

How I shipped my personal belongings from UK to US (post on VisaJourney.com)

Part 2. Packing and sealing boxes (with pictures)

I used Youtube videos like these to gain understanding on how to better pack my things:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrhzs7C6qTQ>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5ENsbU66B8>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvTqRTYRorY> – specifically on how to pack dishes

It's a good idea to put labels with number on the empty boxes from the start and to keep track (i.e. in Excel spreadsheet or in writing) of what you are putting in each box. This saved me a lot of time when I was preparing the customs packing lists or when taking the "prohibited" items out later.

On the inside, in most of the boxes, I would put a smaller box with electronics and fragile items in the middle, and then I would pad it with clothes or crashed paper from all sides, top and bottom. My idea was that this way the boxes would not be too heavy, and the fragile items will also be protected with clothes.



After closing the boxes, I sealed the openings, and also every single “rib” and corner.

I also sealed the pre-cut-out handles with duct tape on the inside and outside to make sure they don’t cause tear of the boxes during transportation if someone pulls the box using them.



After that I applied all the labels (see the separate “Labeling” post in this thread) and wrapped each box in clear stretch wrap (2 layers) so that all the labels stay visible, but cannot easily peel off:



Here are the boxes before transportation (still in the UK):



And the same boxes after they arrived in the US:

