Subject: Carre triangle
Posted by Jenneke on Thu, 29 Oct 2020 23:00:43 GMT
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Description
A triangular display box. Probably made from wood lined with paper. Light/middle brown? Black velvet insert.

Period : 1930-1934?
Watch type : pocket watch unisex gruen carre
Size : ca L=3.3 cm W=13.2 cm H=6.6 cm
Inventor : unknown
Patents : unknown

Box maker : unknown

Other : I don't have this box (yet). Never seen one in the wild. But I do want it!

Picture from the box in a window display (from a picture matthias found).

Another view on Lola Lane's lap can be found here

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Posted by Jenneke on Thu, 29 Oct 2020 23:13:24 GMT
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If I cannot buy the box, I can try to make the box. I will describe the steps I took.

Trial and error with a white A4 paper. I dont have autocad... Thinking from a 3-dimensional box to a foldable flat blueprint was hard. Edges wrong length, triangles wrong way. Glad I had a scissor and tape.

Blueprint (version 2):

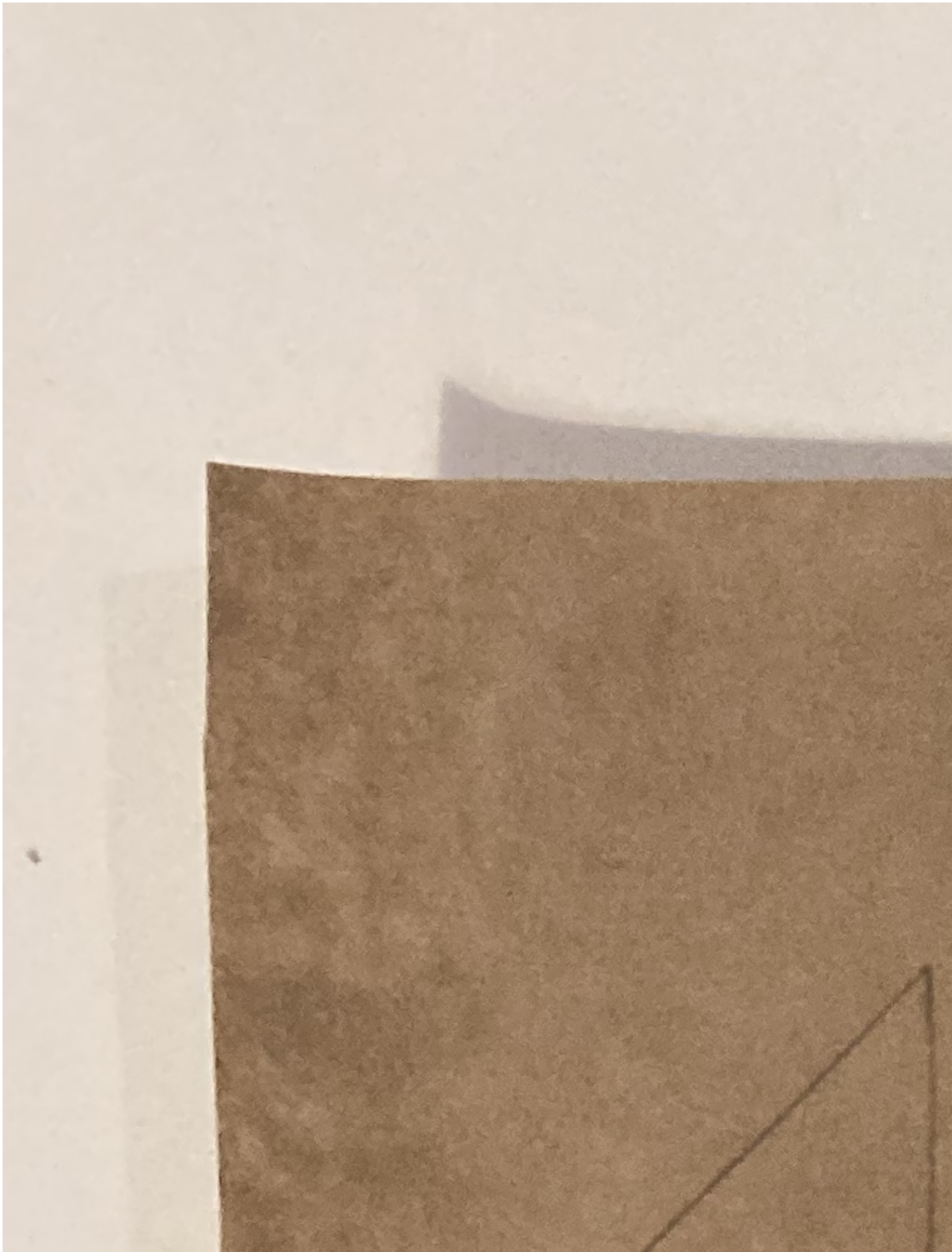
How to fold (version 1)

Put together (version 1):

