

Malt-O-Meal Gift Bag

Upcycle your food wrappers and this project will be in the bag

Skill Level:



Time:



Materials

- small box
(this will be the size of your bag)
- Malt-O-Meal wrapper
- scissors
- tape
- ruler
- paper hole punch
- ribbon or cording for the handle

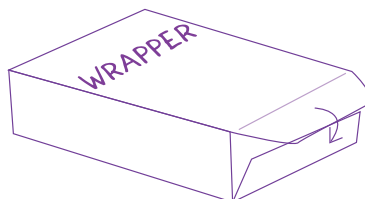
Instructions

1 Choose a box the size and shape you want your finished gift bag to be.

2 Open your Malt-O-Meal bag and flatten it out. Wrap the wrapper around the box. Make sure the wrapper overlaps slightly. Trim any excess wrapper if necessary. Tape the wrapper in place along the long edge.

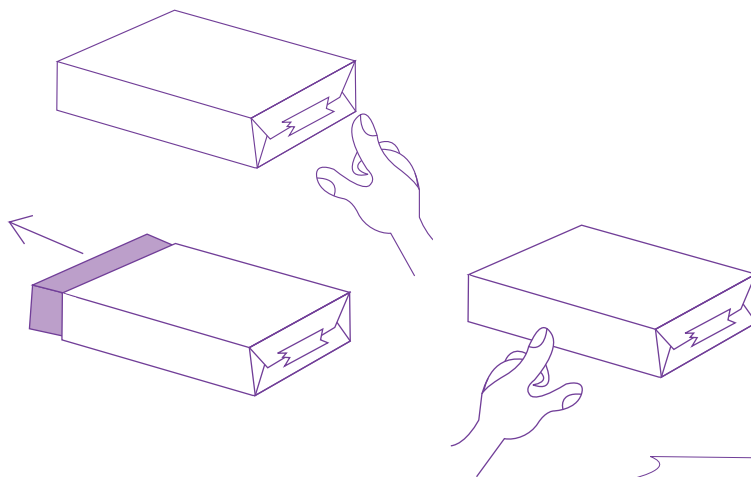


3 Fold and tape shut one of the ends as if you were wrapping a present.



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Crease all edges of the bag.

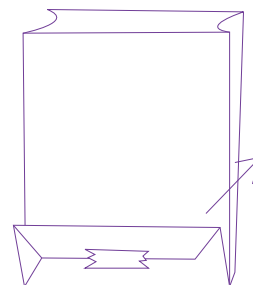


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Slide out your box. Pinch the bag along the creases to sharpen all of the edges.

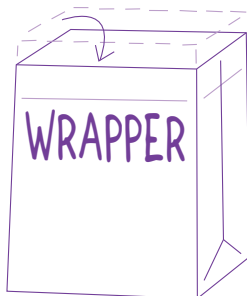
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Place the bag on one of the wider sides so you can flatten it. Fold the bottom of the bag up and, at the same time, press the two shorter sides inward with your fingers. Make a crease where you've folded up the bottom. Make another crease lengthwise down the middle of the shorter sides. This will give you neat fold lines to flatten the bag for storage.



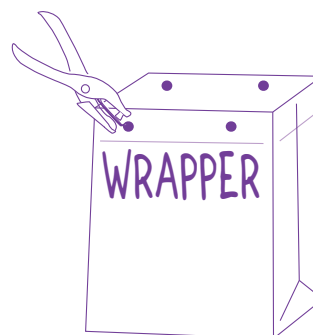
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Fold the top of your bag down about 1".



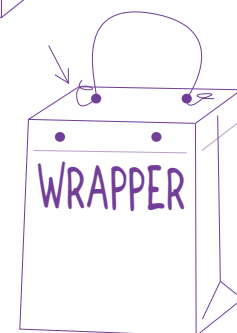
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Punch two holes through the paper on both of the wider sides of the bag. The holes should be about .5" down from the top and about 1" inward from each edge. Make sure they are lined up with the holes on the other side.



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Make two handles for your bag. Cut 2 pieces of ribbon to about 10" long. Tie a double knot in one end of your ribbon. Thread the unknotted end of the ribbon through the hole from the inside of the bag. Thread the ribbon back through the front of the other hole and tie the other end in a double knot on the inside of the bag. Repeat this step on the other side of your bag.



If you find yourself with more food wrappers than you can upcycle on your own, sign up for a TerraCycle Brigade at www.terracycle.com. We'll not only upcycle them into new products, you can also earn money for your favorite charity.



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