

HOW TO FOLD A GIFT BAG

INSTRUCTIONS:

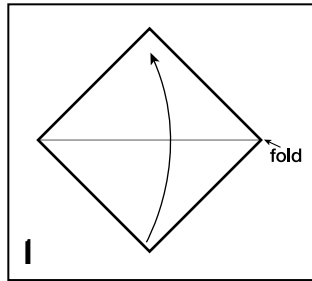
Start with a square piece of paper. Double sided paper that has different artwork, imagery or text on alternate sides works best. For a sustainable approach, try using magazine tears, newspapers, or paper shopping bags.

Your gift bag will be about 1/3 the height and width of the square you start with.

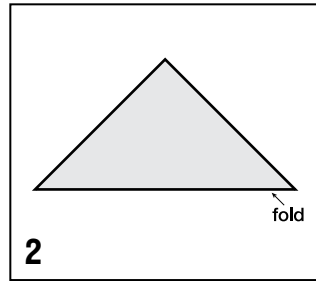
Start with the imagery you want on the outside of the bag facing down.

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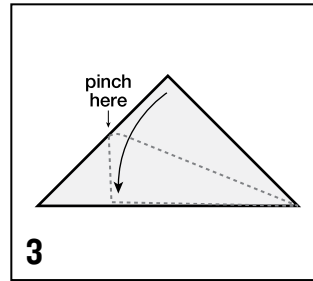
- 1 sheet of square paper
- ruler
- pencil



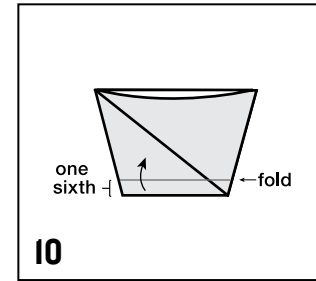
Position paper so one corner is pointing at you. Fold bottom corner up to the top corner.



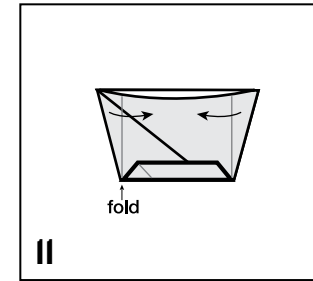
You now have a triangle with the point at the top and a fold on the bottom.



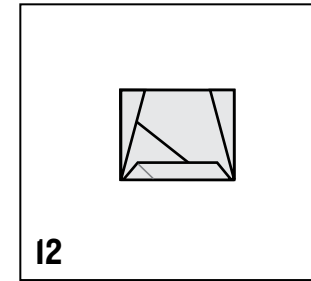
Bring top corner of both flaps down to triangle base. Don't fold, just pinch where shown.



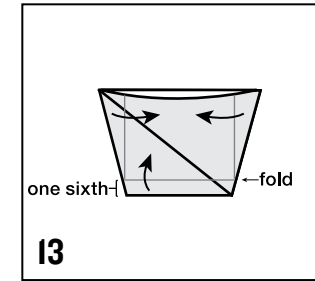
Fold the base of your paper up to approximately one sixth of the paper height.



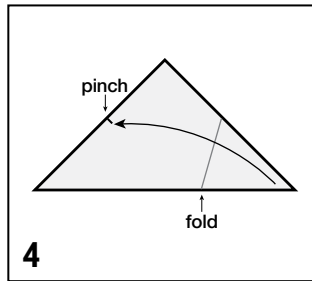
Fold the left and right points of your paper in towards the center to form a rectangle



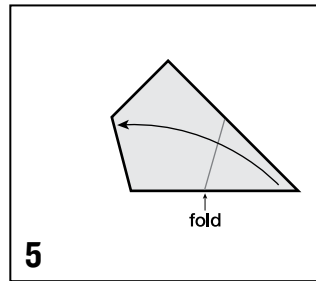
Your paper will look like this. Unfold what you did in steps 10-11 and turn paper over.



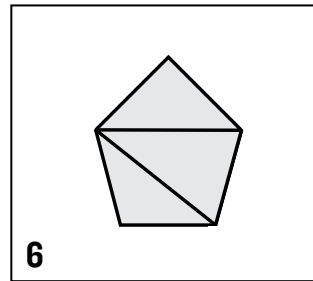
Refold the base, left and right points along the same folds on this side of the paper. Unfold.



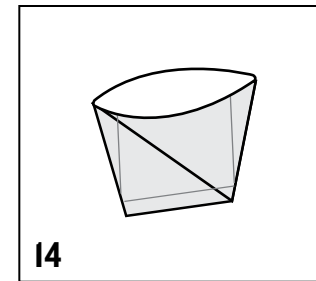
Release pinch. Fold triangle's right corner over to pinch mark. Flip your paper over.



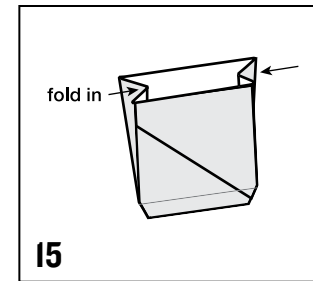
There are now points at top and right. Fold right triangle corner over to the wide corner.



