

Paper Gift Bags

These gorgeous little bags are really simple to make & they fold flat for easy storage. The metric version is a tiny bit smaller than the Imperial at 15 x 9.5 x 5cm, with the other coming in at 6 x (almost) 3¾ x 2".

What you will need to recreate this project:

Heavy double sided paper 20 x 30cm (8 x 12")
Scoreboard/pencil, ruler & stylus

Step by step:

If you have a scoreboard it makes things a whole lot easier, otherwise use your pencil & ruler to mark & score the following lines:



Metric version: Across the long side score down to the bottom at 5; 14.5; 19.5 & 29cm, with the paper still in the same position score down to approximately the 7.5cm at both 2.5 & 17cm, rotate the paper by a quarter & then score at 5cm.

Imperial version: Across the long side score down to the bottom at 2; 5¾; 7¾ & 11½", with the paper still in the same position score down to approximately the 5" at both 1 & 17", rotate the paper by a quarter & score at 2".

Fold & burnish all of the fully scored lines, ignoring the two partly scored lines, & then cut away the small rectangular piece in the bottom corner at the base of the narrow gluing flap.

Apply adhesive to the remainder of the gluing flap & secure to form the body of the bag. Check where this seam is & making sure it will be at the back of the bag, seal the base of the bag leaving the front flap until last to ensure a good finish.

If you have used wet glue make sure that it is completely dry before moving on to the next step.

With the bag facing forward & in the upright position gently pinch the sides at the top of the bag; it will invert easily due to the partial score lines. Work your way down the sides pinching all of the way, you will feel the resistance as you approach the base of the bag, but continue as far as it will go until the back of the bag begins to fold, now simply use your fingers to help it fold completely flat. Go over all of the folds with your bone folder to emphasise them.