

Faux Tea Bags with Tea-Scented Soap

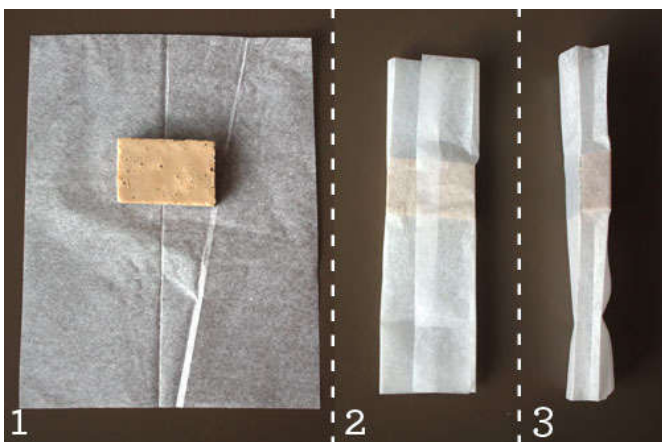
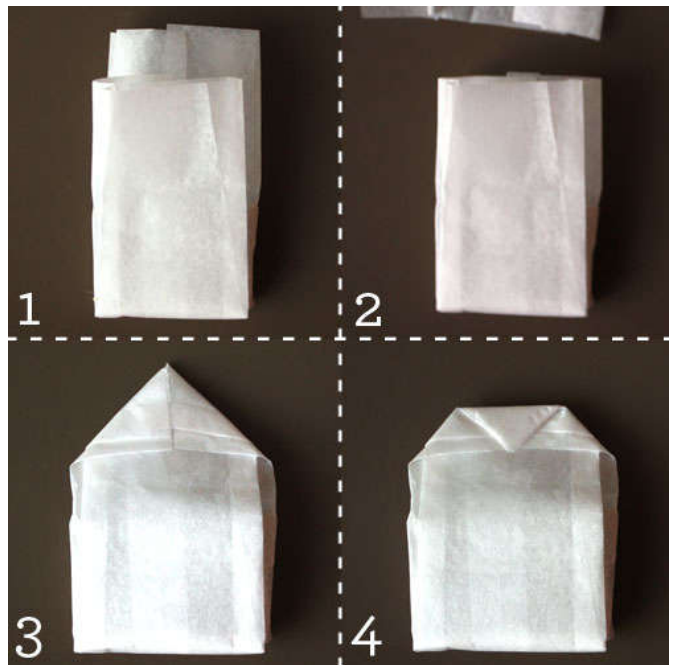
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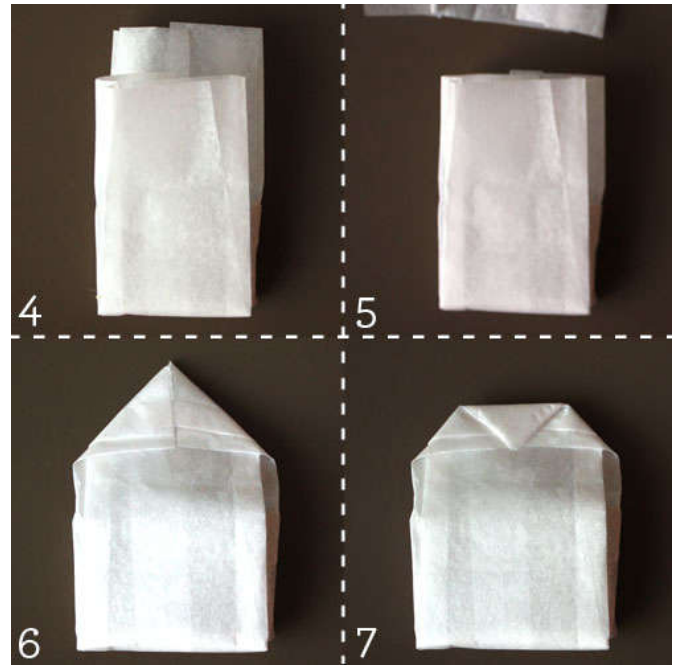
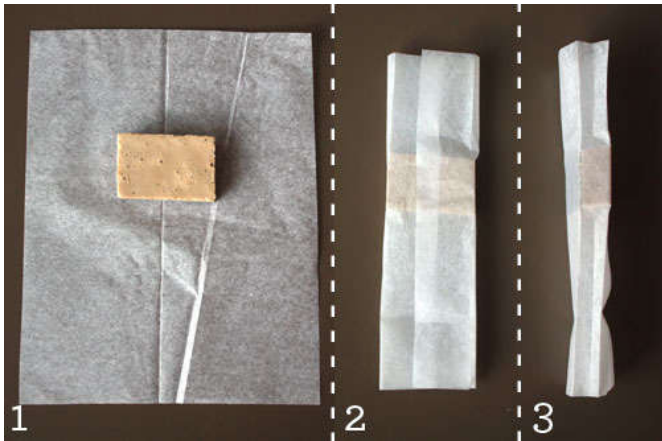
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Intro: Faux Tea Bags with Tea-Scented Soap

Easy soap packaging idea that makes for a great gift!





