



## Korean Bojagi ~ wrapping cloth (alternative spelling Pojagi)

### Assembling the front



1. **Take pieces 1 and 2**, mark  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances and finger-press to the back. Place wrong side to wrong side and pin in place.



2. **Take contrasting thread** approximately three times the length of the seam, start with a knot hidden in the seam and whip stitch (gamchimjil) together. Open and press.  
*I often like to use different coloured threads for each seam to give some variation.*

3. **Repeat with piece 3** to form the pieced, right-hand section.



4. **Join the pieced strip to the main piece of the front**, again using whip stitch.



5. **Attach the backing cloth to the front** with whip stitch, using the same technique of pressing the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to the back and whip stitching together.
6. **Attach the strap.** For speed we're going to use a ribbon strap but traditionally you would cut a long strip of cloth double the width of the strap plus a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Fold the strip in two lengthwise and fold the

seam allowance inside. Sew the side and two ends using whip stitch. Attach to the pojagi using a running stitch with a contrasting thread.



7. Make the **bakjwi**, a 'bat' symbol of good luck.
  - a. Start with a piece of fabric approximately 3" square.
  - b. Roll opposite corners into the centre, using a pin to get each corner started.



- c. Then fold in half.



- d. Stitch through the folded part twice and then bind with thread. Cut off the excess fabric. If the fabric that you're using is one that frays easily, you might want to put a dab of fabric glue on the cut edges to stop them fraying.



- e. Open the bakjwi to form a 'bat' shape.



- f. Sew to the wrapping cloth.

8. Use the cloth to wrap the envelope or small gift and tie with the strap.





### **Some resources you might like to look at:**

Bojagi – the Art of Korean Stitching – DVD  
Youngmin Lee  
Studio Galli

Bojagi and Beyond - book  
Chunghi Lee –very difficult to find but occasionally comes up

<https://pojagi.wordpress.com/> - a pojagi blog

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6tKcWBI6zs> - interview with Chunghie Lee at the Festival of Quilts 2009

If you are googling bojagi then it's worth trying **pojagi** as well. Sometimes you will get additional/different results.