

Repurposed Wrapping Paper:

Brown Paper Bag, Chip Bag and Fabric Wrapping Instructions

Hello, my name is Emily from the Sparks Library. The holiday season is upon us and it is time to start making, baking or buying that perfect gift. But what are you going to wrap that gift in? Let's take a look at a few fun, easy ideas that will make your gift stand out before the receiver even opens it.

Step-by-step instructions

Brown Paper Bag

Step 1: Supplies and Work Surface

Gather some old newspaper and clear an area for this project.

Step 2: Prepare Your Brown Paper Bag

Start by removing any handles that may be glued to the bag. Then using scissors, cut from the top to the bottom along one corner of the bag. Cut out the bottom of the bag and discard. Lay the outside of the bag facing down, leaving the plain interior of the bag on top.

Step 3: Pattern and Color

Use a scrap piece of paper to test different color and pattern combinations. You can use markers, paints, a potato stamp, or any combination. Brown paper bags have a thicker and stronger consistency than newspaper, so you can even stitch a pattern with a needle and thread!

Chip Bag

Step 1: Chip Bag Prep

Empty the contents of a chip bag into a bowl or reusable container. Then cut along the seam of the bag and along the bottom. Now use some warm soapy water and gently clean the interior of the bag to remove any oil or crumbs.

Step 2: Dry and Wrap

Using a paper towel or wash cloth, dry the interior of the bag, and you are ready to wrap!

Fabric Wrapping

Step 1: Select Your Fabric

You can use a bandana, a small scarf, or a section of fabric from an old sewing project for this alternative wrapping technique.

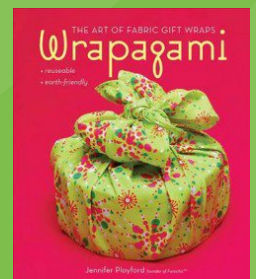
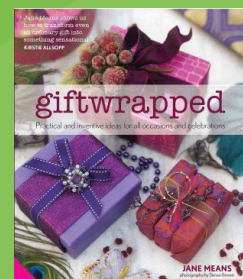
Step 7: Fold and Wrap

Place the fabric in front of you in the shape of a diamond. Lay the object you want to wrap in the center oriented like a square in front of you. Now fold the bottom corner of the diamond over the object in the center, then fold the top corner of the diamond over the object in the center as well. Use the remaining left and right corners of the diamond to tie a simple bow or knot on the top.



Supply List

- ▶ Brown paper bag
- ▶ Chip bag (with metallic interior lining)
- ▶ Fabric square (approx. 20cm x 20cm)
- ▶ Soap
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Paper towels
- ▶ Scissors
- ▶ Needle
- ▶ Thread or yarn



Craft source:

Giftwrapped: Practical and Inventive Ideas for All Occasions and Celebrations by Jane Means and Simon Brown.

Wrapagami: The Art of Fabric Gift Wraps by Jennifer Playford.

