WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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

a plurality of panels forming a front portion, a back portion, and a central portion extending from the front portion to the back portion,

the front portion comprising a front attachment panel for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers and a front top panel at least partially overlapping the front attachment panel,

the back portion comprising a back attachment panel for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers and a back top panel at least partially overlapping the back attachment panel,

the central portion comprising a central panel; and

locking features for maintaining an erected configuration of the carrier, the locking features comprising at least one male locking feature extending from a respective panel of the plurality of panels and being at least partially received in a respective at least one female locking feature at least partially defined in a respective panel of the plurality of panels.

2. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the front top panel is in at least partial face-to-face contact with the front attachment panel and [[a]] the back top panel is in at least partial face-to-face contact with the back attachment panel.

3. The carrier of claim 2, wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a front side panel foldably connected to each of the front attachment panel and the front top panel, and the plurality of panels further comprises a back side panel foldably connected to the each of the back attachment panel and the back top panel.

4. The carrier of claim 2, wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a locking panel foldably connected to the front top panel, the at least one male locking feature extending from the locking panel.

5. The carrier of claim 4, wherein the at least one female locking feature is at least partially defined in the central panel.

6. The carrier of claim 5, wherein the at least one male locking feature is at least one locking tab and the at least one female locking feature is at least one cut.

7. The carrier of claim 5, wherein the at least one female locking feature is a first female locking feature, and the locking features further comprise a second female locking feature at least partially defined in the back top panel, the second female locking feature aligned with the first female locking feature such that each of the first female locking feature and the second female locking feature at least partially receive the at least one male locking feature.

8. The carrier of claim 7, wherein the at least one male locking feature is a first male locking feature, the locking features further comprise a second male locking feature extending from the locking panel and a third female locking feature at least partially defined in the back top panel and at least partially receiving the second male locking feature.

9. The carrier of claim 5, wherein the at least one female locking feature is a first female locking feature, the locking features further comprise a second female locking feature at least partially defined in the central panel and spaced apart from the first female locking feature, the at least one male locking feature is a first male locking feature extending from the locking panel, and the locking features further comprise a second male locking feature extending from the locking panel and at least partially received in the second female locking feature.

10. The carrier of claim 9, wherein the locking features further comprise a third female locking feature at least partially defined in the front attachment panel, the third female locking feature aligned with the second female locking feature, each of the third female locking feature and the second female locking feature at least partially receiving the second male locking feature.

11. The carrier of claim 10, wherein the locking panel is a front locking panel and the plurality of panels further comprises a back locking panel foldably connected to the back top panel, the locking features further comprise a fourth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back locking panel and aligned with each of the third female locking feature and the second female locking feature such that each of the fourth female locking feature, the third female locking

feature, and the second female locking feature at least partially receives the second male locking feature.

12. The carrier of claim 11, wherein the locking features further comprise a fifth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back locking panel, the fifth female locking feature aligned with the first female locking feature such that each of the first female locking feature and the fifth female locking feature at least partially receives the first male locking feature.

13. The carrier of claim 12, wherein the locking features further comprise a third male locking feature extending from the back top panel and a sixth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back attachment panel, the sixth female locking feature at least partially receiving the third male locking feature.

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

a plurality of panels forming a front portion, a back portion, and a central portion extending from the front portion to the back portion,

the front portion comprising a front attachment panel for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers,

the back portion comprising a back attachment panel for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers,

the central portion comprising a central panel foldably connected to each of the front attachment panel and the back attachment panel, the central panel comprises a connection portion foldably connected to each of a front reinforcement portion and a back reinforcement portion; and

locking features for maintaining an erected configuration of the carrier, the locking features comprising at least one male locking feature extending from a respective panel of the plurality of panels and being at least partially received in a respective at least one female locking feature at least partially defined in a respective panel of the plurality of panels.

15. The carrier of claim 14, wherein the front reinforcement portion is foldably connected to the front attachment panel and the back reinforcement portion is foldably connected to the back attachment panel.