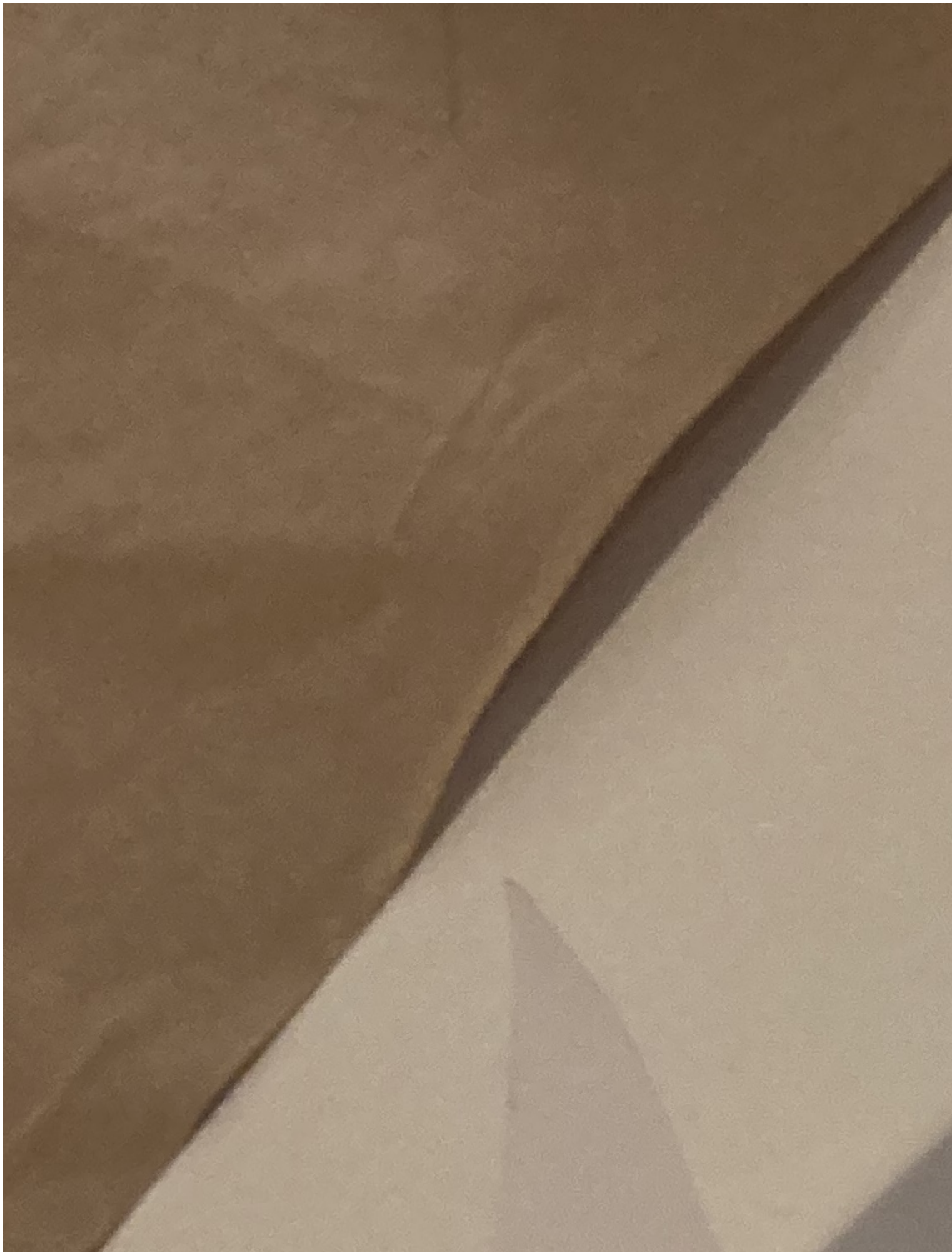
Version 3 is in the make. Made from passe-partout. Thicker material, so I had to take that in account in a newer blueprint. Horror. Even more, Cutting straight is not my best skill. To be continued.

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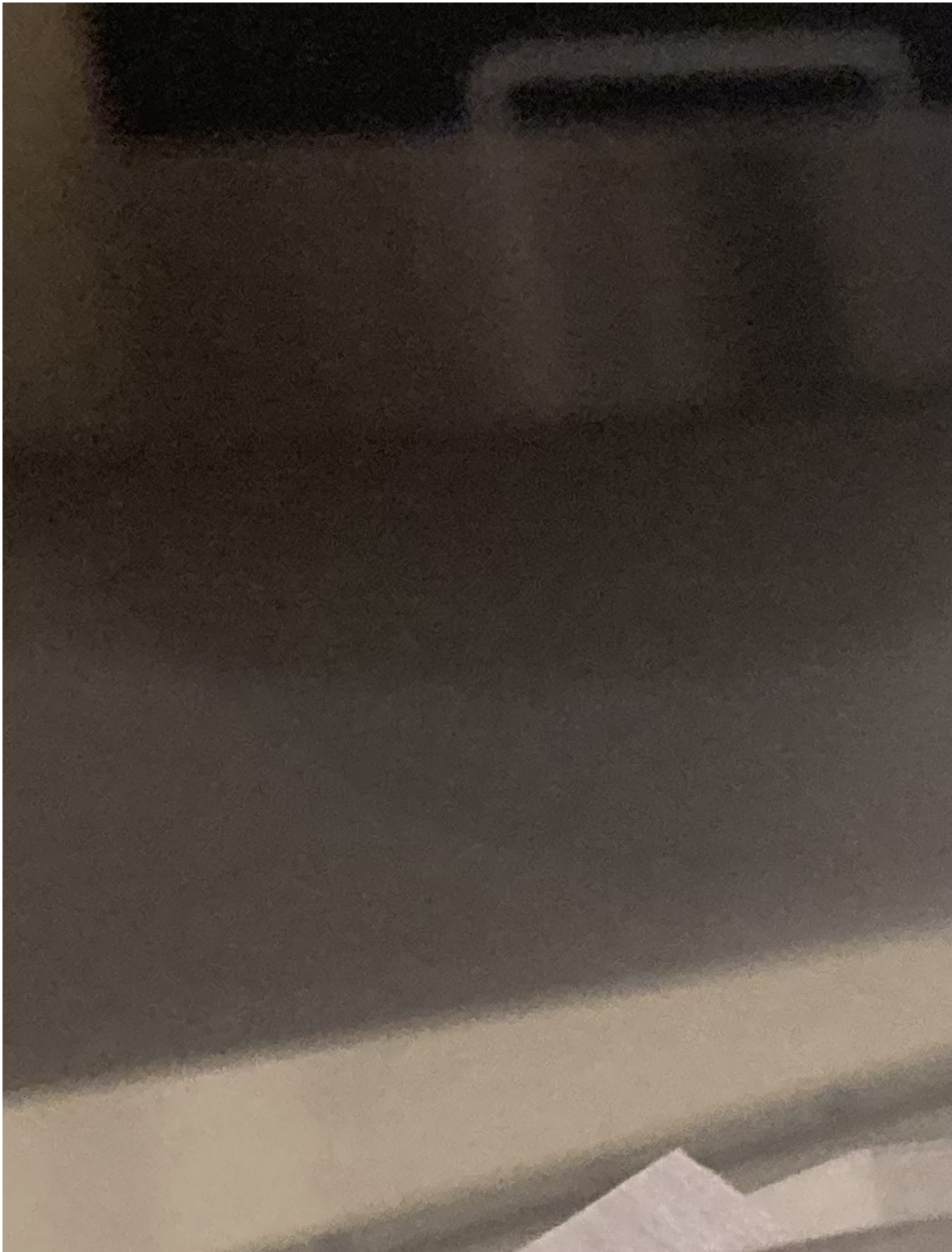
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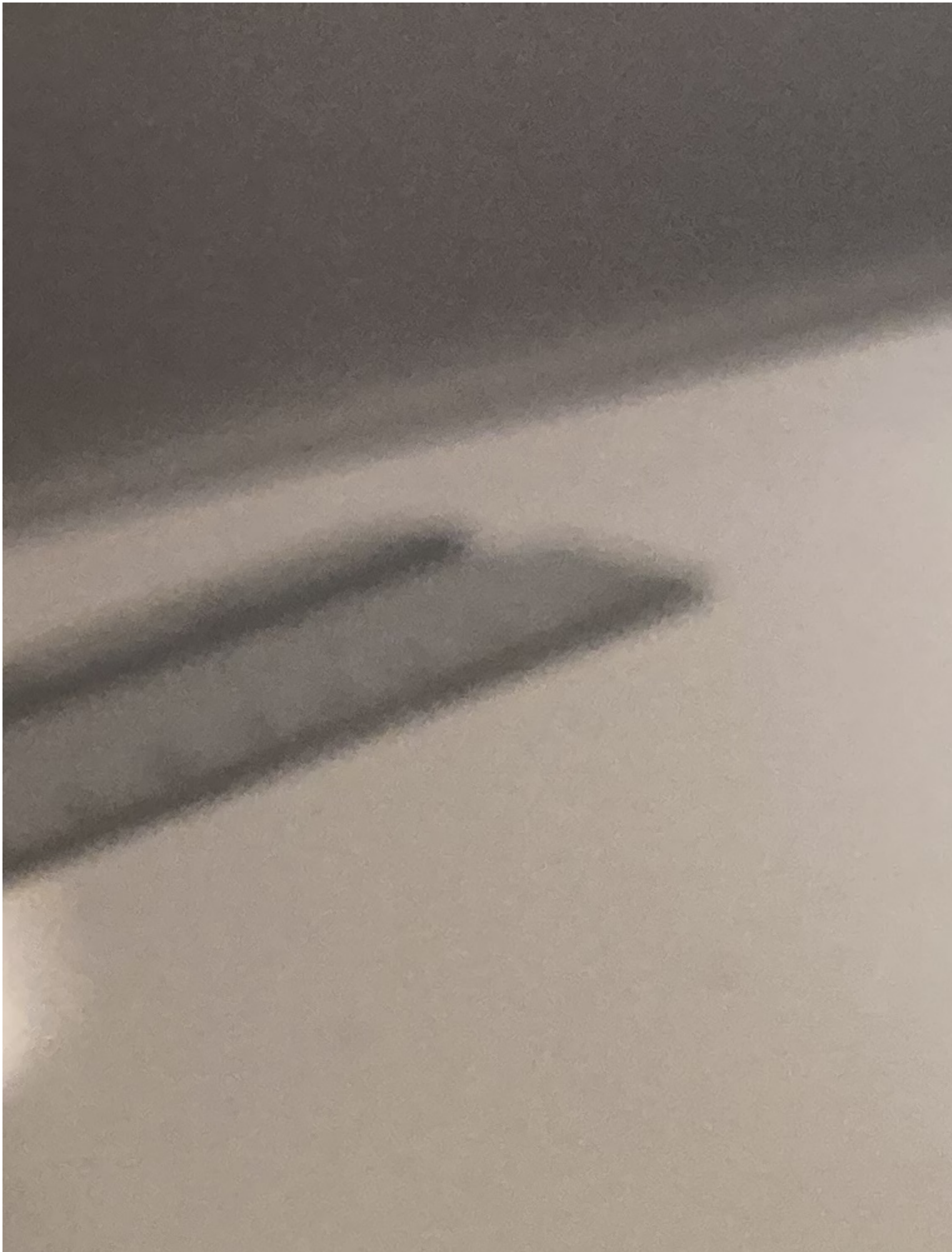
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Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Jenneke on Sat, 31 Oct 2020 14:40:40 GMT
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Passe-partout white box.

