

Japanese Furoshiki

Holiday Craftapalooza

This no waste, reusable wrapping technique, presented by Libby from Downtown Reno Library, is part of our Holiday Craftapalooza program as seen on Facebook, December 9-13, 2020.

Step-by-step instructions

Step 1: Place gift in middle of fabric.

Step 2: Bring the nearest corner and far corner together over gift.

Step 3: Bring the right and left corners behind the top and bottom corners, cross them, and bring them to the front.

Step 4: Wrap the right and left corners around the base of the top and bottom corners and tie a ma-masubi knot which is known commonly as a square knot. You can leave the gift like this or experiment by folding the corners into the middle to form different decorative shapes.

Bottle Wrap:

Step 1: Place the bottle in the middle of the Furoshiki.

Step 2: Tie a ma-masubi knot (square knot) over the bottle using the corner in front of you and the one diagonally opposite.

Step 3: Hold the two other corners and bring them to the back of the bottle.

Step 4: Cross the two corners behind the bottle and lay it down.

Step 5: Tie a ma-masubi knot on the front of the bottle.

Step 6: Stand the bottle upright and adjust the knot.

Step 7: To make a handle on top now untie the knot on top of the bottle and twist the corners around and around in different directions.

Step 8: Tie a knot using the tips of the coiled corners.

Ribbon Wrap:

This wrap is a little more complicated for those wanting a bit more of a challenge. This wrap is perfect for flat gifts, especially books!

Step 1: Place the top right corner of the book about 4 inches in from the halfway point on the side connecting the top and right corners.

Step 2: Flip the book over once toward you

Step 3: Pull the bottom corner over the book

Step 4: Pull the left corner over the book.

Step 5: Flip the book over once away from you.

Step 6: Fold the top-right side over the top-right corner of the book and lift up the right end of the Furoshiki, then grip the base of the corner and the corner on the far side.

Step 7: Tie a knot using the top and right ends.



Supply List

► Pieces of fabric of various sizes. The most commonly used sizes of cloth are 18 inches and 27 inches. You can use old silk scarves, scraps of leftover fabric and even bandanas. The rule of thumb when choosing the correct size of cloth is that you will want the diagonal length of the cloth to be 3 times the longest length of the object you plan to wrap.

► Items that are going to be wrapped. Furoshiki is so versatile that you can wrap almost anything of any shape!