on top (as in the picture of my first elevator). Tape the box closed.

Making the Elevator



The 230-sheet box is about 2mm wider than it is tall. We'll take advantage of this by making the elevator from the *side* of the box, so that the lower height of the box becomes the width of the elevator.

Open the box and peel off the plastic slot-sheet on the top. Cut off an entire side of the box, at the height of the side of the center slot.



As-is, the elevator will be too long to fit inside the other box. Draw a line 3mm into the end, cut 3mm into each corner, and fold the end flap upward on the line. Tape the end closed.

Cut the excess 3mm off the top of the end flap.

Mark the top center of the elevator, DO NOT DISCARD!