To make it nicer I might put brown book linen on it. Or do you have a suggestion?

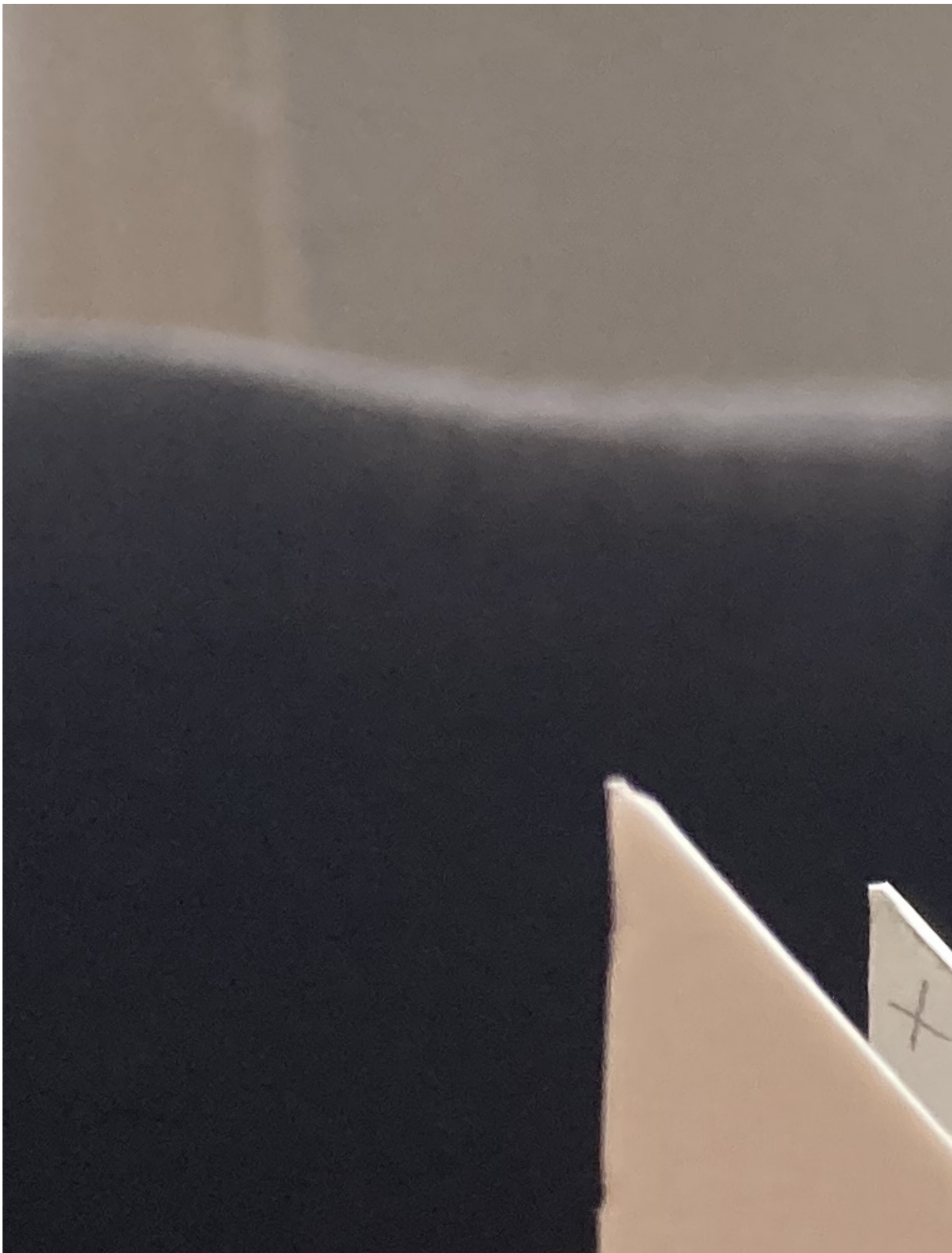
I started with the watch holder. Foam, cardboard and the black velvet back of a photo frame.