16. The carrier of claim 15, wherein the front attachment panel comprises an attachment portion, an interior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion, and an exterior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion, the front reinforcement portion of the central panel is foldably connected to and in at least partial face-to-face contact with the interior marginal portion of the front attachment panel.

17. The carrier of claim 16, wherein the back attachment panel comprises an attachment portion, an interior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion of the back attachment panel, and an exterior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion of the back attachment panel, the back reinforcement portion of the central panel is foldably connected to and in at least partial face-to-face contact with the interior marginal portion of the back attachment panel.

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

a plurality of panels forming a front portion, a back portion, and a central portion extending from the front portion to the back portion,

the front portion comprising a front attachment panel for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers and a front top panel for being overlapped with the front attachment panel when the carrier is formed from the blank,

the back portion comprising a back attachment panel for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers and a back top panel for being overlapped with the back attachment panel when the carrier is formed from the blank,

the central portion comprising a central panel; and

locking features for maintaining an erected configuration of the carrier formed from the blank, the locking features comprising at least one male locking feature extending from a respective panel of the plurality of panels and for being at least partially received in a respective

at least one female locking feature at least partially defined in a respective panel of the plurality of panels when the carrier is formed from the blank.

19. The blank of claim 18, wherein the front top panel is for being positioned in at least partial face-to-face contact with the front attachment panel when the carrier is formed from the blank and [[a]] the back top panel is for being positioned in at least partial face-to-face contact with the back attachment panel when the carrier is formed from the blank.

20. The blank of claim 19, wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a front side panel foldably connected to each of the front attachment panel and the front top panel, and the plurality of panels further comprises a back side panel foldably connected to the each of the back attachment panel and the back top panel.

21. The blank of claim 19, wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a locking panel foldably connected to the front top panel, the at least one male locking feature extending from the locking panel.

22. The blank of claim 21, wherein the at least one female locking feature is at least partially defined in the central panel.

23. The blank of claim 22, wherein the at least one male locking feature is at least one locking tab and the at least one female locking feature is at least one cut.

24. The blank of claim 22, wherein the at least one female locking feature is a first female locking feature, the locking features further comprise a second female locking feature at least partially defined in the back top panel, the second female locking feature for being aligned with the first female locking feature such that each of the first female locking feature and the second female locking feature at least partially receives the at least one male locking feature when the carrier is formed from the blank.

25. The blank of claim 24, wherein the at least one male locking feature is a first male locking feature and the locking features further comprise a second male locking feature extending from the locking panel and a third female locking feature at least partially defined in the back top

panel for at least partially receiving the second male locking feature when the carrier is formed from the blank.

26. The blank of claim 22, wherein the at least one female locking feature is a first female locking feature, the locking features further comprise a second female locking feature at least partially defined in the central panel and spaced apart from the first female locking feature, the at least one male locking feature is a first male locking feature extending from the locking panel, and the locking features further comprise a second male locking feature extending from the locking panel, the second male locking feature for being at least partially received in the second female locking feature when the carrier is formed from the blank.

27. The blank of claim 26, wherein the locking features further comprise a third female locking feature at least partially defined in the front attachment panel, the third female locking feature for being aligned with the second female locking feature when the carrier is formed from the blank such that each of the third female locking feature and the second female locking feature are for at least partially receiving the second male locking feature when the carrier is formed from the blank.

28. The blank of claim 27, wherein the locking panel is a front locking panel and the plurality of panels further comprises a back locking panel foldably connected to the back top panel, the locking features further comprise a fourth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back locking panel and for being aligned with each of the third female locking feature and the second female locking feature when the carrier is formed from the blank such that each of the fourth female locking feature, the third female locking feature, and the second female locking feature are for at least partially receiving the second male locking feature when the carrier is formed from the blank.

