

Recycled Gift Bags

Paper Bag Gift Bags

Many firms are giving out brown paper shopping bags instead of plastic bags these days. Save these bags to make gift bags that are cheap and smart.

You will need:

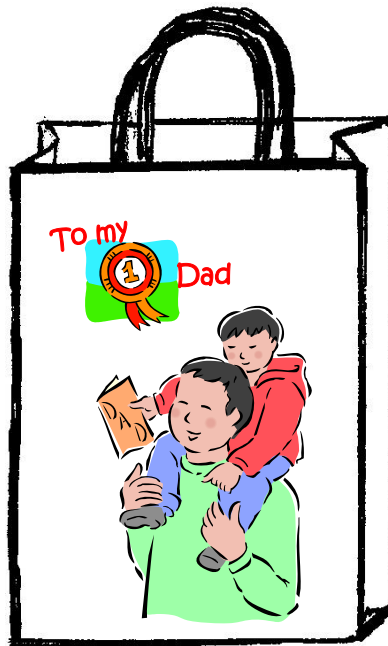
- ♦ brown paper shopping bag (with handles)
- ♦ old greeting cards: birthday, Father's or Mother's Day, Baby, Get Well, A Gift for You...
- ♦ ribbon
- ♦ scissors, glue

What to do:

- ♦ Cut a picture out of a greeting card (with or without the words relating to what sort of day you are celebrating) Vary the card to suit the occasion— birthday, Father's day, etc.
- ♦ Glue the picture to the front of the bag, covering any shop labels if necessary.
- ♦ Add a ribbon bow and any other decorations above the picture.
- ♦ Wrap the present in tissue paper before putting it into the bag.

This bag can be adapted for many occasions.

Choose materials for Father's Day as appropriate.



For Father's Day, brown paper bags look lovely with a tartan ribbon.

For Christmas, use red, green, silver or gold ribbon.

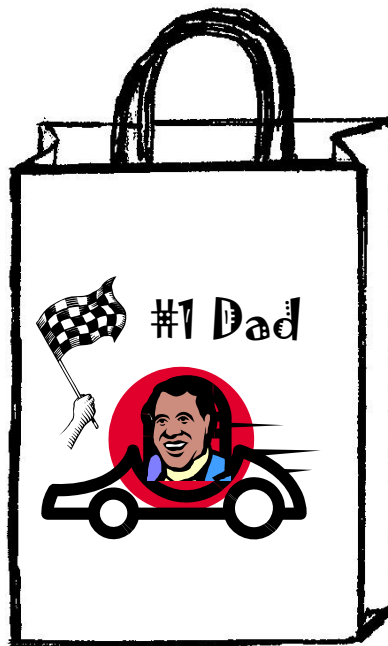
Father's Day Photo Gift Bag

Most Dads have a hobby. With this in mind and a photo of Dad, you can turn any old gift bag into a work of art to put his Father's Day gift in.

Time: 30 - 45 minutes

You will need:

- ♦ previously used paper gift bag
- ♦ photo of Dad you can cut up
- ♦ scissors
- ♦ clip art picture depicting dad's hobby
- ♦ sticky tape
- ♦ construction paper
- ♦ letter and number stencils, a pencil
- ♦ or make your own large letters and numbers on the computer: select the font, letter size and colour; print on coloured paper
- ♦ glue
- ♦ curling ribbon
- ♦ tissue paper



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What to do:

- ♦ Choose a plain gift bag that will reflect Dad's hobby, such as a blue one for fishing, a green one for golf or black and white checks for car racing.
- ♦ Cut Dad's face out of the photo.
- ♦ Find a place on the clip art picture where the face will fit.
- ♦ Either glue the face onto the clip art or cut out a section of it and tape the face to the back, so it shows through. e.g. a racing car and driver, with the driver's face cut out and Dad's face taped to the back.
- ♦ Glue the clip art, with face attached to one side of the bag.
- ♦ Make letters and numbers for the message e.g. "#1 Dad"
- ♦ Add "#1 Dad" or other message above or below the photo, by gluing on the appropriate letters and numbers.
- ♦ Tie ribbon to one of the handles of the bag.
- ♦ Use tissue paper to wrap Dad's special gift.

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