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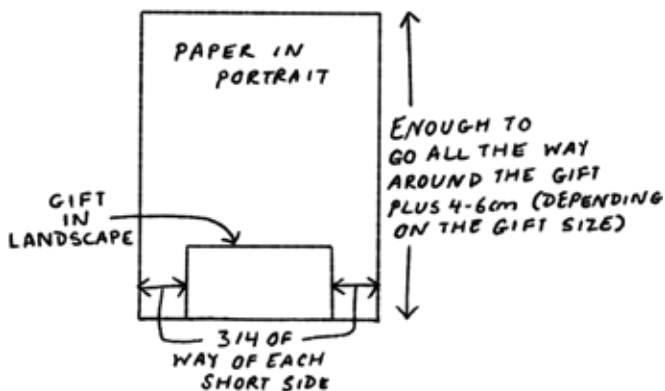
HOW TO MEASURE THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF PAPER

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Beautiful gift wrapping starts with measuring the right amount of paper. Most people use way too much paper and end up wrangling and scrunching it.

THE RECTANGULAR PRISM

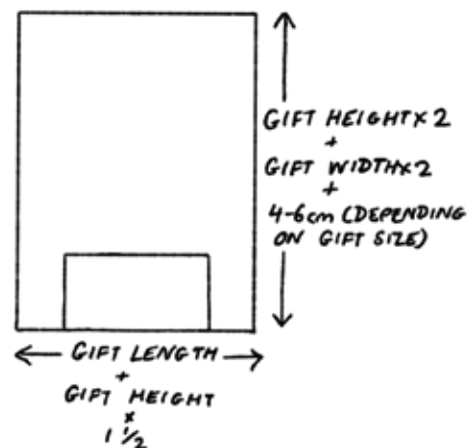


If you are wrapping a rectangular prism (or a gift that approximates a rectangular prism) place the gift in landscape position and the paper in portrait position.

Measure enough paper to go all the way the gift around plus 6 cm. You can go less than 6 cm if it is a tiny gift. A clever way to do this is to take a piece of string or ribbon and

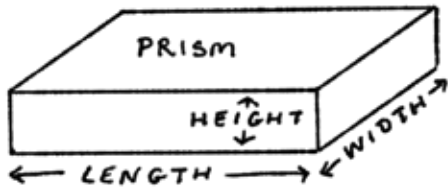
place it all the way around the gift and then add 6 cm that's what you'd get if actually you rolled the box over the paper many people do then measure three quarters of the way up each short side.

For the mathematically minded, you want to measure a rectangle of paper with a long side that is $2 \times \text{height} + 2 \times \text{width} + 6\text{cm}$. The short side will be the length of the gift plus 1.5 times the height.





THE THIN RECTANGULAR PRISM

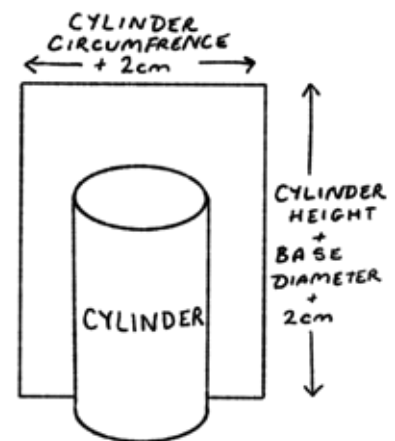


If you are wrapping a super thin rectangular prism such as a story book, photo album, platter, board, certificate or placemats that have little height, measure your paper the same way as the prism – with the gift in landscape position and the paper in portrait. Cut enough to go all the way around the gift plus 6cm and at the shorter sides allow about three finger widths of paper.

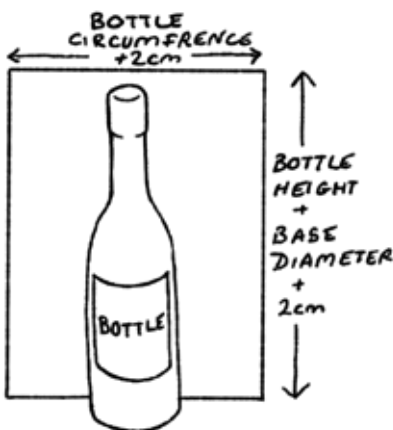
THE CYLINDER

For cylindrical shaped gifts such as jams, condiments, candles, cookie tins and make up or oddly shaped gifts placed in a jar, choose either the candle wrap or the slightly more difficult circular pleat.

For the candle wrap, which is gathered at the top and folded at the base, cut a rectangular piece of paper that is 2 times the height of the cylinder long and the circumference of the cylinder plus 2 centimetres wide. Ensure you are working with any pattern orientations or pattern matches. The circular top pleat requires an unusually small piece of paper – a rectangle with a length equal to the height of the jar plus the base plus 2 cm and a width the circumference of the cylinder plus 2 cm.



THE BOTTLE



If you are wrapping a bottle, you will also need a deceptively small piece of paper, the length of which is the height of the bottle plus the diameter of the base plus 2cm. The width of the paper should be the circumference of the bottle plus 2 centimetres. Take care to work with any pattern directionality or pattern matches.

