

Our State Travel Bag

Materials:

- *Scissors
- *Brown paper grocery bag
- *Hole punch
- *4 brass fasteners
- *Craft foam
- *Thin twine (4-6 inches)
- *Black or brown tempera paint (optional)

Instructions:

1. Lay out the bag with the flap at the bottom.
2. Fold down the top of the bag to about 1 inch above the bottom flap.
3. Open to the original position.
4. Cut away to the fold line all but the back layer. Save the cut-off part.

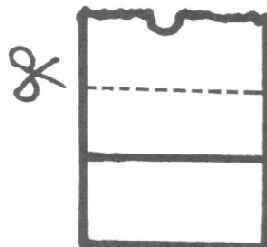
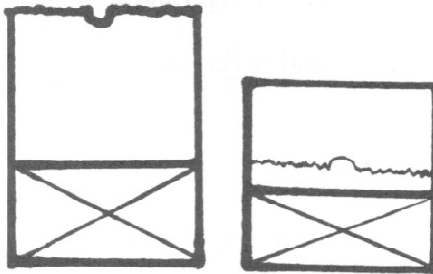
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5. Round the edges of the flap to form the closure of the travel bag.

6. Open out the scrap that was cut from the bag, and fold the two ends to the middle. Fold one long side up to the middle and the other down over it. This will make the handle of the bag.

7. Punch a hole in each end of the handle. Push a brass fastener through each hole, and attach the handle to the top of the bag on the fold. Attach it about 1 inch in from each side so it will be rounded and easy to grasp.

8. Cut two shapes of fun foam and use brass fasteners to attach one to the flap of the bag and the other to the bag itself. Tie the piece of twine around the top piece of foam. Wrap it around the bottom piece to close the bag.

9. For a luggage look, crinkle the bag and then paint it with black or brown watered-down tempera paint.

