

Made To Share

Gift wrap your presents in fabric for an eco friendly, folky look!

This year is all about a zero waste Christmas, so Amanda Walker has come up with a stylish way to wrap your gifts in fabric rather than single use paper. There's also a matching greeting, envelope sleeve and tags to make, plus a decorated jar to fill with sweets, or anything else you like. Best of all, most of the pieces in this lovely set can be recycled or repurposed, for bonus brownie points!

We used...

- * Card, white
- * Fabric, two contrasting prints
- * Cord: red and white twisted; piping
- * Hole punch
- * Kilner jar
- * Wooden hearts, red and white
- * Adhesives

Gift Wrapping

1 To wrap a parcel measure the width and depth and then the circumference of the box. Cut a piece of fabric that is the width plus 2 x the depth and the circumference plus enough to make a pleat in the two ends on the back of the box.

2 Place the parcel in the centre of the fabric, match the two width edges together, pleat the raw edges over one another and draw up tightly over the box. Use a pin to secure the pleat in place.

3 Smooth the edges of the fabric down the sides of the box creating two wings at the sides; fold the two wings in towards each other creating an arrow shape. This piece can be folded up over the sides of the box, again using a pin to hold this in place. Repeat the process on the remaining side.

4 Wrap piping cord around the parcel, crossed at the back and the two ends tied in a bow on top of the parcel. Don't forget to remove the pins.



Gift Tag

Trim fabric large enough to fit the size of circle you wish to cut. Use spray adhesive to stick the fabric to a piece of card. Punch hole near to the edge of the disc. Thread a wooden

heart onto a length of fine twisted cord and then the gift tag. Tie a knot at the top, then secure the tag to the piping cord bow on top of the parcel.



Greeting Card

1 Use spray adhesive to stick a card blank to the back of a piece of fabric. Trim the excess very close to the edges of the card. Make a hole in the spine through both layers.

2 Thread a wooden heart onto a length of twisted cord, tie a

knot, then thread one end through the holes in the card and tie in a bow. Cut three small card discs that will fit comfortably across the width of the greeting, and cover with contrasting fabric. Add wooden hearts to the discs and fix to the card using foam pads.



Amanda says...

“The circles for the gift tags were made using a die-cutting machine, but can also be cut freehand with a steady hand and sharp scissors”


Fabric Sleeve

1 Measure the width and height of your card and cut fabric that is double the height of the card x the width plus 2.5cm. Cut a strip of contrasting fabric, 4cm x the width of the cut rectangle. Fold and press 5mm on either side of the strip over onto the wrong side. Lay the strip across the rectangle towards the top, pin and edge stitch in place.

2 Fold and press in 1cm on both the shorter edges, then edge stitch in place. Fold the rectangle in half, matching the two neatened edges with the right sides together. Stitch down each side with a 1cm seam allowance. Turn the sleeve right side out, tease out the corners and press flat.



Sweet Jar

Cover card with fabric, then draw around the jar lid. Cut out the disc and stick this in place. Fill the jar with sweets and thread a wooden heart and a contrast gift tag on a long length of twisted cord. Tie a knot, wrap the cord around the jar's neck a couple of times and tie in a bow. Knot the cord ends to stop them unravelling. 



Stitch smart

Let the recipient know that the fabric wrapping the gift can be ironed and used again



FESTIVE FABRIC

Create a contrast with the Christmas prints in this Merry and Bright Cotton fat Quarters 5 Pack, £7.



GIFT OF LOVE

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