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Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Gary on Sat, 31 Oct 2020 16:06:29 GMT
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Nice! Now that's what I was reverse engineering!

Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Case on Sun, 01 Nov 2020 01:50:13 GMT
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Clever! I wonder if it was similar in color/texture to the beige service box Liz posted in ‘20s?

Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Jenneke on Sun, 01 Nov 2020 12:28:25 GMT
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Case wrote on Sun, 01 November 2020 02:50Clever! I wonder if it was similar in color/texture to the beige service box Liz posted in ‘20s?
I dont think so. Difficult to transfer a black and white picture into color, but it could even be pink! :lol:

A comparison of my beige/taupe/brown boxes.

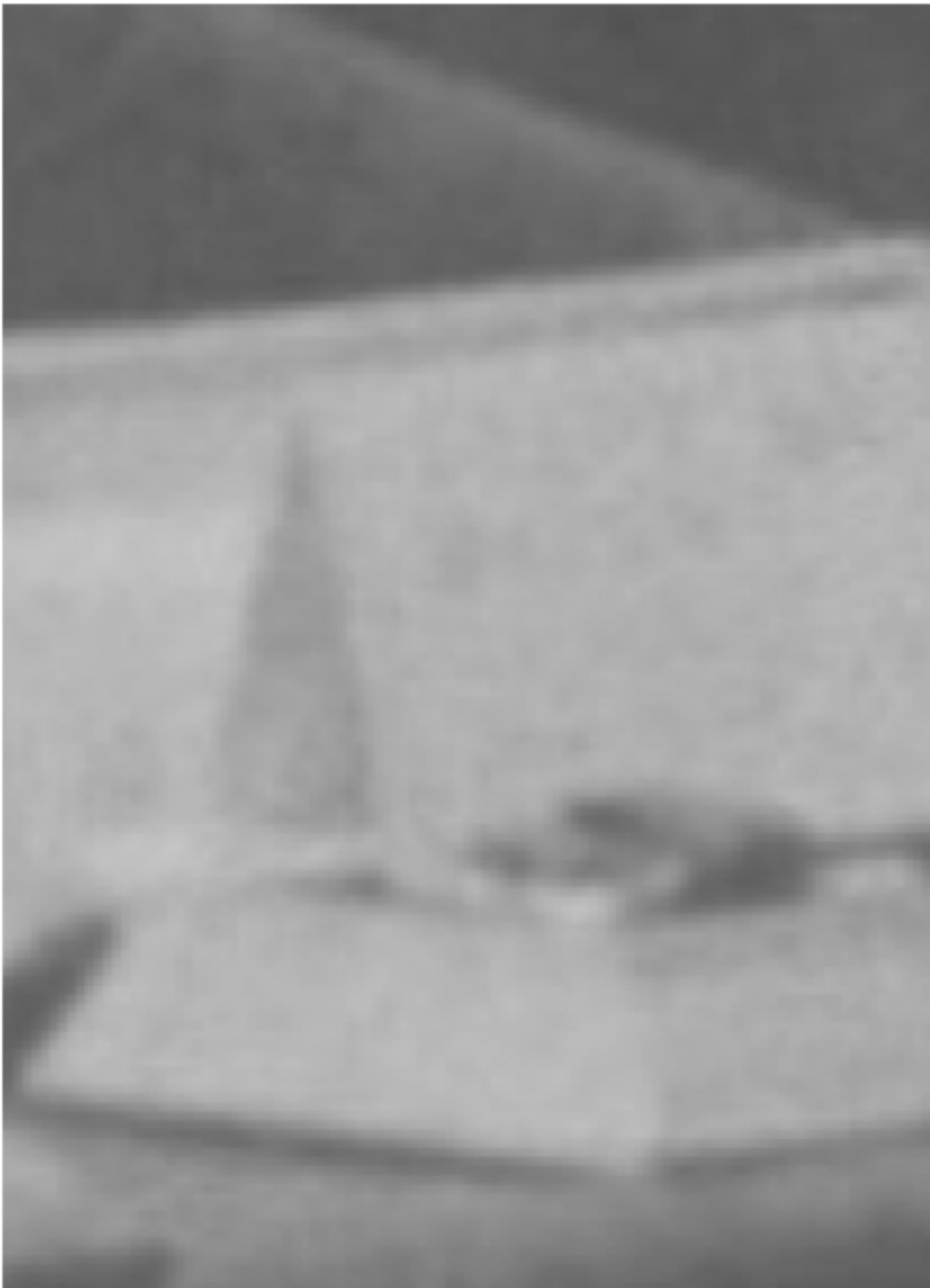
In the window display there were also the brown boxes and the beige ones. For comparison put them in one picture with my brownish boxes made colorless.

