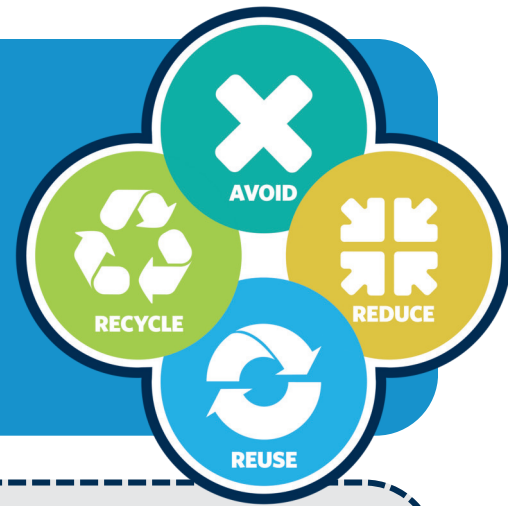


HOW TO DO

Low waste gift wrapping

Instead of wrapping your presents with single-use giftwrap, go low waste and give these reusable options a try.



FIRST WRAP...

- Use a scarf, t-shirt or tea towel for a bonus gift
- Put gifts in useful storage baskets or boxes your recipient can keep
- Wrap with fabric pieces secured with reusable ribbon or furoshiki knots (see other side for instructions)
- Save colourful gift or shopping bags to use again
- Wrap with old newspaper, maps, or music sheets for a vintage feel
- Repurpose kids' artwork into unique wrapping paper

...THEN DECORATE

- Reusable fabric ribbon
- Natural materials such as a native flower or a sprig of rosemary
- A second-hand brooch or enamel pin.
- A small Christmas bauble they can put on the tree
- An upcycled gift bow (see below)



MAKE YOUR OWN

Upcycled gift bow

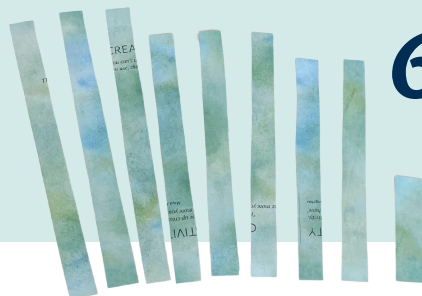
YOU WILL NEED

- An A4 magazine page. You could also use children's artwork, pages from an old street directory, or any colourful paper you have lying around
- Staples or double-sided tape
- Scissors

METHOD

1 Cut your page lengthwise into 9 strips, approximately 2cm wide.

2 Leave 3 of the strips full length. Cut 2.5cm off 3 of the strips. Cut 5cm off 2 of the strips. Cut the last strip down to 8cm.



3 Twist each strip to form a loop at both ends and staple it at the centre (or secure with double-sided tape). Leave the smallest piece as is.



4 Layer the three longest pieces on top of each other, spacing them evenly and attaching them together in the centre.

5 Repeat with the next two groups of pieces, layering and attaching from largest to smallest.



6 Make the final, small piece into a loop and attach it on top of the other pieces in the centre.

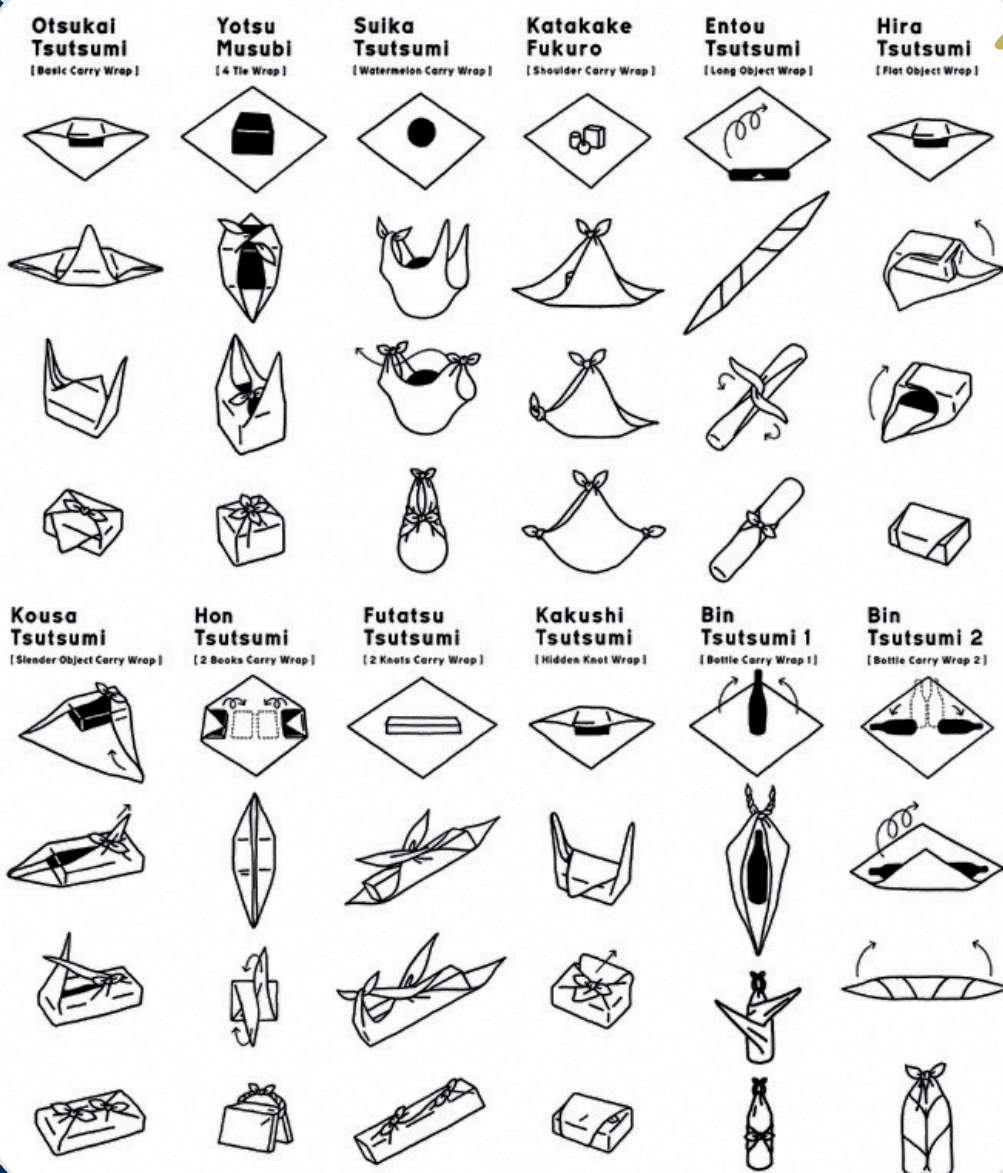


WRAPPING WITH FABRIC (FUROSHIKI)

Fabric makes a great reusable alternative to wrapping paper. Use leftover fabric you already have or look out for square scarves and napkins at the op shop. It's a good idea to make a set you can keep using within the family, as well as some that can be given away as part of gifts,

What to use: Any satin, linen, or cotton blend fabrics are perfect for furoshiki. The fabric should be roughly three times the diagonal length of the item to be wrapped. Here's a rough size guide for some common items (fabric should always be square):

- Small book - 50cm
- T-shirt - 70cm
- Bottle of wine - 90cm



Need help?

There are plenty of instructive videos on Youtube if you get stuck.

Level up!

Cut up old sheets and decorate them with potato prints, stencils or dye.

Handy with a sewing machine? You could also stitch the fabric into drawstring bags to make last-minute gift wrapping quick and easy.

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