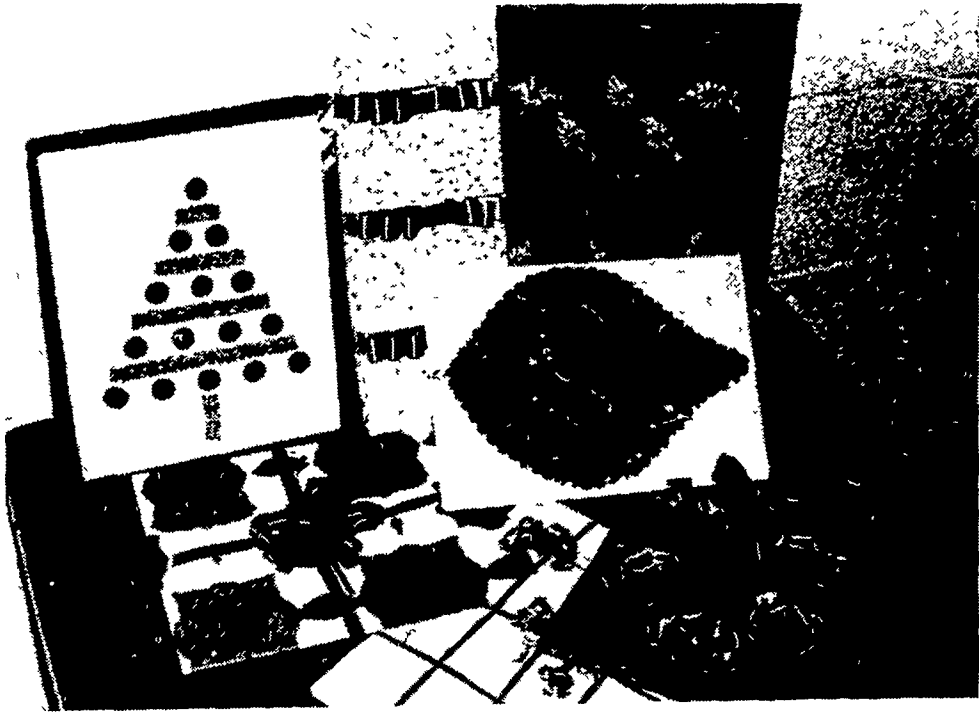
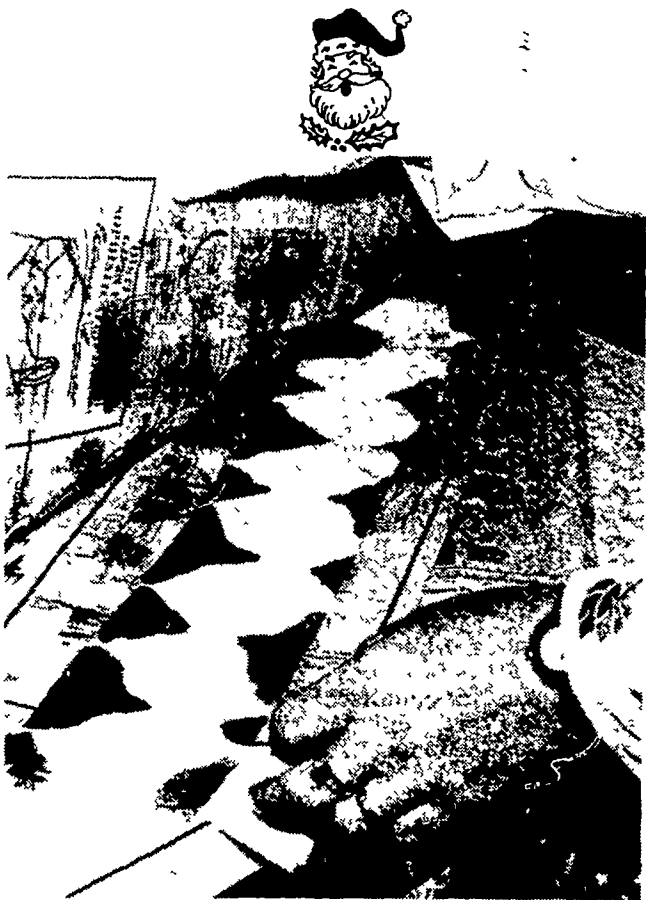


# Add a homemade touch to Christmas gift wrap



Ideas for decorating gifts from ordinary items are almost unlimited.



The wet tissue must be blotted between layers of newspaper and ironed to help in drying.

By JOYCE BUPP  
York Co. Reporter  
YORK, Pa. - The holiday gifts are all purchased and ready to be wrapped. Do you have that urge to do something just a bit special with gift wrapping this year?

Marceil Seckman, Extension home economist in York County, has the answer. In her visits to homemaker and church women groups, Marcy has been encouraging the creation of colorful gift wrapping paper using regular-sized sheets of white tissue paper and coloring materials.

#### WRAPPING PAPER

Her instructions for wrapping paper are these: fold the sheet of tissue paper lengthwise in eighths, accordion style as in Figure 1 which accompanies this article. After the paper is pleated, fold it again into eights, accordion style as in Figure 2, or in triangles as in Figure 3.

Next, pour coloring material into small, shallow

dishes. Food coloring, ink, or dyes should be used. Then, very quickly, dip a corner of the folded sheet into a color and blot immediately between sheets of newspaper to halt color absorption. Dip as many corners as desired into the colors, blotting between each dipping.

The next step is to unfold the paper and refold it to the first set of pleats. This should be done carefully because the paper is wet. Then, press the tissue between sheets of newspaper

with a warm iron. Unfold the paper completely and hang to dry.

For brilliant colors, dip the paper when it is dry. For a softer, more pastel effect, first dip the paper corners into water, then into the colors.

Before wrapping, iron the sheets with a warm iron to remove the folds. And to set off the colors, back the dyed sheet with plain white wrap.

#### KNOTLESS BOW

Marcy says that if you are all thumbs when it comes to

tying knots, you can make knotless bow. Material needed are sashen ribbon and double-faced stick tape.

To make the bow, cut four strips of ribbon 10 inches long; four strips eight inches long; and four strips six inches long. Use half of small piece of double tape on one end of the strip; attach the other end to form circle. With another piece of tape, fasten the jointure to the center of the other

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