CLAIMS:

1. A carrier for holding a plurality of containers, the carrier comprising:

a top panel comprising a first plurality of container openings for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers;

at least one container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel and comprising a second plurality of container openings aligned with respective container openings of the first plurality of container openings for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers, the top panel is in at least partial face-to-face contact with the at least one container retention flap;

a plurality of container retention features for engaging respective containers of the plurality of containers, the plurality of container retention features comprising at least one first container retention tab foldably connected to the top panel and extending toward a respective container opening of the first plurality of container openings, and at least one second container retention tab foldably connected to the at least one container retention flap and extending toward a respective container opening of the second plurality of container openings, the at least one second container retention tab is circumferentially offset relative to the at least one first container retention tab, the at least one first container retention tab is in at least partial face-to-face contact with the at least one second container retention tab; and

at least one reinforcement panel positioned between the top panel and the at least one container retention flap, the at least one reinforcement panel formed by a line of weakening that includes a plurality of oblique line segments, each oblique line segment of the plurality of oblique line segments intersecting at least one other line segment of the plurality of oblique line segments, the at least one reinforcement panel is generally upright relative to the top panel.

2. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the at least one container retention flap is a first container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel, and the carrier further comprises a second container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel, wherein the second container retention flap comprises at least one container opening of the second plurality of container openings.

3. The carrier of claim 2, wherein the first container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a first fold line, the at least one reinforcement panel interrupts the first fold line.

4. The carrier of claim 2, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel is a first reinforcement panel, the second container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a second fold line, and the carrier further comprises a second reinforcement panel interrupting the second fold line.

5. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the top panel is in at least partial face-to-face contact with the at least one container retention flap such that the respective container openings of the first plurality of container openings are aligned to have a common center with the respective container openings of the second plurality of container openings, the at least one first container retention tab has a first circumferential position measured from an axis extending through the common center, the at least one second container retention tab has a second circumferential position measured from the axis extending through the common center, the first circumferential position is different than the second circumferential position.

6. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the at least one first container retention tab is positioned about 90° from the axis extending through the common center, and the at least one second container retention tab is positioned about 45° from the axis extending through the common center.

7. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel has a generally diamond-shaped configuration.

8. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the at least one container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a first fold line, the at least one reinforcement panel interrupts the first fold line.

9. The carrier of claim 8, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel is a first reinforcement panel, the at least one container retention flap is a first container retention flap, the carrier further comprises a second container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel at a second fold line, and the carrier further comprises a second reinforcement panel interrupting the second fold line.

10. A blank for forming a carrier for holding a plurality of containers, the blank comprising:

a top panel comprising a first plurality of container openings for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers when the carrier is formed from the blank;

at least one container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel and comprising a second plurality of container openings for being aligned with respective container openings of the first plurality of container openings for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers when the carrier is formed from the blank;

a plurality of container retention features for engaging respective containers of the plurality of containers when the carrier is formed from the blank, the plurality of container retention features comprising at least one first container retention tab foldably connected to the top panel and extending toward a respective container opening of the first plurality of container openings, and at least one second container retention tab foldably connected to the at least one container retention flap and extending

toward a respective container opening of the second plurality of container openings, the at least one second container retention tab is circumferentially offset relative to the at least one first container retention tab, the at least one first container retention tab is for being positioned in at least partial face-to-face contact with the at least one second container retention tab when the carrier is formed from the blank; and

at least one reinforcement panel positioned between the top panel and the at least one container retention flap, the at least one reinforcement panel is formed by a line of weakening,

the line of weakening includes a plurality of oblique line segments, each oblique line segment of the plurality of oblique line segments intersecting at least one other line segment of the plurality of oblique line segments.

11. The blank of claim 10, wherein the at least one container retention flap is a first container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel, and the carrier further comprises a second container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel, wherein the second container retention flap comprises at least one container opening of the second plurality of container openings.

12. The blank of claim 11, wherein the first container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a first fold line, the at least one reinforcement panel interrupts the first fold line.

13. The blank of claim 11, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel is a first reinforcement panel, the second container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a second fold line, and the carrier further comprises a second reinforcement panel interrupting the second fold line.

14. The blank of claim 10, wherein the top panel is for being positioned in at least partial face-to-face contact with the at least one container retention flap such that the respective container openings of the first plurality of container openings are aligned to have a common center with the respective container openings of the second plurality of container openings when the carrier is formed from the blank, the at least one first container retention tab has a first circumferential position measured from an axis extending through the common center when the carrier is formed from the blank, the at least one second container retention tab has a second circumferential position measured from the axis extending through the common center when the carrier is formed from the blank, the first circumferential position is different than the second circumferential position.

15. The blank of claim 10, wherein the at least one first container retention tab is positioned about 90° from the axis extending through the common center when the carrier is formed from the

blank, and the at least one second container retention tab is for being positioned about 45° from the axis extending through the common center when the carrier is formed from the blank.

16. The blank of claim 10, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel has a generally diamond-shaped configuration.

17. The blank of claim 10, wherein the at least one container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a first fold line, the at least one reinforcement panel interrupts the first fold line.

18. The blank of claim 17, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel is a first reinforcement panel, the at least one container retention flap is a first container retention flap, the carrier further comprises a second container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel at a second fold line, and the carrier further comprises a second reinforcement panel interrupting the second fold line.