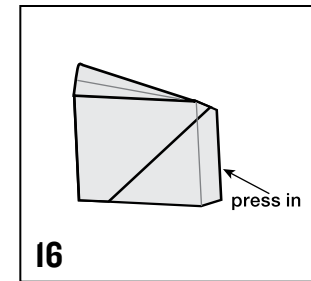
Your paper should now look like this. At the top is a triangle with two layers.



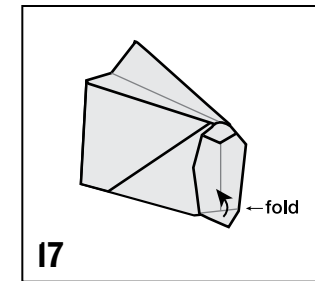
Reach into the top of the bag, and open to make it three-dimensional.



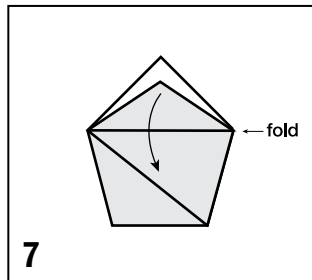
Press in the center creases on the left and right side so your bag looks like this.



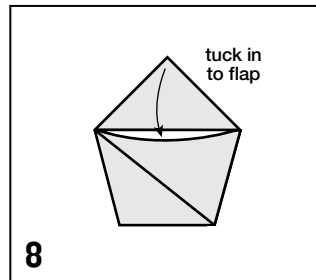
Now press in the center fold on the bottom to form the base.



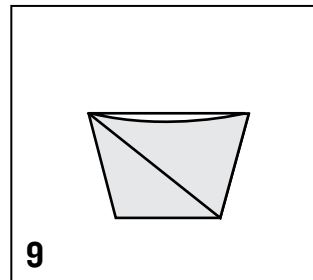
Fold in the points that form at the base to make it flat.



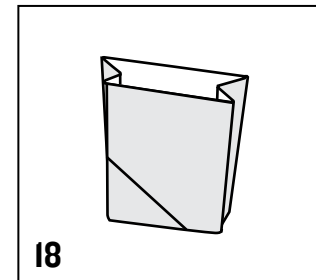
Fold the top layer of the triangle down along the line formed by the right hand flap.



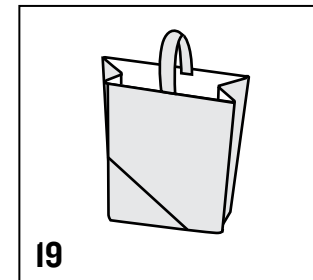
Tuck the top triangle layer in into the pocket of the right hand flap. Flip paper over and repeat steps 7-8 on other side.



Your paper will now look like this.



Your finished bag will look like this.



If you like, you can cut a strip of scrap paper to form a handle and adhere it with glue dots like this.

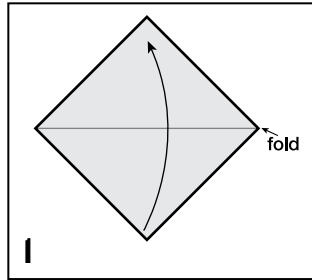
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HOW TO FOLD A PINWHEEL BOW

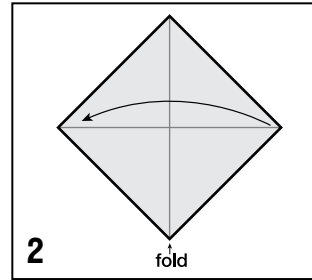
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Decide what size pinwheel you would like to make. Your pinwheel will be equal in size to the square paper you start with (for example, a 4-inch square will produce a 4-inch wide pinwheel).

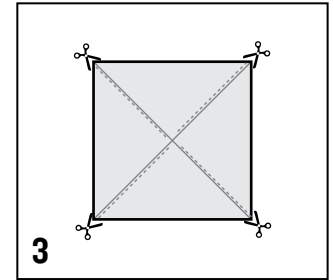
Start with the imagery you would like to appear most facing up.



Fold paper in half vertically. Unfold.



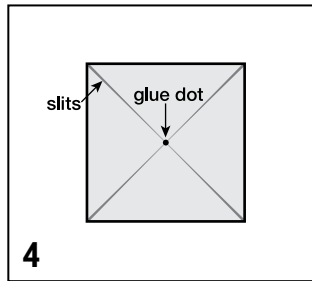
Fold paper in half horizontally. Unfold. Rotate paper so square edge faces you.



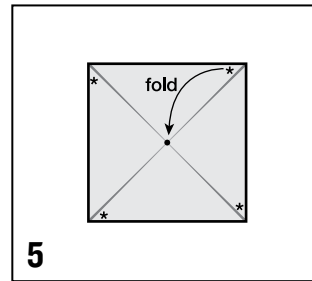
Cut slits along each fold towards the center, stopping 1/4 inch before center point.

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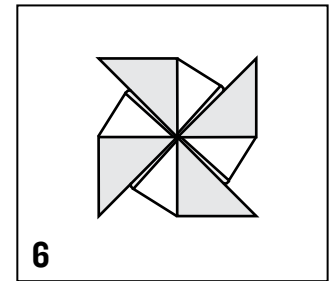
- 1 sheet of square paper
- scissors
- 1 glue dot or double stick tape



Place glue dot or double stick tape at center point



Following this diagram, fold each starred corner towards center and adhere to glue dot.



Your pinwheel is complete.

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