And a zoom on Lola’s lap shows the texture:

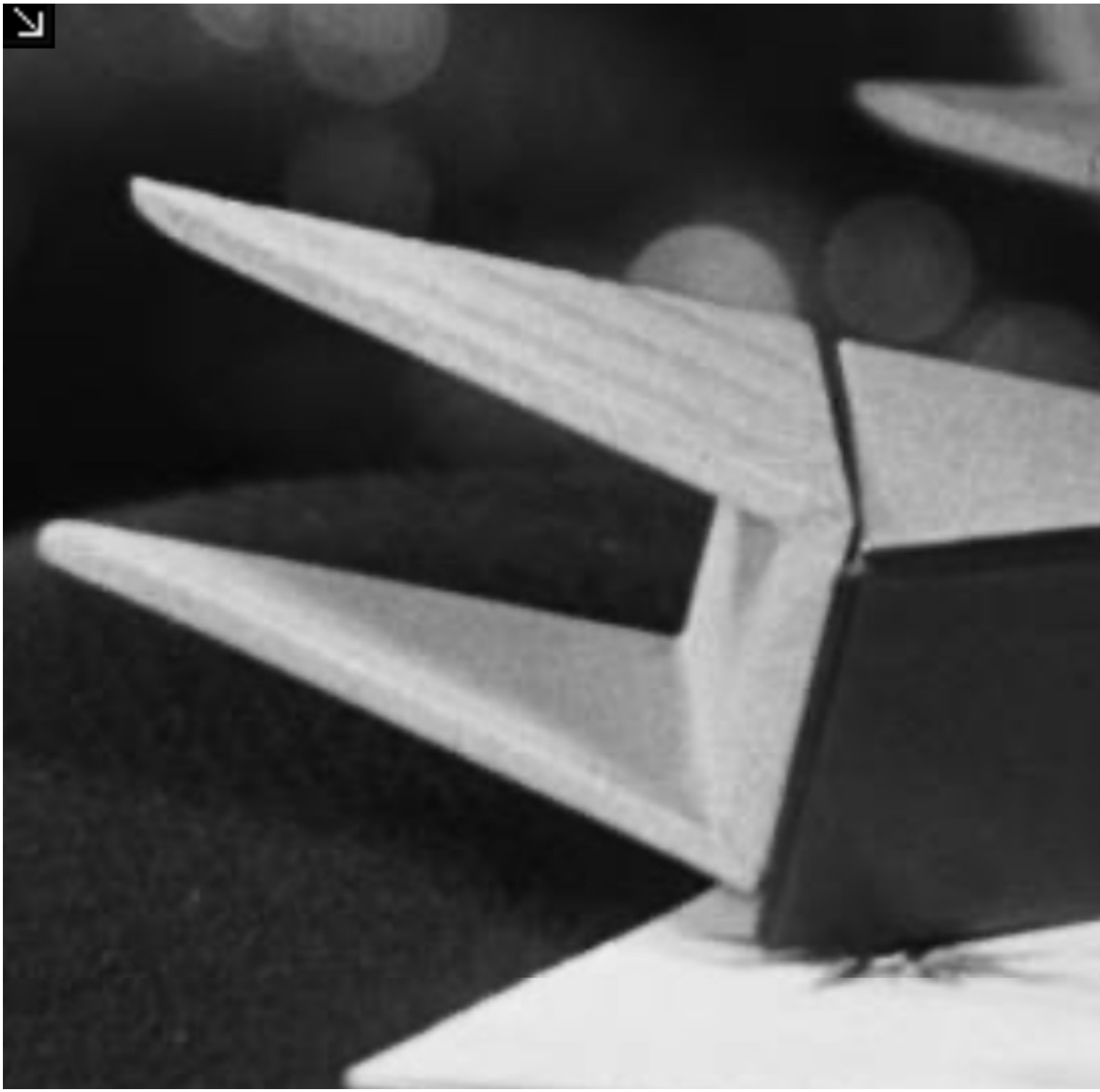
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Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Case on Mon, 02 Nov 2020 14:42:40 GMT
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Great sleuthing! How fun! So looks like the triangles on the base didn't have the linear pattern like center pieces? And when center pieces were down (box closed), the Line on them would've been vertical (I think?)

Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Jenneke on Mon, 02 Nov 2020 21:59:25 GMT
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Ah, you might be right. Different base and lid patterns. Something some of the carre watch cases also had. Maybe we should look at the watch models? Cases with line patterns?

Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Jenneke on Mon, 07 Dec 2020 21:18:18 GMT
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Well, I am not a certified watch box maker. For sure I wouldn't be hired for the Gruen box making company. :lol: But, next step finished.

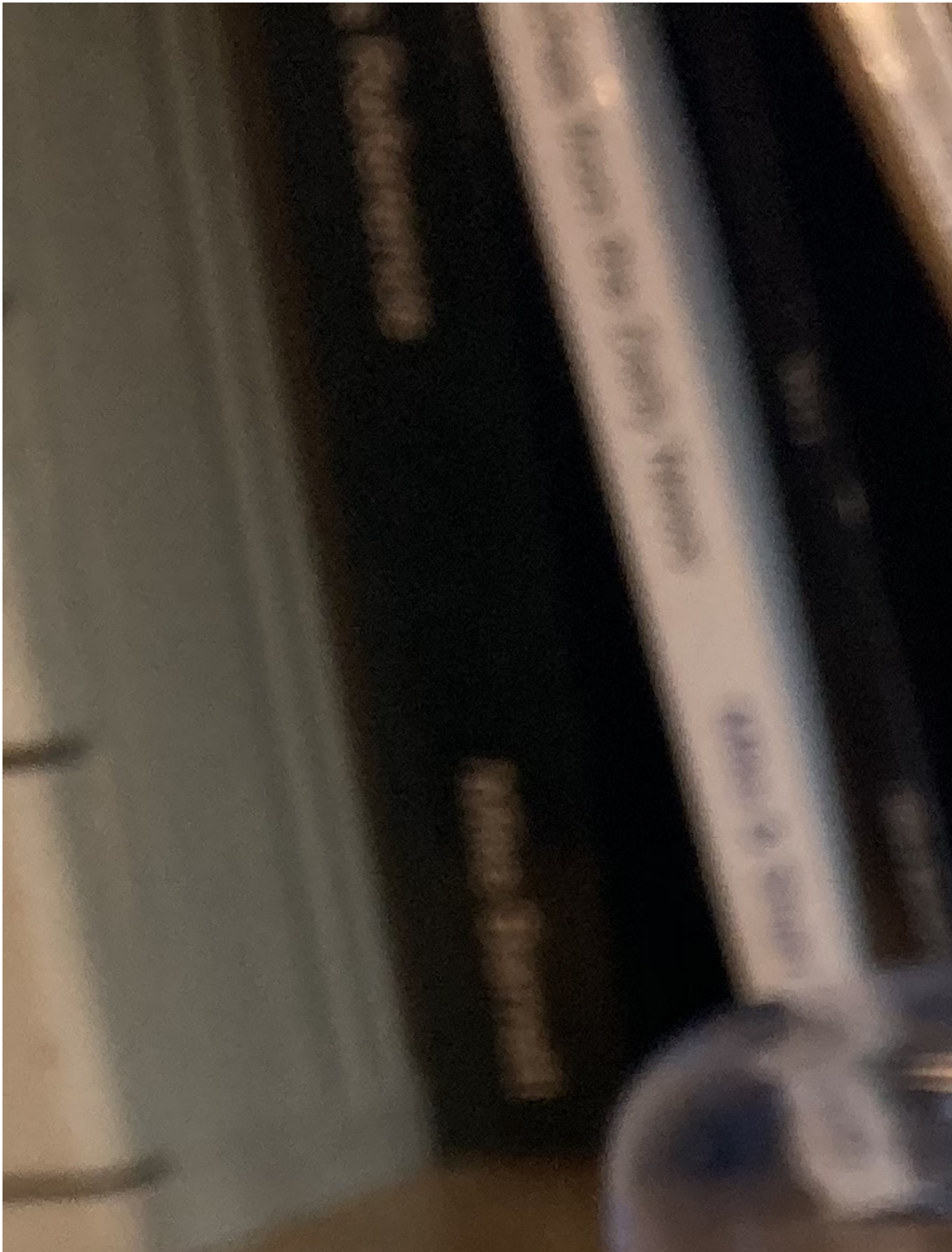
I glued a light brown linen on it.

