

PAPER BAG BUILDINGS



Materials:

Paper bags
(lunch size)

Construction
paper

Glue

Crayons

Scissors

Pencil

Tape

Scrap paper

Magazines

Junk mail

Stapler

Instructions:

- To make a paper bag building, position the paper bag so that the rectangular flap is at the bottom and facing the back.
- Decide what kind of building you want to make. You could make a home, a store, or even a museum like the Appleton!
- To make a paper bag home, start by cutting out a rectangle and squares for a door and windows.
- Draw lines on the window squares to mark the glass panes. Cut out window curtains from construction or scrap paper.
- Glue the window curtains on the window squares. Glue the windows on to a larger piece of paper and cut them out so that the windows have a border.
- Cut out a paper rectangle for a door. With a pencil, make a mark for the door knob.
- Cut out a small window for the top of the door and two narrow vertical windows. Glue them on to the larger paper and cut them out so they have a border.
- Take a piece of paper the same width of the paper bag and fold it in half. Use crayons to make lines for roof tiles or shingles on one side of the folded paper.
- To make a chimney, cut out a rectangle, fold it in half, and glue it to the top of the folded paper.
- Glue the windows and door to the front of the paper bag.
- Cut out two round bushes from green construction paper and glue on either side of the door.
- Cut out two small rectangles out of green construction paper, make cuts along the long sides of the rectangles and make fringe to be blades of grass. Glue the grass in front of both bushes.
- Open the paper bag up, and add extra paper to the inside of the bag to give it shape. Fold over an edge of the bag and tape it down on the undecorated side.
- Glue roof over the top of the folded paper bag.
- You can also add front steps or a sidewalk to the front of the home, if desired.
- Now you have a paper bag home! You can repeat the process and make as many buildings as you want.

