

Furoshiki



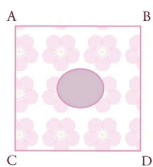
Furoshiki is a Japanese technique for wrapping objects. It's a very old tradition, certainly dating back to the Nara era, in the 8th century, over 1'200 years ago.

Required materials

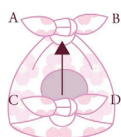
Scarves or fabrics 50 x 50 cm or larger

Watermelon bag

Perfect for wrapping small items!



1. Place your furoshiki in a square shape, reverse-side up, with your gift in the centre.



3. Push knot C and D through the little gap that is underneath knot A and B.



2. Tie a double knot with corners A and B that is not too tight. Then tie corners C and D in a double knot, too.



4. This creates the handle of your cute bag! You can fill your bag with all sorts of things!

Where to find...

... old fabric?

From yours or your friends' and family's wardrobes or second hand shop.

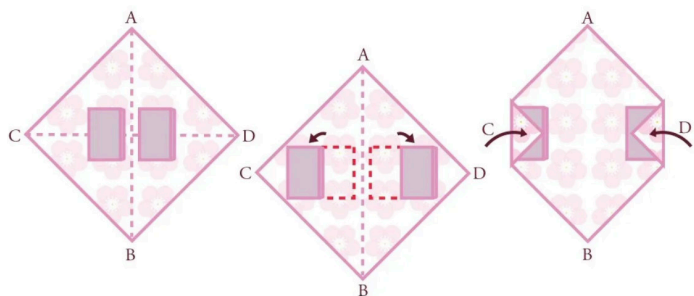
Benefits

- ✓ Easy, fun & practical
- ✓ Aesthetic & personalized gift-wrapping
- ✓ Sustainable & economical
- ✓ Different sizes for all types of gifts or situations

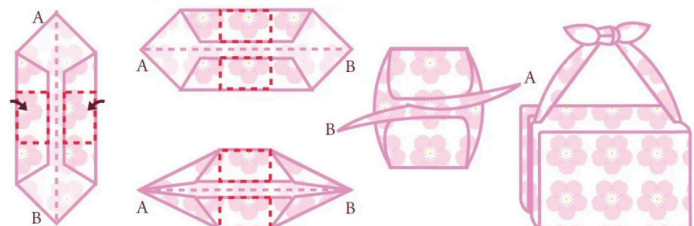
How to fold it:

Book bag

Carry two books in this gorgeous furoshiki wrap!



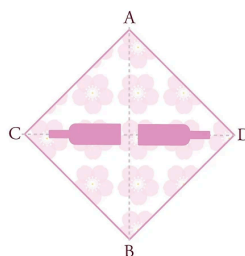
1. Place your furoshiki in a diamond-shape, reverse-side up, with your two books in the centre. Leave a small gap between them. 2. Carefully roll both books outwards, and then roll them back towards the centre with the fabric.



4. Turn horizontally, and then fold both sides into a point. 5. Gather up both ends and criss-cross in the centre gully, then raise the ends to create a handle with a neat square knot. Your books will have folded together.

Bottle wrap

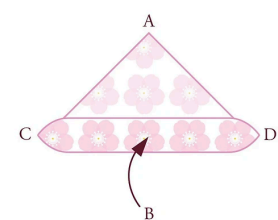
Carry two bottles neatly and snugly!



