

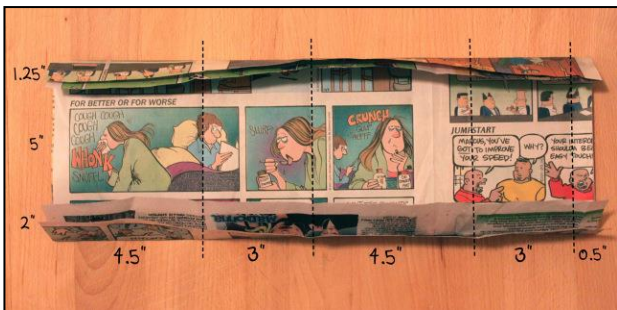
Homemade Gift Bag

You will need: 2 sheets of paper (newspaper, map, comic page, etc.) glue stick, ribbon/string/raffia, stiffer paper or card stock (cereal box works well).

Step 1 - Stack 2 pieces of newspaper on top of each other. Then cut out a rectangle that's 15.5" wide and 8.25" tall (makes a bag that is approximately 5" x 2.75"). Flip the side of the paper over that you would like to be on the outside of the bag.



Step 2 - Fold along the dotted lines indicated in the photo, creating 5 rectangles across and a fold on the top and bottom.



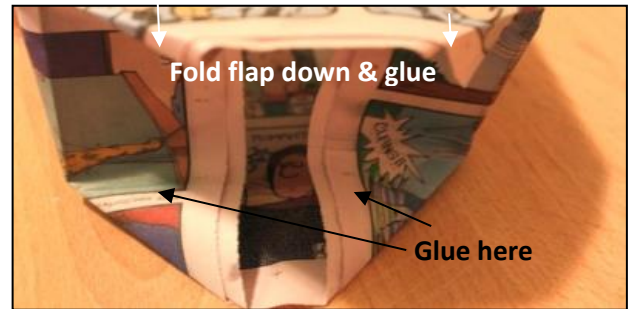
Step 3 - Cut 2 pieces of card stock (4.25" x 1") and glue them on the widest 2 panels just under the top fold. This will help keep the rim of the bag sturdy. Glue the top flap down along the length of the bag, covering the card stock. Since the bag is two-ply, you'll need to glue both flap pieces down one at a time.



Step 4 - Put glue on the outside of the 0.5 inch tab on the end of your rectangle and bring the left-most panel over to form the body of the bag. Align the cut edge of the panel

with the folded edge of the flap. Be sure to glue down the outermost sheet of newspaper as well.

Step 5 - At the bottom of your bag, fold the sides inward as if you were wrapping a present and secure by putting glue on both flaps & folding them inward. Sit the bag upright and press down from the inside.



Step 6 - Cut a piece of card stock to 4" x 2.5" and glue it to the bottom of the bag on the inside, which will make it sturdy. Punch holes in the sides of the bag, and put ribbon or string through and tie a knot so it doesn't slip out.



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