

Gift Bag Instructions

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This gift bag can be made from a calendar page, heavy weight gift wrap, scrapbook paper or you can stamp a design on a plain piece of paper. Dimensions are not given, because you can use any size paper.

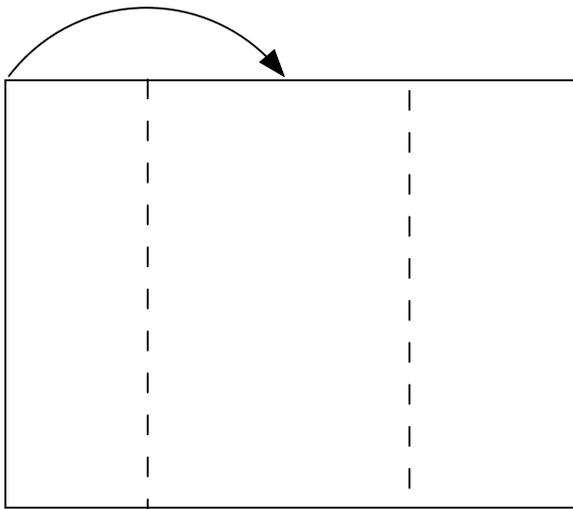


illustration 1

Lay the paper image-size down.
Fold the left side in to the center. Don't worry about measuring, it does not need to be exact.

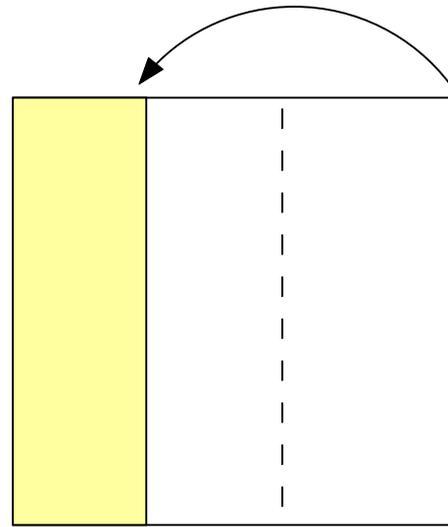


illustration 2

Fold the right side in to the center making sure to overlap the left side by 1/4 to 1/2 inch.

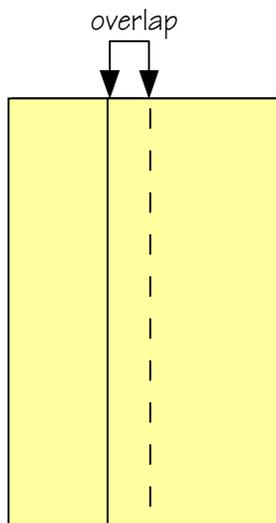


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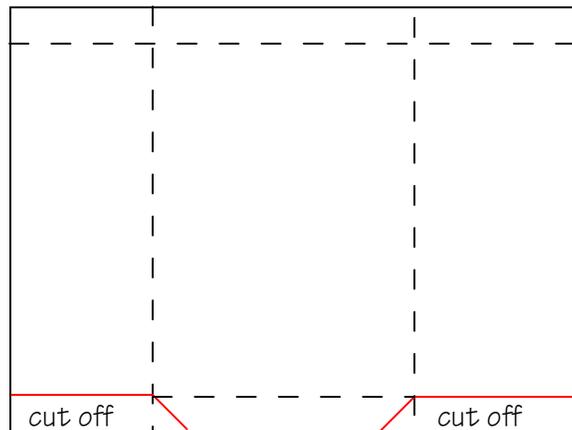


illustration 4

Unfold. Fold under 1/2 inch along the top, crease well and unfold. (dotted line at top of illustration)

Use a straight-edge to draw a line from the left edge to the left fold, and from the right edge to the right fold. Draw the line 1/2 to 1/4 inch from the bottom (red line)

Draw a diagonal lines as shown in red.

Using a bone folder or other scoring tool, score a straight line between the two drawn lines.

Cut along drawn lines.

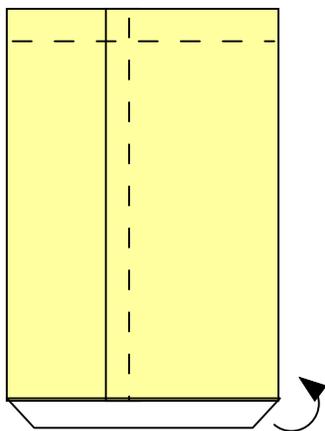


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Fold the left and right sides in. Glue the right side over the left side where it overlaps.
Fold the bottom flap up and glue it in place

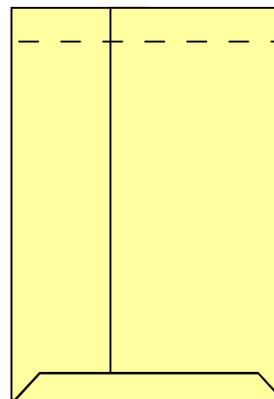


illustration 6

You should have a flat envelope with an open end.

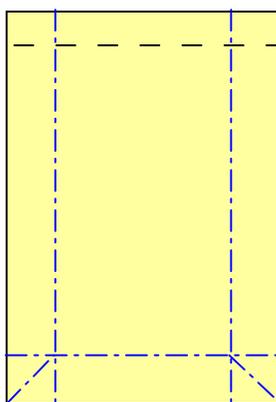


illustration 7

Use a bone folder to score a fold line one inch in from the sides and bottom of the bag (blue dashed lines). This can be adjusted to change the dimensions of the bag, just make sure that you use the same measurement on all sides.

Locate the points where the vertical scored lines intersect with the horizontal line. Score from the intersecting point to the bottom corner (diagonal blue dashed lines) Fold on the horizontal and vertical fold lines. Flip the envelope older and fold the other direction.

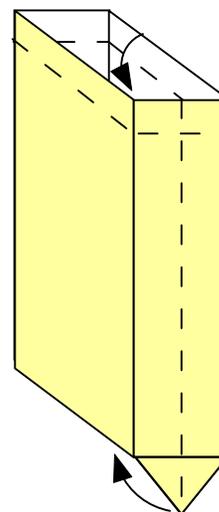


illustration 8

Open the top. Open the envelope out to form a box. Pinch the bottom corners flat so that they make a triangle as shown. Fold triangles under along the score line and then tape them to the bottom of the bag.
Fold the top edge to the inside of the bag along the fold line created earlier (see illustration 4). Finish by punching holes and attaching handles if desired.