1. On your reverse-side diamond shape furoshiki, place your bottles centrally like this.



3. Take C in one hand, and D in the other hand. Stand your wrapped bottles upright.

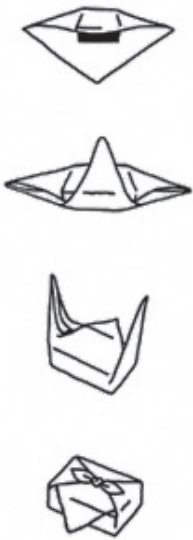


2. Fold B over the bottles and tuck the fabric neatly against them, then firmly roll the bottles completely.



4. Now tie a secure double knot on top of the bottles. They're ready to carry!

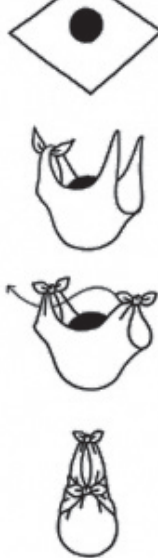
Otsukai Tsutsumi
Basic carry wrap



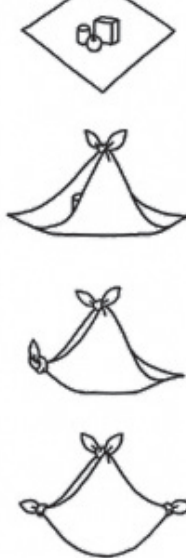
Yotsu Musubi
4 tile wrap



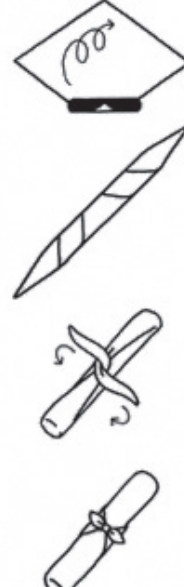
Suika Tsutsumi
Watermelon carry wrap



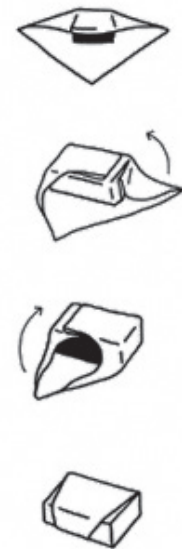
Katakake Fukuro
Shoulder carry wrap



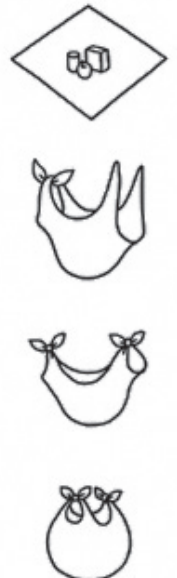
Entou Tsutsumi
Long object wrap



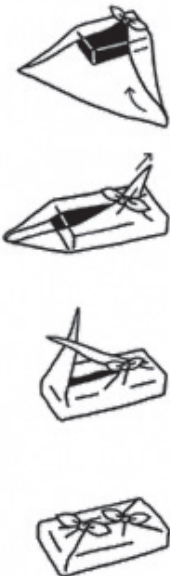
Hira Tsutsumi
Flat object wrap



Tesage Bukuro
Hand carry wrap



Kousa Tsutsumi
Standard object carry wrap



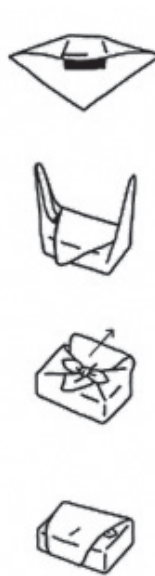
Hon Tsutsumi
2 books carry wrap



Futatsu Tsutsumi
2 knots carry wrap



Kakushi Tsutsumi
hidden knot wrap



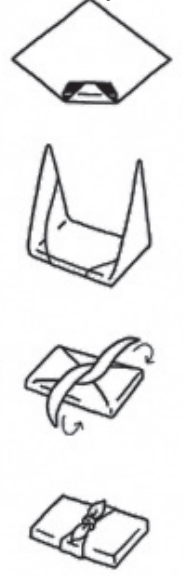
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Bottle carry wrap 1



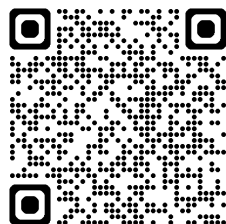
Bin Tsutsumi 2
Bottle carry wrap 2



Sao Tsutsumi
Padding carry wrap



Tutorials on Youtube



sources/images:
Japanese Department of Environment : www.env.go.jp/en/focus/attach/060403-5.html

www.zusetsu.com/post/how-to-make-a-furoshiki-bag-for-your-grocery-shopping

www.ZeroWasteSwitzerland.ch

Good to know

Use a square format and choose a lightweight fabric: scarves, fabric scraps, bedding etc. are all suitable.

If you don't have a sewing machine, cut the edges of the fabric with serrated scissors.

With the machine, you can hem or overlock for a pretty finish.