A new kind of Paper Bag Book
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Supplies:
6 paper lunch bags
Strong dry adhesive

Also needed:
circle cutter or
circle template and scissors
bone folder

Before you begin: Take a look at your bags. Set aside any that are badly scrunched (you will know what I mean if you see it on your bags - if the rectangular flap that unfolds to form the bottom of the bag is misshapen it will be harder to cover with paper and the edges may not line up easily. If you have a stack of bags to choose from, just pick the 6 most uniform you can find.

On all SIX bags, secure the pre-folded flap in place, to the body of the bag with strong adhesive.

On TWO bags, fold the flap towards the open end and crease well

Fold the open end towards the flaps and crease well

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Stack so the folded flaps meet and set aside. This is **Set One**

Take the two of the remaining bags - Cut a semicircle from each open end. Leave at least 1 and 1/2 inches between the fold and the cut edge

Snip the pointy ends to neaten
Secure all the loose ends within the cut semi-circle to create a single opening.

This will make it easier for whatever you put in the pocket to slide in and out more easily.

Line up the cut semi-circles.

Look at the ends. You need to have snipped them far enough down that the cut edge isn’t too close to the fold when folded towards the flap, and the flap can be folded over top easily and neatly.

Fold the flaps over and set aside.
This is Set Two.
Take one of the remaining bags and fold the flap in half then stick down. This is the Back Cover.

The Front cover is just a single bag with the bottom flap secured (the first step on page 1).

You should have:
- Cover set
- Set ONE
- Set TWO

At this point you need lots of good strong adhesive to stick all the layers together.

Personally, I prefer the ATG gun or some other form of double-sided tape like Terrifically Tacky Tape. I’ve never made one with glue stick or any other wet adhesive. Feel free to give it a go but I make no promises for how well it will work! :D

Have a look at the photos on the next page and before you stick anything together make sure everything fits together and closes properly.
Let’s assemble the layers.

Start with the covers on your desk - Front cover to the LEFT, Back cover to the RIGHT. Stack, or slip one open end into the other, as you prefer.

You may be tempted to stick as you go but don’t! There will be some adjustments to make when you start adding the inner pages.

Place Set One on the covers off-centre to the RIGHT. You want the back cover to fold over neatly.

Lay Set Two on top, flaps to each side and semicircles meeting in the middle

Arrange the bags so:
- the semicircles fold out (Set Two)
- the flaps at the opposite end of those bags fold over them and meet in the middle
- the flaps on the bottom bags (Set One) fold and meet
You may need to adjust the **Front & Back** Cover bags and re-crease so the flaps on the inner layers meet

(good thing you didn’t stick it down, hummm?)

And the covers neatly enclose the centre pages. Take a moment to consider your closure. Mine was a “button and loop” one and needs to be added **BEFORE** you stick it all together.

A simple ribbon closure can be added after you stick it all together, **BEFORE** or **AFTER** decorating the covers, as you prefer. **NOW** stick it all together at the back of each layer. Use plenty of strong adhesive and decorate as you like.

The family tree chart can be downloaded from [http://www.marthastewart.com](http://www.marthastewart.com)