29. The blank of claim 28, wherein the locking features further comprise a fifth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back locking panel, the fifth female locking feature for being aligned with the first female locking feature when the carrier is formed from the blank such that each of the first female locking feature and the fifth female locking feature are for at least partially receiving the first male locking feature when the carrier is formed from the blank.

30. The blank of claim 29, wherein the locking features further comprise a third male locking feature extending from the back top panel and a sixth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back attachment panel, the sixth female locking feature for at least partially receiving the third male locking feature when the carrier is formed from the blank.

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

a plurality of panels forming a front portion, a back portion, and a central portion extending from the front portion to the back portion,

the front portion comprising a front attachment panel for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers,

the back portion comprising a back attachment panel for at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers,

the central portion comprising a central panel foldably connected to each of the front attachment panel and the back attachment panel, the central panel comprises a connection portion foldably connected to each of a front reinforcement portion and a back reinforcement portion.

32. The blank of claim 31, wherein the front reinforcement portion is foldably connected to the front attachment panel and the back reinforcement portion is foldably connected to the back attachment panel.

33. The blank of claim 32, wherein the front attachment panel comprises an attachment portion, an interior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion, and an exterior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion, the front reinforcement portion of the central panel is foldably connected to the interior marginal portion of the front attachment panel and for being positioned in at least partial face-to-face contact with the interior marginal portion of the front attachment panel when the carrier is formed from the blank.

34. The blank of claim 33, wherein the back attachment panel comprises an attachment portion, an interior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion of the back attachment panel, and an exterior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion

of the back attachment panel, the back reinforcement portion of the central panel is foldably connected to the interior marginal portion of the back attachment panel and for being positioned in at least partial face-to-face contact with the interior marginal portion of the back attachment panel when the carrier is formed from the blank.

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

obtaining a blank comprising a plurality of panels comprising a front attachment panel, a central panel, [[and]] a back attachment panel, a front top panel, and a back top panel, the blank comprising locking features comprising at least one male locking feature extending from a respective panel of the plurality of panels and at least one female locking feature at least partially defined in a respective panel of the plurality of panels;

arranging the plurality of panels to form a front portion of the carrier comprising the front top panel overlapping the front attachment panel;

arranging the plurality of panels to form a back portion of the carrier comprising the back top panel overlapping the back attachment panel;

arranging the plurality of panels to form a central portion of the carrier comprising the central panel and extending from the front portion of the carrier to the back portion of the carrier; and

at least partially inserting the at least one male locking feature through the at least one female locking feature to maintain an erected configuration of the carrier.

36. The method of claim 35, further comprising positioning the front top panel in at least partial face-to-face contact with the front attachment panel, the method further comprising positioning the back top panel in at least partial face-to-face contact with the back attachment panel.

37. The method of claim 36, wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a front side panel foldably connected to each of the front attachment panel and the front top panel, and the

plurality of panels further comprises a back side panel foldably connected to the each of the back attachment panel and the back top panel.

38. The method of claim 36, wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a locking panel foldably connected to the front top panel, the at least one male locking feature extending from the locking panel.

39. The method of claim 38, wherein the at least one female locking feature is at least partially defined in the central panel.

40. The method of claim 39, wherein the at least one male locking feature is at least one locking tab and the at least one female locking feature is at least one cut.

41. The method of claim 39, wherein the at least one female locking feature is a first female locking feature, and the locking features further comprise a second female locking feature at least partially defined in the back top panel, and positioning the back top panel comprises aligning the second female locking feature with the first female locking feature such that each of the first female locking feature and the second female locking feature at least partially receives the at least one male locking feature.

42. The method of claim 41, wherein the at least one male locking feature is a first male locking feature, the locking features further comprise a second male locking feature extending from the locking panel and a third female locking feature at least partially defined in the back top panel, and the method further comprises at least partially inserting the second male locking feature in the third female locking feature.

43. The method of claim 39, wherein the at least one female locking feature is a first female locking feature, the locking features further comprise a second female locking feature at least partially defined in the central panel and spaced apart from the first female locking feature, the at least one male locking feature is a first male locking feature extending from the locking panel, the locking features further comprise a second male locking feature extending from the locking panel, and the method further comprises at least partially inserting the second male locking feature through the second female locking feature.

