

## TUTORIAL 4.

### SELF CLOSING GIFT BAG

#### SUPPLIES

- 1 sheet of decorative paper

#### TOOLS

- Low moisture adhesive, such as a glue stick or double stick tape



#### STEP 1

- Trace and cut out the pattern on page two of this tutorial on your decorative paper.
- Cut along solid lines, and score along all dotted lines.
- Valley fold, then unfold, along all dotted lines (plain sides together).

#### STEP 2

- Apply adhesive to the lower half of flaps A, & C (decorative side), and to the lower half of flap D (plain side).
- Apply adhesive to the decorative side of flap E.

#### STEP 3

- Place the decorative side of flap B on a table. Fold its bag side up to a 90 degree angle.

#### STEP 4

- Bring flaps A & C in at 90 degree angles and attach them to the plain side of flap B.
- Complete the rectangle of the bag by applying adhesive to the long Flap E then bringing the side around and easing that flap to the inside of the bag, aligning the cut edge with the fold of the flap then press to adhere.

#### STEP 5

- Bring flap D to the underside of the bag and press to adhere it to the outside of flap B.
- At the top of the bag, pinch the wide front and back of the bag together while easing in the sides  
(Note: to store the bag flat, see helpful hints next page).

#### STEP 6

- Crease the sides in about half way down the bag.
- Fold over the remaining top flap and ease it into the pocket created

## HELPFUL HINTS

- \* To store this bag flat, continue to crease the side flaps to nearly the bottom of the bag.
- \* As you ease the sides in and fold the base of the bag up with your fingers a gusset will naturally form.
- \* Use recycled papers to make a truly "green" project. Try maps, old calendars, sheet music, and even brown grocery sack—consider incorporating bag designs and text.