Next step, make a black velvet watch holder.

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Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Case on Tue, 08 Dec 2020 14:11:55 GMT
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Looks great to me, Jenneke.

Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Gary on Tue, 08 Dec 2020 14:26:13 GMT
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Looks professionally made Jenneke! Don't underestimate your skills, you know us airplane builders use shims to take up any slack on the body sections. If they can do it and make a million you can.

You go girl!

Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Case on Wed, 09 Dec 2020 18:22:57 GMT
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GaryM wrote on Tue, 08 December 2020 09:26...you know us airplane builders use shims to take up any slack on the body sections. If they can do it and make a million you can.

You go girl!
Too funny, Gary, and so right! I remember the standard shop notes at one of the largest commercial roof joist makers: “bend to suit, beat to fit, weld the * out of it, paint to match”

Jenneke’s far more precise! As Dietrich Gruen said, “Trifles make precision, but Precision is no trifle.” Btw, I’ve now shamelessly adopted that quote in my company’s on-boarding training.

Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 24 Aug 2021 19:01:01 GMT
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After a break, the next step.

I discovered there is self adhesive black velvet.

From the original box picture I think the watch should fit in two ways. Snug flat when opened and on one corner when the box is closed. The fiddling started… cardboard, glue, black paint… trial an error.

Ready for the velvet! Again, fiddling with small pieces.

And tadaaa! The end result.

Maybe i will give the white inside a lick of paint. But for now, done and dusted.

Next project… give the carre a leather jacket.

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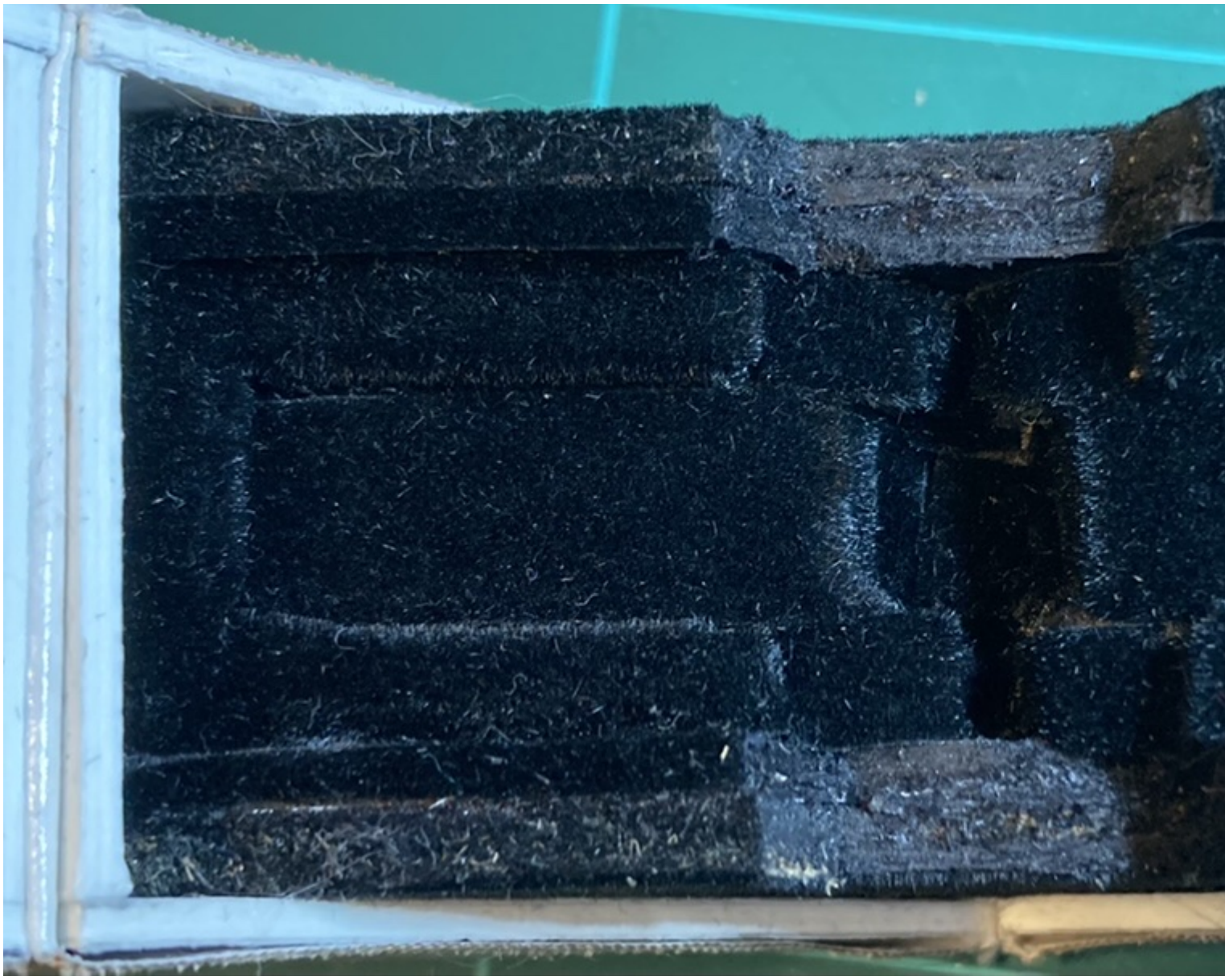




