

Make your own Mini Paper Bags

How to Make Your Own Creative Paper Bags



Step 1: Gather Your Supplies

What you will Need:

1 piece of 6.5 x 12 paper or thin cardstock in your choice of color or pattern

Scissors

Glue

Pen

Ruler

4 Eyelets

Eyelet Setting Tool

Scoring Tool

2 Ribbons of equal length, cut to the size you want the bag handles to be



Step 2: Rule Up Your Paper

Take your ruler and mark along the 12 inch side four marks. The first one should be 1.75 inches from the left. Then measure and mark 3.5 inches from that 1.75 inch mark. Then draw a third mark 1.75 inches after that, followed by a 4th mark another 3.5 inches after that. Your paper should now be divided into 5 sections.



Step 3: Fold Your Paper

Now fold at each of those four marks you just drew.



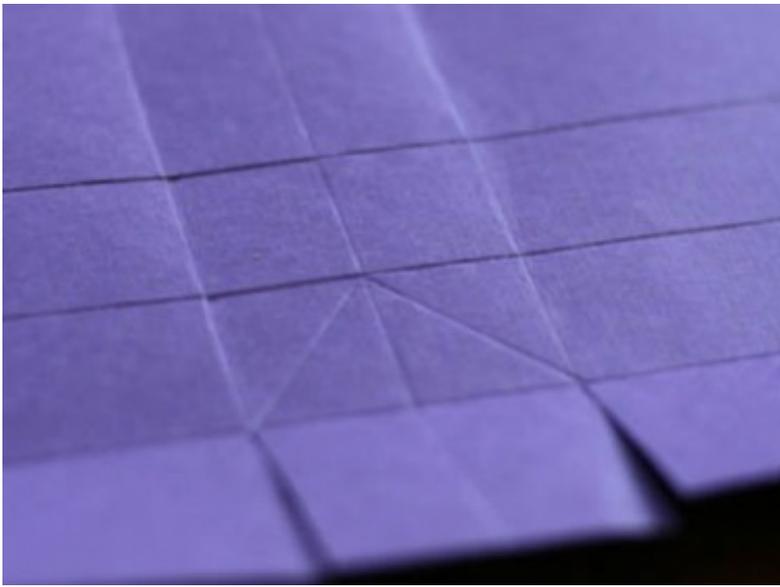
Step 4: Mark Your Base

To indicate where the base of the bag will be, draw a rule all the way across the 12 inch side 1.5 inches from the bottom of the sheet. Then score along that line.



Step 5: Divide Your Base

Now that your base is established, take your scissors and cut along each of the 4 lines from the bottom of the sheet to that line you just scored 1.5 inches from the bottom. This will make sure that your bag base folds together easily.



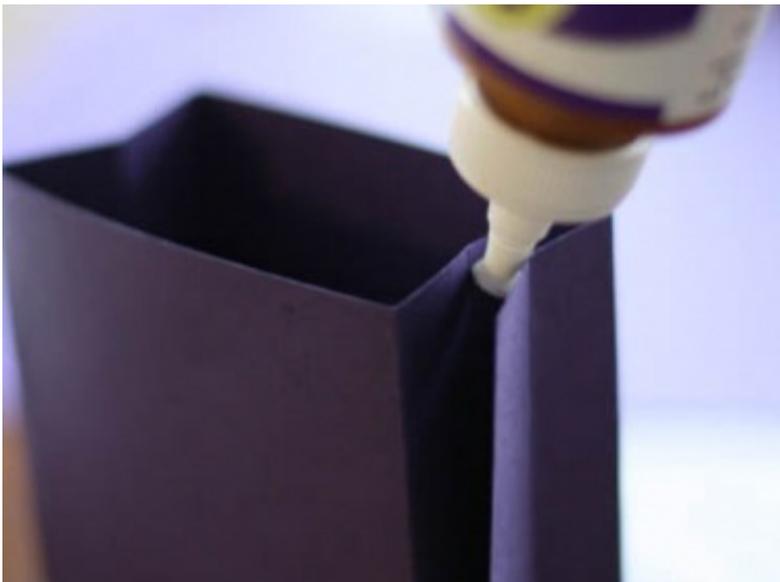
Step 6: Create Your Folds

For easy storage you can make this bag a collapsible bag. To do that, rule another line across the 12 inch side just 1 inch above the last line you drew (the one that was 1.5 inches from the bottom). This new line should be 2.5 inches from the bottom. Then from there draw another line 1 inch above the latest line (this new one will be 3.5 inches from the bottom). Score along these lines. Then make score lines along the 6.5 inch side of the paper in the first, third and fifth sections (the smallest sections) of your sheet in the center of each section (essentially dividing each smaller section into halves). Finally, add diagonal scores along the 12 inch length in the smaller sections from the mark 1.5 inches from the bottom to the line 2.5 inches from the bottom to make small triangles in each of the three small sections (see photo for guidance).