Step 1: Materials

(a) Soap: I used a Melt & Pour Soap Base which some may think is cheating, but I think it's fantastic. It's incredibly easy - you just cut up the block of soap and melt it in the microwave (or if you are like me and don't have a microwave, use a double-boiler) and add in whatever ingredients you want.

I used Earl Greyer Tea which has more bergamot than usual. Then just pour it into a mold or pan and let it set. After a few hours mine was set and I cut it into rectangles about 1" x 2". These are small (think hotel soap) and I was able to get eight soaps from a 1 lb. block, plus scraps that I can melt down into another one or two. You can see an instructable on melt & pour soap [here](#).

(b) Tags: You can create your own tags, or download mine [here](#). Just cut them out, fold them in half, and snip little notches in the corners (see photos). [A note about the tags: Feel free to print out these tags for your personal, non-commercial use. Please do not redistribute in any way.]

(c) White tissue paper: Pieces cut to approximately 6" x 9", one per soap.

(d) Tape

(e) String

(f) Stapler

(g) Scissors

You can buy everything you need for this project [HERE](#).



Step 2: Download the Tags

You can create some tags of your own or download mine. I have provided several different tags, including one plain "Tea Soap" tag. Each tag has a "Made By" and "For" on the back so you can give these as gifts.

Download my tags here.

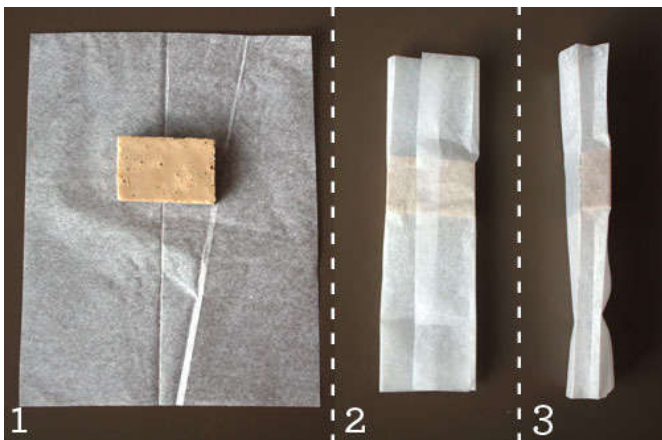
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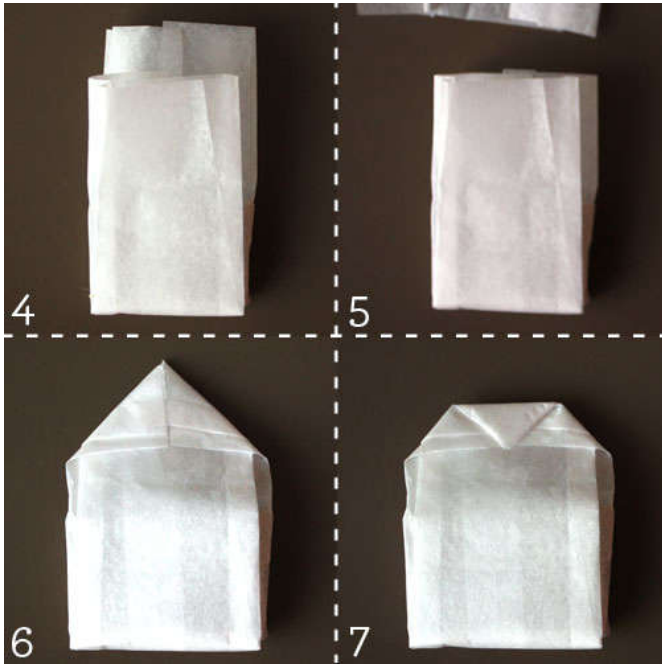
Step 3: Wrapping it up

1. Place the soap (with the side you want on the front face-down) in the center of the paper, but a little higher than the middle.
2. Fold the tissue paper over the soap, overlapping the edges. Tape closed.
3. Pinch and fold the sides to form a rectangular box, and then pleat the sides inward.



Step 4: Folding the tea bag

4. Fold the bottom up over the soap and secure with a loop of tape (or double-sided tape)
5. Trim the top to be even.
6. Fold the corners down to form a peak at the top.
7. Pull the peak down and tape closed.



Step 5: Staple

Turn the bag over and staple on the string, tying a knot to keep it from slipping through. Staple the tag on the end of the string.



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