19. A method of forming a carrier for holding a plurality of containers, the method comprising:

obtaining a blank comprising a top panel comprising a first plurality of container openings, at least one container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel and comprising a second plurality of container openings, a plurality of container retention features comprising at least one first container retention tab foldably connected to the top panel and extending toward a respective container opening of the first plurality of container openings, and at least one second container retention tab foldably connected to the at least one container retention flap and extending toward a respective container opening of the second plurality of container openings, the at least one second container retention tab is circumferentially offset relative to the at least one first container retention tab, the blank further comprising at least one reinforcement panel positioned between the top panel and the at least one container retention flap, the at least one reinforcement panel is formed by a line of weakening, the line of weakening includes a plurality of oblique line segments, each oblique line segment of the plurality of oblique line segments intersecting at least one other line segment of the plurality of oblique line segments;

folding the at least one container retention flap relative to the top panel such that respective container retention openings of the first plurality of container retention openings are aligned with respective container openings of the first plurality of container openings, such that the at least one container retention flap is positioned in at least partial face-to-face contact with the top panel, and such that the at least one first container retention tab is positioned in at least partial face-to-face contact with the at least one second container retention tab;

positioning the at least one reinforcement panel generally upright relative to the top panel; and

positioning the respective aligned container retention openings for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the at least one container retention flap is a first container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel, and the carrier further comprises a second container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel, wherein the second container retention flap comprises at least one container opening of the second plurality of container openings.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the first container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a first fold line, the at least one reinforcement panel interrupts the first fold line.

22. The method of claim 20, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel is a first reinforcement panel, the second container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a second fold line, and the carrier further comprises a second reinforcement panel interrupting the second fold line.

23. The method of claim 19, wherein the folding the at least one container retention flap comprises positioning the at least one container retention flap in at least partial face-to-face contact with the top panel such that the respective container openings of the first plurality of container openings are aligned to have a common center with the respective container openings of the second plurality of container openings, and such that the at least one first container retention tab has a first circumferential position measured from an axis extending through the common center, and such that the at least one second container retention tab has a second circumferential position measured from the axis extending through the common center, the first circumferential position is different than the second circumferential position.

24. The method of claim 19, wherein the at least one first container retention tab is positioned about 90° from the axis extending through the common center, and the at least one second container retention tab is positioned about 45° from the axis extending through the common center.

25. The method of claim 19, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel has a generally diamond-shaped configuration.

26. The method of claim 19, wherein the at least one container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a first fold line, the at least one reinforcement panel interrupts the first fold line.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel is a first reinforcement panel, the at least one container retention flap is a first container retention flap, and the carrier further comprises a second container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel at a second fold line, and the carrier further comprises a second reinforcement panel interrupting the second fold line.

28. A package comprising a carrier holding a plurality of containers, the package comprising:

the plurality of containers; and

the carrier, the carrier comprising:

a top panel comprising a first plurality of container openings at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers;

at least one container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel and comprising a second plurality of container openings aligned with respective container openings of the first plurality of container openings and at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers, the top panel is in at least partial face-to-face contact with the at least one container retention flap;

a plurality of container retention features engaging respective containers of the plurality of containers, the plurality of container retention features comprising at least one first container retention tab foldably connected to the top panel and extending toward a respective container opening of the first plurality of container openings, and at least one second container retention tab foldably connected to the at least one container retention flap and extending toward a respective container opening of the second plurality of container openings, the at least one second container retention tab is circumferentially offset relative to the at least one first container retention tab, the at least one first container retention tab is in at least partial face-to-face contact with the at least one second container retention tab; and

at least one reinforcement panel positioned between the top panel and the at least one container retention flap, the at least one reinforcement panel is formed by a line of weakening, the line of weakening includes a plurality of oblique line segments, each oblique line segment of the plurality of oblique line segments intersecting at least one other line segment of the plurality of oblique line segments.

29. The package of claim 28, wherein the at least one container retention flap is a first container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel, and the carrier further comprises a second container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel, wherein the second container retention flap comprises at least one container opening of the second plurality of container openings.

30. The package of claim 29, wherein the first container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a first fold line, the at least one reinforcement panel interrupts the first fold line.

31. The package of claim 29, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel is a first reinforcement panel, the second container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a second fold line, and the carrier further comprises a second reinforcement panel interrupting the second fold line.

32. The package of claim 28, wherein the top panel is in at least partial face-to-face contact with the at least one container retention flap such that the respective container openings of the first plurality of container openings are aligned to have a common center with the respective container openings of the second plurality of container openings, the at least one first container retention tab has a first circumferential position measured from an axis extending through the common center, the at least one second container retention tab has a second circumferential position measured from the axis extending through the common center, the first circumferential position is different than the second circumferential position.

33. The package of claim 28, wherein the at least one first container retention tab is positioned about 90° from the axis extending through the common center, and the at least one second container retention tab is positioned about 45° from the axis extending through the common center.

34. The package of claim 28, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel has a generally diamond-shaped configuration.

35. The package of claim 28, wherein the at least one container retention flap is foldably connected to the top panel at a first fold line, the at least one reinforcement panel interrupts the first fold line.

36. The package of claim 35, wherein the at least one reinforcement panel is a first reinforcement panel, the at least one container retention flap is a first container retention flap, the carrier further comprises a second container retention flap foldably connected to the top panel at a second fold line, and the carrier further comprises a second reinforcement panel interrupting the second fold line.