44. The method of claim 43, wherein the locking features further comprise a third female locking feature at least partially defined in the front attachment panel, arranging the plurality of panels comprises aligning the third female locking feature with the second female locking feature, and the method further comprises at least partially inserting the second male locking feature at least partially through each of the third female locking feature and the second female locking feature.

45. The method of claim 44, wherein the locking panel is a front locking panel and the plurality of panels further comprises a back locking panel foldably connected to the back top panel, the locking features further comprise a fourth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back locking panel, arranging the plurality of panels comprises aligning the fourth female locking feature with each of the third female locking feature and the second female locking feature, and the method further comprises at least partially inserting the second male locking feature through each of the fourth female locking feature, the third female locking feature, and the second female locking feature.

46. The method of claim 45, wherein the locking features further comprise a fifth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back locking panel, arranging the plurality of panels comprises aligning the fifth female locking feature with the first female locking feature, and the method further comprises at least partially inserting the first male locking feature through each of the first female locking feature and the fifth female locking feature.

47. The method of claim 46, wherein the locking features further comprise a third male locking feature extending from the back top panel and a sixth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back attachment panel, and the method further comprises at least partially inserting the third male locking feature through the sixth female locking feature.

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

obtaining a blank comprising a plurality of panels comprising a front attachment panel, a central panel foldably connected to each of the front attachment panel and the back attachment panel, and a back attachment panel, the central panel comprises a connection portion foldably

connected to each of a front reinforcement portion and a back reinforcement portion, the blank comprising locking features comprising at least one male locking feature extending from a respective panel of the plurality of panels and at least one female locking feature at least partially defined in a respective panel of the plurality of panels;

arranging the plurality of panels to form a front portion of the carrier comprising the front attachment panel;

arranging the plurality of panels to form a back portion of the carrier comprising the back attachment panel;

arranging the plurality of panels to form a central portion of the carrier comprising the central panel and extending from the front portion of the carrier to the back portion of the carrier; and

at least partially inserting the at least one male locking feature through the at least one female locking feature to maintain an erected configuration of the carrier.

49. The method of claim 48, wherein the front reinforcement portion is foldably connected to the front attachment panel and the back reinforcement portion is foldably connected to the back attachment panel.

50. The method of claim 49, wherein the front attachment panel comprises an attachment portion, an interior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion, and an exterior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion, the front reinforcement portion of the central panel is foldably connected to the interior marginal portion of the front attachment panel, and the method further comprises positioning the front reinforcement portion of the central panel in at least partial face-to-face contact with the interior marginal portion of the front attachment panel.

51. The method of claim 50, wherein the back attachment panel comprises an attachment portion, an interior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion of the back attachment panel, and an exterior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion of the back attachment panel, the back reinforcement portion of the central panel is foldably

connected to the interior marginal portion of the back attachment panel, and the method further comprises positioning the back reinforcement portion of the central panel in at least partial face-to-face contact with the interior marginal portion of the back attachment panel.

52. A package, the package comprising:

a plurality of containers; and

a carrier holding the plurality of containers, the carrier comprising:

a plurality of panels forming a front portion, a back portion, and a central portion extending from the front portion to the back portion,

the front portion comprising a front attachment panel at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers and a front top panel overlapping the front attachment panel,

the back portion comprising a back attachment panel at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers and a back top panel overlapping the back attachment panel,

the central portion comprising a central panel; and

locking features maintaining an erected configuration of the carrier, the locking features comprising at least one male locking feature extending from a respective panel of the plurality of panels and being at least partially received in a respective at least one female locking feature at least partially defined in a respective panel of the plurality of panels.

53. The package of claim 52, wherein the front top panel is in at least partial face-to-face contact with the front attachment panel and [[a]] the back top panel is in at least partial face-to-face contact with the back attachment panel.

