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The Green Gift Wrap Guide

Wrapping paper is a huge part of holiday waste. Here are some alternatives to wrapping paper that keep gifts looking colourful and festive!



01 | Cloth Bags



Hand sewn or store bought can make a present look festive and can be reused as errand or lunch bags after the holidays.

02 | Book or Magazine Pages



Add a personal touch by using pages from a favourite story.

03 | Newspaper



Excellent for larger gifts – use cartoon or sport sections for colour.

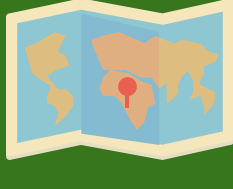


04 | Drawings & Paintings



Seasonal pictures on paper bags make great gift wrap.

05 | Old & Vintage Maps



Add a sense of adventure to your gifts!

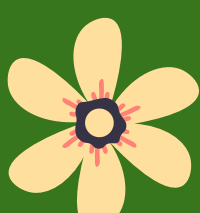
06 | Gift as Packaging



Make the wrapping part of the gift! Use backpacks, scarves, even clothing.



07 | Natural Objects



Pinecones or pressed flowers jazz up gifts more than ribbons!

08 | Go Tape Free!



To minimize the amount used, make tightly creased folds when you wrap, or tie the package up tightly with reusable yarn or twine.

09 | Biodegradable Packing Material



Use unsalted peanuts in the shell, popcorn, or fabric to secure gifts in boxes. Avoid bubble wrap or foam chips which are hard to recycle.



Before placing your wrapping paper in your curbside or community recycling bins, make sure that it is 100% paper.

Unlike office paper, some gift wraps contain heavy inks, glitter, or foil that can't be recycled. Tissue paper can be included in your recycling bag or bin.



Want more ecofriendly gift wrap ideas?
Not sure if your gift wrap is recyclable?

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