Wrapping with a square cloth “Furoshiki”

“Furoshiki”
Square wrapping cloth

It is an exciting new experience.
What we wrap today.
How we make the wrapping better.
It will help to express your thought for someone special.

Let’s wrap gifts for some one special.
However, it is not only for gifts, the time you spend for
someone is also precious delight of wrapping with
Furoshiki.

Tying its corners, then, it changes to a bag easily.
You can use it as a traveling-rug too.
Of course, It reduces the size by folding.

It totally depends on your idea.
Why don’t you start an exciting life with Furoshiki?

Knots
There are the 2 basic knots when using a Furoshiki.

· Mamusubi-knot

Tie both ends together
Cross the furthest end over the other end and tie them.
Pull each end and tighten it.

· Hitotsumusubi-knot

Hold just one end of the Furoshiki.
Form a loop and pass the end through it.
Tighten it.

History of Furoshiki

Japanese people have been cherishing their culture of wrapping from time immemorial.

In a historical point of view, we can find the original idea of Furoshiki in Nara Period, about 1,300 years ago.
Emperor’s possessions were wrapped by a cloth to preserve in imperial storehouse.
This culture took root in general and Furoshiki has been using as an essential item for their life.

The meaning of name comes from used in sauna bath.
And it started to be called “Furoshiki” since Edo period.
Gradually, it was used for the scene of business, traveling, and celebrations.
It is a kind of consideration and aesthetic consciousness of Japanese people that people dye patterns with wishes for someone and spontaneously use seasonal patterns and colours of Furoshiki.

Size and purpose

A Furoshiki comes in different sizes, and you can choose the size depending on what need to wrap.

Choose a size

Usually the length from one corner to the other corner of the Furoshiki should be about 3 times the length of the object you want to wrap.

*Musubi* is a brand specializing in Furoshiki spanned almost 80 years.
http://www.kyoto-musubi.com/
Wrap your lunch box every day with different Furoshiki.
Choosing it depending on seasons, your feeling and so on. It will make your life more colorful.

1. Put your furoshiki facing up back side. Place the lunch box in the center of furoshiki.
2. Bring corner A up and over the lunch box, covering it.
3. Bring corner C up and over the lunch box, covering it.
4. Pull corners B and D together and tie them with a mamusubi-knot.

Gift a bottle of wine for someone special
To gift wine, Furoshiki is quite useful. You can choose it from wide range of colours and patterns.

1. Put your furoshiki facing up back side and place a bottle in the center.
2. Bring corners A and C to the top of the bottle and tie a mamusubi-knot. Cross corners B and D behind the bottle, bring them to the front and tie a mamusubi-knot.
3. Untie the mamusubi-knot at the top of the bottle and twist the corners round and round in opposite directions.
4. Tie the ends up.

Use it as a bag
It changes to a bag easily. It is a must-have for traveling and shopping as you fold it small.

1. Lay the furoshiki facing up right side and fold it to make a triangle shape.
2. Tie a hitozumusubi-knot with corners A and B.
3. Turn the furoshiki over, and place the knots inside. Tie a mamusubi-knot with corners C and D.
4. Do up till 2 above, then turn the furoshiki over, and place the knots inside. Tie corners C and D once.

Decorate a tissue box
Tissue boxes always look unstylish. You can wrap it with seasonal patterned Furoshiki which changes your room more sophisticated.

1. Place the tissue box in the centre of the furoshiki.
2. Cover the box like the illustration above.
3. Tie the corners C and D also tie the corners A and B.
4. Do the last touch ups.

Take bottles of wine to parties
If you would like to take some wine to parties. Furoshiki is the smartest choice.

1. Put your furoshiki facing up back side. Place 2 bottles in the centre of the furoshiki like illustration above.
2. Fold over corner A and roll the bottles upwards.
3. Bring the bottles upright so that the tip of corner C is placed between the bottom of the bottles.
4. Tie a mamusubi-knot on top of the bottles.

Bring books and documents
Furoshiki is also very convenient when you bring books and documents.

1. Put the furoshiki facing up back side and place the object along the diagonal line.
2. Fold it to make a triangle shape.
3. Tie a mamusubi-knot with A and B.
4. Tie 2 corners as illustration above.