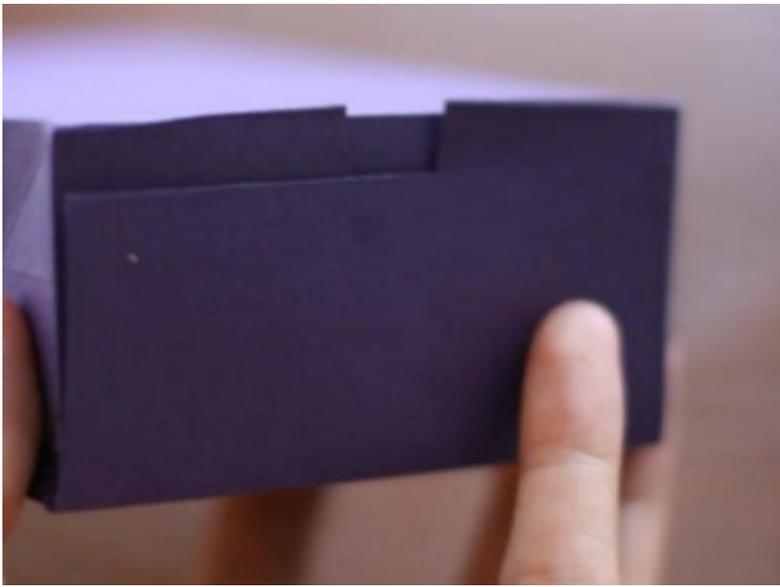
Step 7: Add Your Glue

Apply glue to each of the bottom tabs except for the 4th tab (which will be the second of the two large tabs).



Step 8: Secure the Sides

Next, apply glue down the 6.5 inch seam of the bag.



Step 9: Assemble Your Bag

Now fold the bag together. Start so that the left tab is at the bottom, and then each tab folds above that bottom left tab, finishing off by tucking the last tab under. See photo for how the bottom should look when folded correctly.



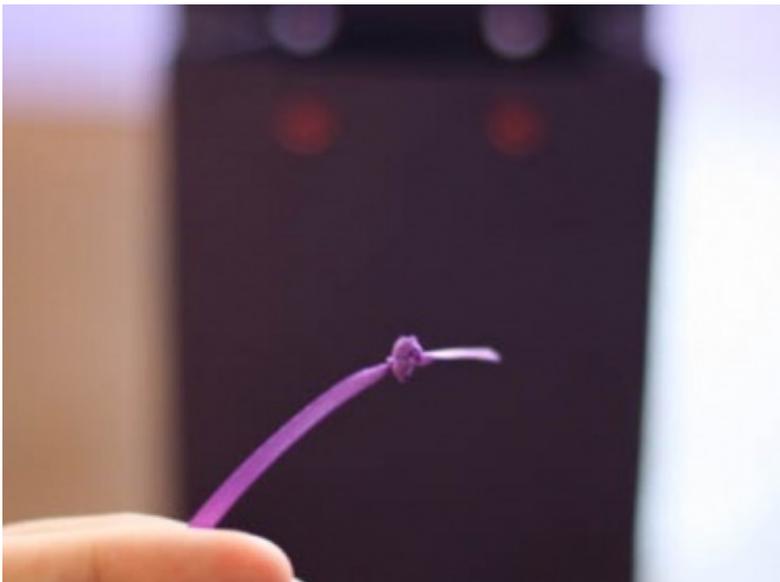
Step 10: Prepare for the Eyelets

Draw two marks on each side of the bag where you would like the handles to string from. With my bag I put them $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch from the top and 1 inch in from each end.



Step 11: Add Your Eyelets

Take your eyelet tool and punch holes where your marks are and then complete with attaching your eyelets.



Step 12: Create Your Handles

Finally, take your ribbon and tie a knot on one end. From the inside, thread the ribbon out through the hole. The knot will keep the handle in place. Then from there thread it through the other hole back into the bag, and then secure with a knot on the end. Repeat on the other side.



Step 13: You're finished!

There you have it! Your bag is now complete and ready to fill with whatever goodies you want!