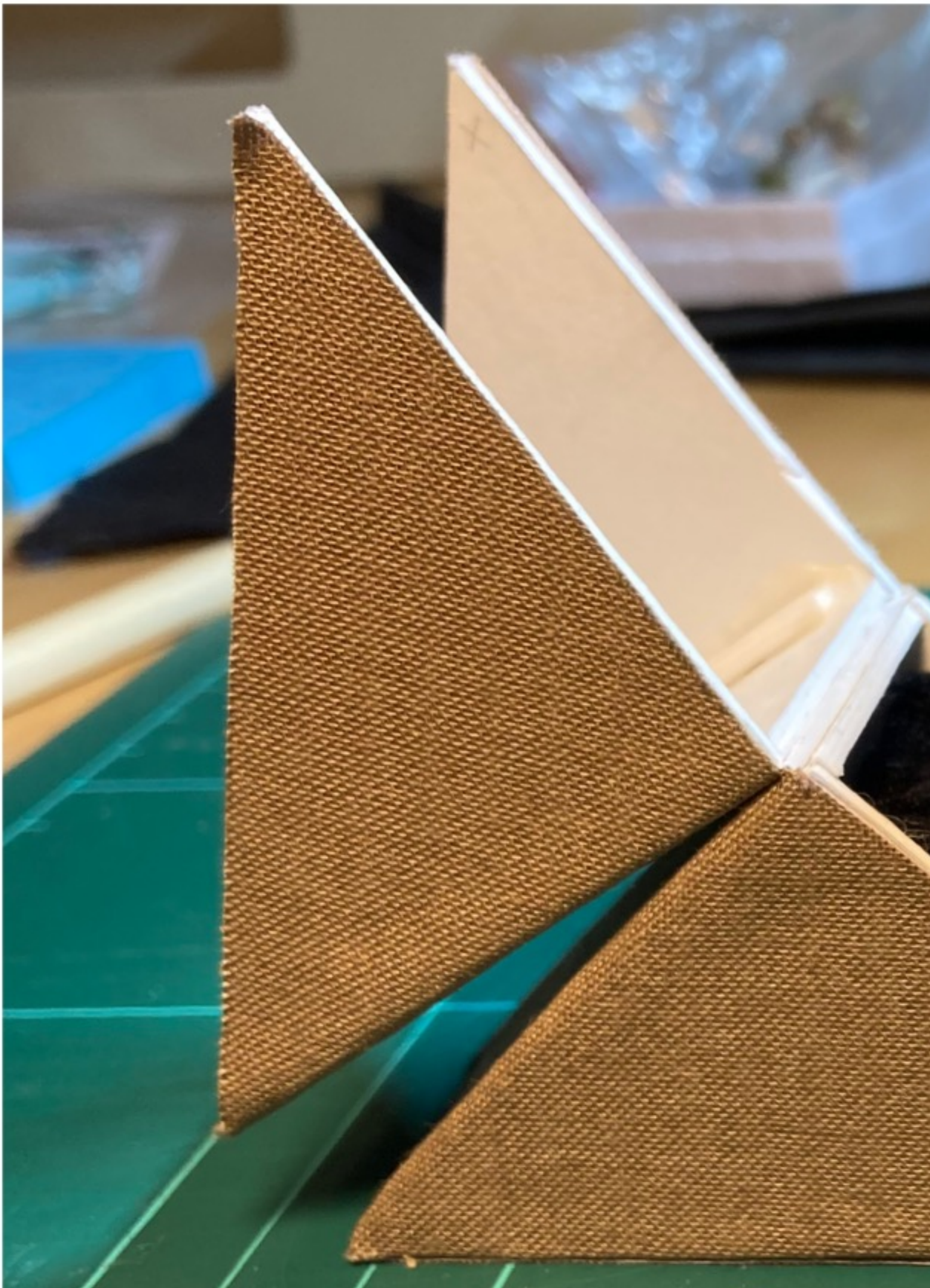




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Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by afire on Tue, 24 Aug 2021 19:14:46 GMT
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What a project!

Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by kastner on Sat, 20 Jul 2024 20:40:27 GMT
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That's great work Jenneke, and is quite impressive! I was fortunate enough to pick up one of these recently.

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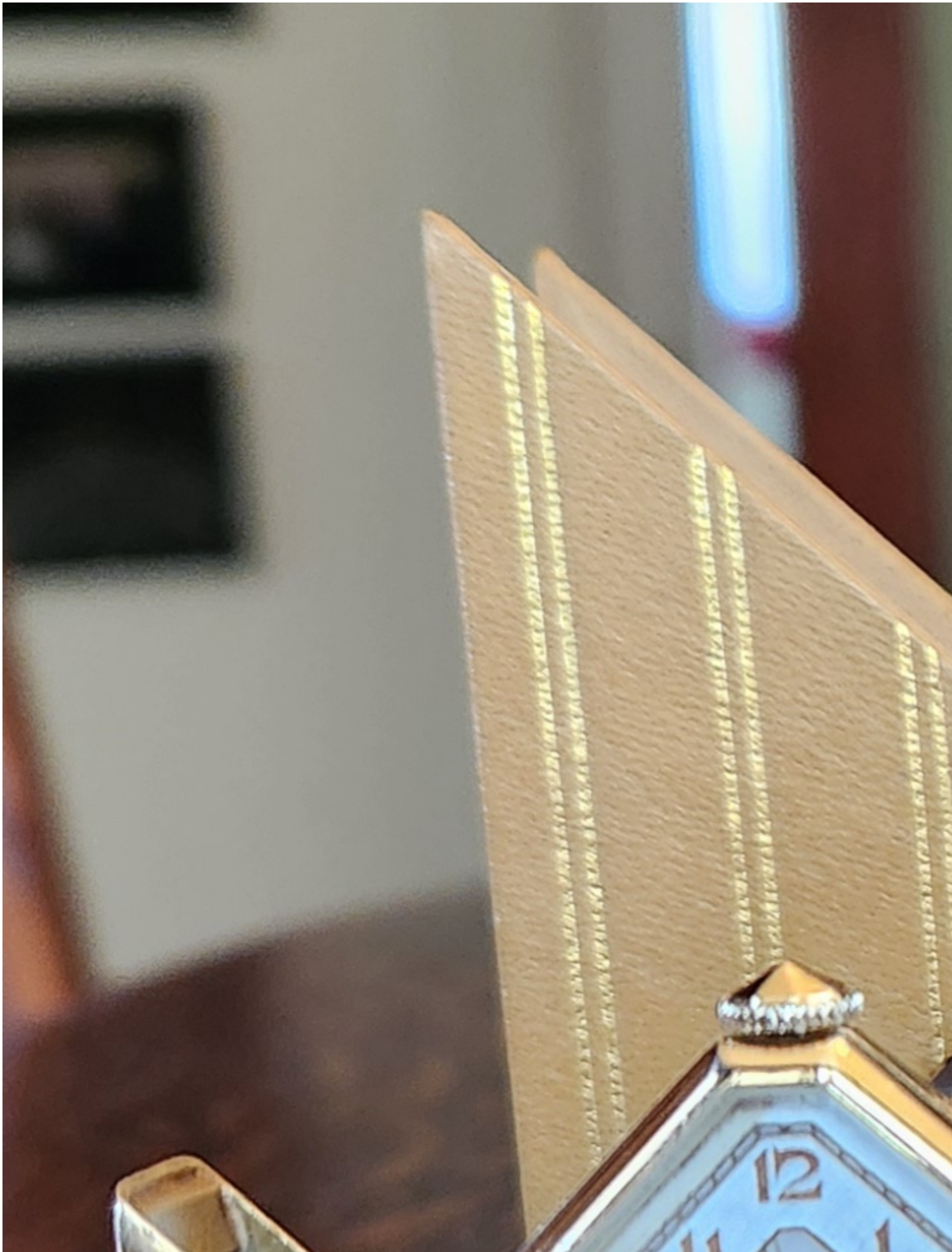
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Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by JackW on Sat, 20 Jul 2024 22:06:35 GMT
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Wonderful that you were the one to get that.

Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Jenneke on Mon, 22 Jul 2024 15:43:20 GMT
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Oeh wow, I envy that one. Is it leather on wood?

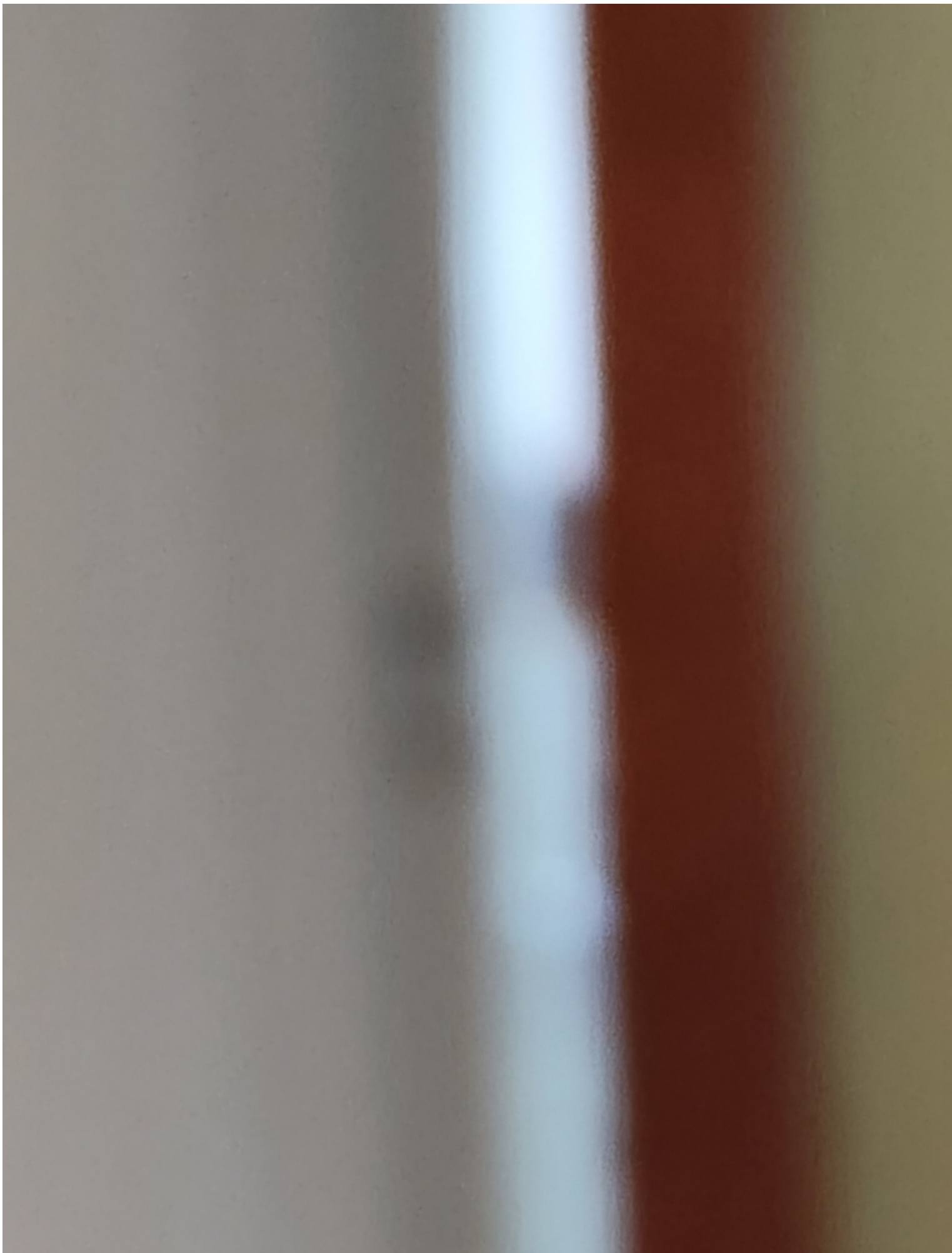
I asked the seller on Ebay how it closes. I still dont understand it. Mine needs some flex (hinges) in the bottom to be closed. Because the closing triangles will hit each other.

Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by kastner on Tue, 23 Jul 2024 01:12:33 GMT
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It is made out of a thick chipboard with nice paper coverings.

As for closing it, you're exactly right: you need play in the hinges because the closing triangles will hit each other!!! This is a "worse case" closing to show what we're dealing with

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Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 23 Jul 2024 19:56:17 GMT
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kastner wrote on Tue, 23 July 2024 03:12
As for closing it, you're exactly right: you need play in the hinges because the closing triangles will hit each other!!!

Thanx for showing the issue or should we call it a design flaw? Anyway, still a very very nice and unique display box!

Do you have a picture from the holder?

Subject: Re: Carre triangle
Posted by afire on Tue, 27 Aug 2024 18:25:45 GMT
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What a thread this is.