

# Instruction for making a bag from a newspaper

Put six newspaper sheets on top of each other. Make sure a nice picture is at the front.

Stand behind the newspaper (picture 2) and fold the top 5-7 cm of the newspaper (picture 3). Make sure you press the folds well. This part becomes the top of the bag.



Fold the newspaper and make sure the top fold is on the outside (see picture 4).

Fold newspaper towards the stitch line 2 times and make sure you press the 2 folds (see picture 5).



Fold the newspaper open, lift the middle fold up and bring it towards the stitch line.

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Make sure when you look into the newspaper you see the folds emerging as in picture 7.

Stitch the bottom of the bag again under the sewing machine (picture 8). Make sure you double stitch the beginning and the end.

When ready you can cut some of the rough ends of the newspaper away with a scissor. Make sure you keep the stitching untouched.

Open the bag at the top; create a bottom in it and the bag is ready to be used.

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For putting handles on the bag, cut some board which fits under the fold at the top. (you can fix the board with glue) Punch two holes in the board (make sure you put some wood under it for protection of the rest of the bag) (see picture 9) Use a piece of rope or string of material to create a handle (see picture 10). Make sure you have the knot on the outside. Repeat the procedure for the other side of the bag and you have created your own shopping bag.

For using the bag as a dustbin, fold the top part of the bag one more time towards the outside. This will keep the bag open and is able to support itself. (see picture

Use this idea as a basis to make your own creations of newspaper bags. Try different sizes and purposes to use for. Also decorate them creating your personal bag. Ideal material for kids to work with.



Dustbin



Special handles

