

Live green by starting a new low-waste holiday tradition this year:

- With a piece of fabric you can try [Furoshiki](#), a Japanese style of wrapping gifts in



many different ways from one cloth.

- Create reusable gift boxes and [cloth bags](#) that can be used year after year.
- Make [gift bags](#) out of old wallpaper or maps.
- Wrap with old sheet music or [other alternatives](#).
- See Hennepin County's [Greening Your Celebrations brochure](#) for more ideas.

### **Make your own gift box**

1. Cut two squares – one 9.5” x 9.5” and one 9” x 9”
2. On the back side, mark the very center of the square by crossing two diagonal lines from corner to corner
3. Fold one of the corners in toward the center, so that the tip touches the exact center, where your two diagonal lines cross. Crease the fold.
4. Then, fold your new edge toward the center, so that the edge lines up with the diagonal center line. Crease the fold.
5. Repeat from each corner. When complete, there will be creases that match the dashed lines in the picture below.
6. Cut along the creases marked by the arrows.

7. Fold corners 1 and 3 along the crease, so that they touch the center again.
8. Fold the tips marked with the stars in toward the center, to form two sides of the box.
9. Fold corners 2 and 4 over the newly formed sides and into the center.
10. Place a small piece of tape in the center to hold the box.
11. Repeat steps 2-10 for the second square.

