

Paper Bag Placemat



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All the products used to create this charming placemat are eco-friendly. The paper strips are cut from a recycled paper bag. The tacky Green Glue is completely botanical. Even the paints contain no or low VOC's (volatile organic compounds). These products make a difference—for the earth, for the workers that produce them, and for the artists and crafters that use them. We are proud to present this project and it reflects our company-wide commitment to living "GREEN".

MATERIALS

- Brown Paper Grocery Bag
- Eco Green Crafts™ Green Glue™
- Eco Green Crafts™ Acrylic Paint
- Eco Green Crafts™ Gloss Medium





MAKE STRIPS

1. Deconstruct paper bag.
2. Measure and cut 2-inch-wide strips along the entire length of the bag.
3. Working with one strip at a time, dampen the strip with water to remove any creases. Fold down $\frac{1}{4}$ " along one edge of the length of strip, as shown.
4. Fold the opposite side so that it just overlaps the edge of the previous fold, as shown.
5. With the iron set on high, iron the strips to dry and flatten them, and to strengthen the creases.
6. Apply a thin line of Green Glue™ along the $\frac{1}{4}$ " edge.
7. Turn strip over (folded side down); iron strip smooth.
8. Repeat process to create a total of eleven 24" strips and seventeen 18" strips.

WEAVE AND FINISH

9. With tape, affix the 24" strips to a piece of cardboard as shown
10. Weave shorter strips through longer strips, alternating each strip, as shown; affix each strip with Green Glue™ and allow to dry
11. Remove the cardboard and tape; cut the ends of each strip to about 1/2"
12. Paint as desired with Eco Green Crafts™ Acrylic Paint; allow to dry
13. Brush entire surface with Eco Green Crafts Gloss Medium; allow to dry
14. Roughen / distress the surface of the mat with sandpaper as desired

