

Trick-or-Treat Bag

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Materials Needed:

- High quality ink-jet paper, matte finish (try *Click-n-Craft™ Matte Paper with Adhesive Backing from The Vintage Workshop®*)
- Corrugated paper, 8½" x 11"
- Heavyweight paper, such as coverstock
- Spraymount
- Glue stick
- Hot glue gun (or heavy-duty tape)
- Paper twine or cord for handles

Tools Needed:

- Craft knife
- Metal ruler with cork back
- Cutting mat

Assembly:

1. Cut a sheet of corrugated paper (8½" x 11") in half to 8½" x 5½". Trim both sections to 7¼" x 5½". These sections will form the front and back of the gift bag and represent a vertical format.
2. Cut 2 pieces of heavyweight paper to 3" x 7¼" for the side sections. Creating flaps along the 7¼" edges will form strips so glue may be applied. Using a pencil, measure in ¼" on both sides. Score along these lines to create flaps. (The flaps will adhere to the front and back corrugated pieces forming a bag shape.) Using a glue stick, apply adhesive to these flap sections. Position along the edge of the corrugated section and press firmly to secure in place.
3. To create the bottom section of the bag, cut a piece of heavyweight paper to 3" x 5½". Using a pencil, measure in ¼" on all sides. Score along these lines to make flaps so glue may be applied. (These flaps will tuck inside the bottom of the bag created in Step 2.) Cut away small corner pieces to allow for a tighter fit and ease in folding. Using a glue stick, apply adhesive to the flap sections and position in bottom of bag. Press firmly to secure in place.

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Image size: approx. 3½" wide x 5¼" tall

4. Print image onto ink-jet paper or matte paper, following manufacturer's instructions. (Image size will be 3½" x 5¼".) Trim away excess paper with a craft knife.
5. Using spraymount (not necessary if using adhesive-back paper), adhere image to front of bag. Apply slight pressure to secure in place.
6. Using paper twine or cord, cut 2 pieces for the handle. These may be attached to the inside of the bag using a hot glue gun or heavy-duty tape.

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