



LEFTOVER FABRIC & Greenery Bundles

BY JOHANNA LOVE

Packaging bath and body products doesn't need to be fancy or even planned. For these bundles, I used a mix of leftover fabric: scraps of cotton duck canvas from stretching my own painting canvases, a dyed scrap bundle I purchased years ago from textile artist Ruth Rae, and old linen curtains from my last apartment that are too sun-bleached to rehang. Even the strings were from my scrap stash. I clipped the greenery during a walk around my neighborhood. The best part? The gift recipients can add these to their own scrap stash for future packaging.

You Will Need

- ◆ Boxes
- ◆ Leftover fabric: assorted
- ◆ Plant clippings
- ◆ Scissors (optional)
- ◆ String

To Make

There's no need to cut the fabric to the exact size. Just fold the larger fabric, wrap around the boxes, maybe tie their ends together, and add string to secure the fabric and greenery in place.

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It's in the Bag

It's so easy to head to the drugstore when you're in need of a gift bag to wrap a present in. However, it's even easier to create the perfect packaging just by scouring the contents of your pantry. With just a regular lunch bag and a couple other supplies, you can create this simple, stunning gift bag. 🌿







You Will Need

- ◆ Fresh herbs*
- ◆ Hole punch
- ◆ Paper bag*
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Twine/Jute*

To Make

Place the gift inside the paper bag. Fold over the top of the bag, about 1–2 inches. Punch two holes in the bag, thread jute or twine through the holes, and secure a bundle of fresh herbs.



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Soap Wrapping

As cliché as the adage “A picture is worth a thousand words” is, it actually relates quite well to packaging. In fact, a bright, beautiful photo is about all you need to make this idea for wrapping soaps really pop. This simple solution for wrapping soaps requires just kraft paper, baker’s twine, and miniature prints of your favorite photos from Instagram or your photo library. ✦



You Will Need

- Kraft paper
- Photos printed on white paper
- Baker's twine
- Tape
- Scissors
- Soap

To Make

Cut out a rectangle from kraft paper large enough to wrap one piece of soap. Wrap the soap with kraft paper. Tape a photo on the front of the wrapped soap. Wrap baker's twine around the soap — twice lengthwise and three times widthwise — and secure with a knot. Show us your best wrapping ideas on Instagram using the hashtag #willowandsage! *



Secret Garden

GIFT BOXES

BY LYNNE MONCRIEFF

During a recent tidying session in the attic, I rediscovered a bundle of fabric that I had completely forgotten about. After deciding it was time to incorporate it into my projects, I came up with this packaging idea. I wanted this project to be made with ease and to utilize items that most crafters have on hand, such as kraft boxes and fabric. The floral pattern of the fabric made me think about springtime, so I reached for some lovely rubber stamps with spring/garden-themed sentiments. The stamped labels on the tags are an extra sweet touch for each box, which could contain floral-scented soap bars or bath crystals. Have fun by mixing and matching designs, and enjoy bringing a flourish of springtime into someone's life as they soak in a tub, dreaming of gathering roses in a secret garden. ❀

You Will Need

- ◆ Boxes: kraft (2)
- ◆ Fabric: floral; crocheted lace; burlap
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Hole punch: Crop-A-Dile (We R Memory Keepers)
- ◆ Inkpad: Jet Black (Tsukineko - StazOn)*
- ◆ Rubber stamps: Little Labels Morning Dew (RedLead Paperworks)
- ◆ Fabric glue
- ◆ Jute twine*





To Make

Fill the boxes with desired bath or beauty products before decorating. If you choose to fill the boxes with contents upon completion, leave the fabric wrap untied to allow for easy access. Tear two lengths of floral fabric, fray the edges, wrap around the box, and tie into a secure knot. Cut out a tag from burlap fabric. Punch a hole in the upper edge of the tag. Stamp a sentiment onto a fabric scrap, cut out, fray the edges slightly, and layer with the fabric tag and a scrap of crocheted lace. Thread jute twine through each tag hole and attach to the fabric wraps on each box.

Notes

- As an alternative to kraft boxes, you can apply white gesso to any recycled box before wrapping with fabric.
- Rescue buttons from old/damaged clothing to use as embellishments.
- This is a perfect project for utilizing fabric from old curtains.
- For a distressed appearance, snip the fabric with scissors and then rip it with your hands.

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A SIMPLE, Classic Presentation

BY CHRISTEN HAMMONS

It's normal for crafters to have certain supplies they turn to time and time again. For me, it's old paper and twine. I can't resist the combination of those two, which is a good thing since I have more than I'll ever use. When put together, they create a classic look that appeals to just about everyone.

I recently found myself with extra handmade soap and wanted to pass it along to a friend. Looking to present it in a special way, I turned to my trusty box of scraps and pulled out some old paper and a length of twine. Then, my eyes fell on some old buttons and I knew I wanted to include them in the presentation. The result was beautiful and only took a couple minutes to complete.

You Will Need

- ✦ Scissors
- ✦ Paper scraps
- ✦ Soap bar
- ✦ Tape
- ✦ Twine
- ✦ Buttons

To Make

Cut a length of paper long enough to wrap around a bar of soap, and secure it with a piece of tape. Cut a length of twine, wrap it around the soap, and tie it into a bow. Thread the end of the twine through a button, and tie a knot to secure. Repeat this on the other side.

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THAT'S A *Washi Wrap*

If you have more washi tape than you know what to do with, raise your hand. We see all of you with your hands raised, and we're right there with you. This idea is a great way to wrap some handmade soap to sell or give as a gift, as well as use up a bit of that never-ending stash.

You Will Need

- Scissors
- Shipping paper: white
- Soap*
- Tape
- Twine: white*
- Washi tape*

To Make

Wrap soap as you would any gift. If you're using wide washi tape, run a single length of it down the center of the package. You can also use two strips of standard-width tape. Wrap a length of twine around the package several times and secure with a bow. It's that simple!