54. The package of claim 53, wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a front side panel foldably connected to each of the front attachment panel and the front top panel, and the

plurality of panels further comprises a back side panel foldably connected to the each of the back attachment panel and the back top panel.

55. The package of claim 53, wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a locking panel foldably connected to the front top panel, the at least one male locking feature extending from the locking panel.

56. The package of claim 55, wherein the at least one female locking feature is at least partially defined in the central panel.

57. The package of claim 56, wherein the at least one male locking feature is at least one locking tab and the at least one female locking feature is at least one cut.

58. The package of claim 56, wherein the at least one female locking feature is a first female locking feature, and the locking features further comprise a second female locking feature at least partially defined in the back top panel, the second female locking feature aligned with the first female locking feature such that each of the first female locking feature and the second female locking feature at least partially receive the at least one male locking feature.

59. The package of claim 58, wherein the at least one male locking feature is a first male locking feature, the locking features further comprise a second male locking feature extending from the locking panel and a third female locking feature at least partially defined in the back top panel and at least partially receiving the second male locking feature.

60. The package of claim 56, wherein the at least one female locking feature is a first female locking feature, the locking features further comprise a second female locking feature at least partially defined in the central panel and spaced apart from the first female locking feature, the at least one male locking feature is a first male locking feature extending from the locking panel, and the locking features further comprise a second male locking feature extending from the locking panel and at least partially received in the second female locking feature.

61. The package of claim 60, wherein the locking features further comprise a third female locking feature at least partially defined in the front attachment panel, the third female locking

feature aligned with the second female locking feature, each of the third female locking feature and the second female locking feature at least partially receiving the second male locking feature.

62. The package of claim 61, wherein the locking panel is a front locking panel and the plurality of panels further comprises a back locking panel foldably connected to the back top panel, the locking features further comprise a fourth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back locking panel and aligned with each of the third female locking feature and the second female locking feature such that each of the fourth female locking feature, the third female locking feature, and the second female locking feature at least partially receives the second male locking feature.

63. The package of claim 62, wherein the locking features further comprise a fifth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back locking panel, the fifth female locking feature aligned with the first female locking feature such that each of the first female locking feature and the fifth female locking feature at least partially receives the first male locking feature.

64. The package of claim 63, wherein the locking features further comprise a third male locking feature extending from the back top panel and a sixth female locking feature at least partially defined in the back attachment panel, the sixth female locking feature at least partially receiving the third male locking feature.

65. A package, the package comprising:

a plurality of containers; and

a carrier holding the plurality of containers, the carrier comprising:

a plurality of panels forming a front portion, a back portion, and a central portion extending from the front portion to the back portion,

the front portion comprising a front attachment panel at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers,

the back portion comprising a back attachment panel at least partially receiving a respective container of the plurality of containers,

the central portion comprising a central panel foldably connected to each of the front attachment panel and the back attachment panel, the central panel comprises a connection portion foldably connected to each of a front reinforcement portion and a back reinforcement portion; and

locking features maintaining an erected configuration of the carrier, the locking features comprising at least one male locking feature extending from a respective panel of the plurality of panels and being at least partially received in a respective at least one female locking feature at least partially defined in a respective panel of the plurality of panels.

66. The package of claim 65, wherein the front reinforcement portion is foldably connected to the front attachment panel and the back reinforcement portion is foldably connected to the back attachment panel.

67. The package of claim 66, wherein the front attachment panel comprises an attachment portion, an interior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion, and an exterior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion, the front reinforcement portion of the central panel is foldably connected to and in at least partial face-to-face contact with the interior marginal portion of the front attachment panel.

68. The package of claim 67, wherein the back attachment panel comprises an attachment portion, an interior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion of the back attachment panel, and an exterior marginal portion foldably connected to the attachment portion of the back attachment panel, the back reinforcement portion of the central panel is foldably connected to and in at least partial face-to-face contact with the interior marginal portion of the back attachment panel.