

# December Stir Crazy Furoshiki Gift Wrapping



A furoshiki is a square piece of fabric used for wrapping objects as lovely packaging and/or a convenient means for transport. Furoshiki have a history in Japan going back over a thousand years but have recently become popular outside of Japan as a beautiful and eco-friendly alternative to wrapping paper and disposable bags.

The name means "bath spread" in Japanese, reflecting their Edo-period use as a way to bundle one's belongings when visiting a bath house.

Today they serve a number of functions from wrapping an exquisite gift in a delicate silk square to toting a bundle of laundry in a large cotton cloth. Dozens of techniques exist to include special wraps for bottles, books, and even watermelons (a popular hostess gift in Japan). They can also be used to create bags and backpacks, especially in conjunction with 2 rings to act as handles.

Be sure to post a photo of your furoshiki wrapping on Facebook and Instagram using the tags [#stircrazyvam](#) and [#vamfuroshiki](#).

## SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- A perfectly square piece of fabric with finished edges, traditionally made with natural fibers like silk or cotton or use a synthetic blend to avoid creases when unwrapped.
- Common sizes include 45cm (~17.75 in) and 70cm (~27.5 in). The size of square will depend on the object to be wrapped.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Lay the item in the center of the furoshiki.
2. Fold up the front corner, then fold the back corner over the front.
3. The front corner should come just to the bottom of the item. If not, move the item forward or back of the center.
4. Fold both sides up, neatly tucking in the fabric.
5. Tie a square knot.

## STEP BY STEP PHOTO INSTRUCTIONS

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ygh5evTlyBVjLx696PlfMaPt0gQmb9W0/view?usp=sharing>