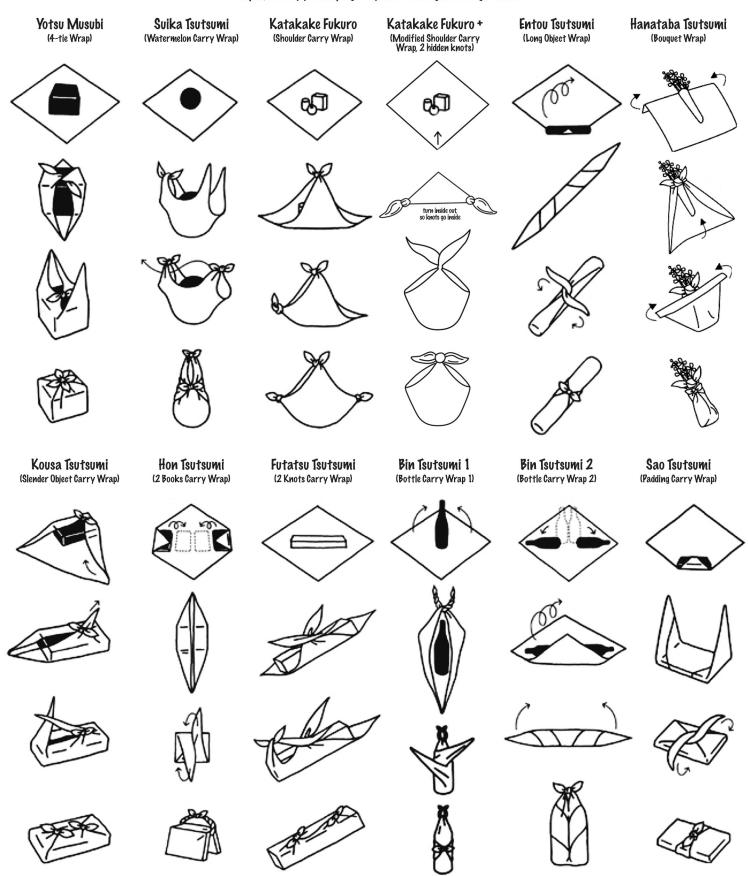
Furoshiki Wrapping Techniques

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Prevent harmful waste & wrap beautiful presents with reuseable fabric. Do It Green!



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Wrapping it up with Furoshiki!

What are FUROSHIKI? Japanese wrapping cloths. Literally translated it means "Bath spread."

Originated: In the Edo period, used by patrons of the public baths to bundle their clothing and belongings while they enjoyed a nice soak.



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The Bad Wrap

- -Wrapping paper and shopping bags alone account for **4 million tons** of trash each year in the U.S.
- -The gift wrap industry now accounts for **\$2.6 billion** each year in retail sales.
- -Wrapping paper is usually not recyclable.
- -If every American family wrapped just **3 presents in reused materials**, enough paper would be saved to cover **45,000 football fields**.

The Green Alternative

FUROSHIKI is -creative -sustainable -non-wasteful -more personal -impressive at a party -reusable -multipurpose

Fun fact: In Japan, furoshiki are also commonly used to wrap lunch boxes, called bento, and can double as a table cloth.

Fun fact: On March 6, 2006, the Japanese Minister of the Environment, Yuriko Koike, created a furoshiki cloth to promote its use in the modern world.

Resources:

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