



Paper Bag Portfolio

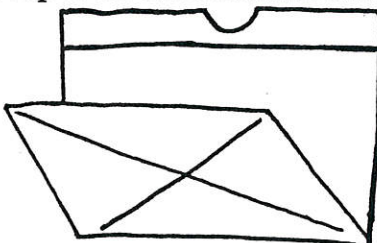
Materials:

- Brown paper grocery bag
- Clear packing tape
- Scissors
- Markers, colored pencils etc.
- Small square of velcro

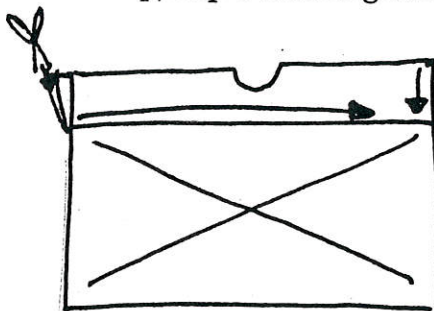


Bag Construction:

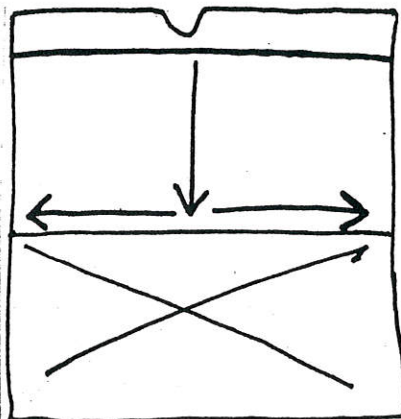
1. Fold the bag in half on the natural fold - bottom over middle - leave a 1 inch lip/flap at the top to be used as a closure later.



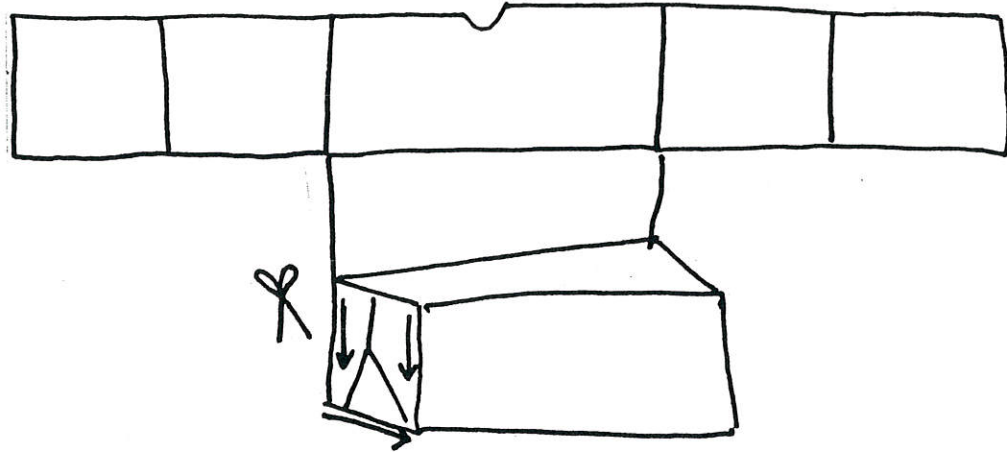
2. Fold the 1 inch lip/flap down and crease well.
3. Cut the front layers of the lip/flap off leaving the back flap to be used as a closure.



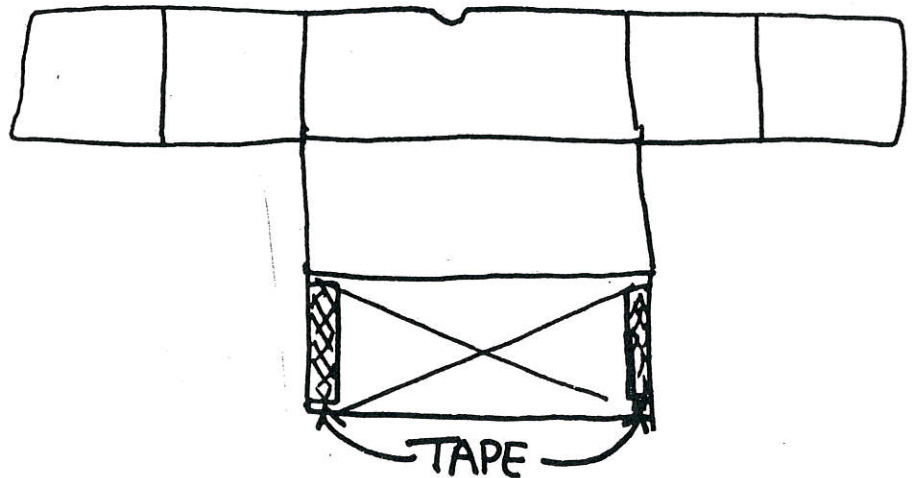
4. Unfold the bag. Cut an upside-down "T" in the top portion of the bag, stopping at the natural fold. This will create two bi-fold arms that will extend to either side of the bag.



5. Open the remaining part of the bag so the bag will stand up on its own.
6. Cut away the square sides of the bag on both sides. This will leave three equal pieces remaining at the bottom of the bag.



7. Fold the bottom most piece up and tape sides with clear plastic tape to create a pocket.



8. To close, fold the bottom pocket to the middle, fold the arms in towards the middle, and close the 1 inch top flap.
9. Place a small piece of sticky back Velcro to the 1 inch top flap, carefully close the flap and squeeze tightly. To open the flap, gently grasp the velcro (NOT THE FLAP) and pull gently while holding the other piece secure.

