



How to Make Gift Bags

From Any Paper

DIY Project

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Help your family or community do #GreenThings by making an eclectic paper gift bag.

By making this craft, we keep paper out of the landfill. We would normally recycle them in our **Yellow Bin** anyway, though.

Let's get started:

- Fill out an SWA Volunteer Application online at swa.org/Volunteer-Application
- Let's go Virtual and do #GreenThings
- Send in your DIY photos or submit your fully edited You Tube video to: [Linda Moreno, Volunteer Coordinator at: \[Lmoreno@swa.org\]\(mailto:Lmoreno@swa.org\) \(Community Service Hours Available\).](#)
- Together we can make a huge #GreenThings impact in our community!

Not only is this a great time to make a #GreenThings impact on the environment you can also have some family fun with this **DIY project. It's great for all ages!** You can modify this at home and always remember to follow social distancing guidelines.

What You Need:

- Box (I used a box of rice)
- Paper (newspaper, sheet music, old maps)
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Small piece of cardboard
- Tape
- Hole puncher
- String, twine or ribbon

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Eclectically Vintage

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Steps:

1. Get a box from the pantry (I used a box of rice).
2. Wrap the paper around the box like you're wrapping a gift.
3. Use glue stick to stick edges of paper together and a piece of tape to secure bottom of bag.
4. Cut a piece of cardboard a bit smaller than bottom of bag and put inside bag.
5. Pinch the sides of the bag to form a crease and fold the bottom flap.
6. Trim the top of the bag with scissors (I used decorative Edge scissors).
7. Close bag and punch 2 sets of holes in top of bag.
8. Cut 2 pieces of string, twine or ribbon and knot one piece on each side of bag (make a total of four knots).
9. Put present inside and listen to the oohs and ahhs over your amazingly eco-friendly wrapped gift!



Reflection Questions:

- How does recycling paper benefit the environment?
- What other items can you put in your yellow recycle bin?
(<https://swa.org/378/Is-This-Recyclable>)



Stay tuned for our next Virtual Volunteer **#GreenThings** Opportunity!