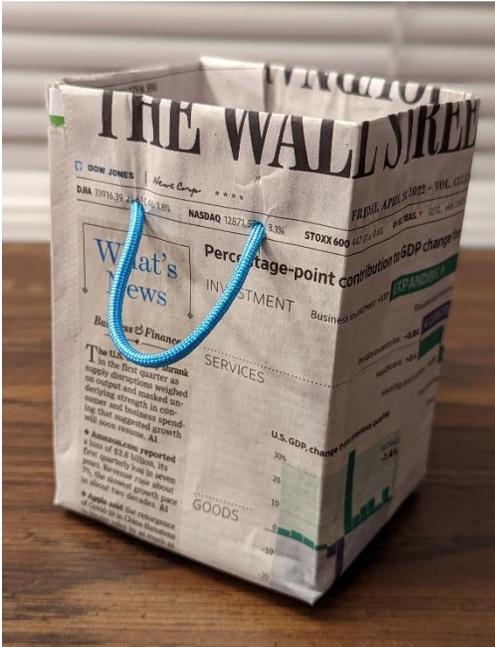


## Newspaper Gift Bag



### This kit contains:

- 2 pieces of full page newspaper
- 1 piece of paracord (approx. 24")
- 3 pieces of cardstock (approx. 2" x 4" each)

### You will also need:

- Tape measure
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue

### Instructions:

1. Begin by measuring your newspaper, both sheets on top of each other.
2. Measure and mark your newspaper at 15.5" wide, and 8.25" long, like a rectangle.
3. Cut the newspaper into the measured rectangle like so: 
4. Measure 1.25" down from the top of the newspaper. Mark that spot and fold both layers of the newspaper down to that mark. Crease the fold all the way across.
5. Measure 2" up from the bottom of the newspaper. Mark that spot and fold both layers of the newspaper up from the bottom. Crease the fold all the way across.
6. Now, make vertical folds across the rectangle. Measure 4.5" from the left side, fold and crease.
7. Measure another 3", fold and crease.
8. Measure another 4.5", fold and crease.
9. Measure another 3", fold and crease.
10. There will be an approximately 0.5" tab left.
11. Take two of the cardstock pieces and glue one under the top flap (1.5") of each 4.5" section.
12. Then, glue the top flap down completely, including both layers.
13. Place glue down the outside of the 0.5" tab and attach it to the opposite end of the rectangle, creating a box/cube shape.

**14.** Upend the 2” flap from inside the box, and fold the shorter side inward as if you’re wrapping a present. Fold down and glue the longer sides to look like an envelope.

**Note:** You will probably need to use your fist to push down the bottom from the inside during this part. Use lots of glue and don’t be scared to let it dry before coming back to finish later. You can shape the bag at this point, pinching corners and using your fist inside the bottom of the bag to shape the bag how you desire.

**15.** Place the third piece of cardstock on the inside bottom of your newly formed bag to give it stability.

**16.** Cut your paracord in half.

**17.** Create holes on the long sides of the bag by using a pencil to gently stab through the newspaper from the outside, under where the cardstock ends.

**18.** Slide the paracord into the holes, and knot them, cutting off excess string.

**19.** Repeat this step on the other side.

**20.** You now have a newspaper gift bag!

**For more complete instructions, check out the inspiration post from How About Orange at: <https://bit.ly/3zcoNYo>**

**To watch a video of this craft, check out our YouTube channel:**

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