



Back Mountain Business & Professional Association

# Open House Dec. 6-7-8

Use distinctive wrapping to add charm to your gifts

One of America's most beloved holiday traditions is wrapping gifts. Studies show the average household wraps about 37 presents each season. Since that's a bundle in paper, tape, bows and elbow grease, it's always nice if the outcome is attractive.

So what looks are popular for this holiday season? Angels, angels and more angels are one of the fastest-growing trends in package dress-up. Nostalgic themed paper that's warm and casual and reflects simple family values is especially popular in these fast-paced times. Old-fashioned scenes, vintage toys and pine tree-prints are a few of the looks splayed across new seasonal gift wrap.

Jolly paper adorned with Winnie-the-Pooh, Mickey Mouse, Looney Tunes and other bold designs is also fun for kids and adults.

So how does the average all-thumbs Joe become an artist holiday wrapping expert?

Here are a few more easy ways to express your creativity and dress up Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa gifts:

- Use gift bags. Simply your life. Gorgeous, sturdy gift bags are available in every size to fit any gift, especially those bulky or unwieldy. Wrap the gift with fancy tissue paper, adorn with foil ribbon, bow and name tag and voilà! The easiest way to dress up a package can also be the most beautiful. There are so many attractive gift bags on the market that it's a cinch to make your packages resemble works of art.
- Add an ornament as a decorative accessory. Tied with ribbon to gifts, ornaments (bell ornament attached to jingle bell-decorated paper, for example), can become sentimental tokens of family celebrations.

• Build a gift tower. Wrap a stack of gifts in coordinating patterns and tie together with ribbon.

• Play the hidden boxes game. If you have time on your hands and need to wrap a small gift, start with a tiny wrapped box, place that in a slightly larger box, wrap that one and so on. Gift recipients at parties have fun unwrapping such a puzzle, especially when the end result is the smallest box is a really special gift (such as jewelry).

• Mix and match. Wrap lids and boxes in different paper.

• Be creative with bows and ribbons. Weave sparsely wired star vine throughout the loops of a ribbon. Use curly cascades of ribbon to fall off a package like a decorative waterfall.



Holiday theme Winnie-the-Pooh gift bags wrap and wrap will turn up under lots of trees this holiday season.

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from BMBPA members

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- \* Outdoor Snowman: Collage Gift and Furniture Shop
- \* \$50 Gift Certificate: Mailboxes Etc.
- \* \$50 Gift Certificate: Valentines
- \* Quilted Table Runner: The Quilt Racquet
- \* Aromatic Gift Basket: Country Traditions

**Be Tactful**

"Always respond to a gift enthusiastically and lovingly. No matter how much you hate it, you must receive the gift as what it is: a gift of love. You can always find something to praise about the present — the color, the store, even the wrapping paper. Or simply say, 'How thoughtful. You must have spent a great deal of time picking this out'" — Letitia Baldrige. (CNS).

**Light It Up**

Before hanging old or new lights around the house, take time to inspect each string for cracked or broken sockets, frayed wires and loose bulbs. Discard any damaged strings of lights. (CNS)

**Free Tokens**

If money's tight, but you still want to give a welcome gift, volunteer your time. Some ideas:

- Ten free hours of baby-sitting.
- Walk the dog on a regular basis.
- Ten days of pet-sitting.
- A day of housecleaning — including windows.
- Wash, wax and detail the recipient's car. (CNS)

**Roman Roots**

Christmas celebrations date all the way back to the ancient Roman celebration of Saturnalia, a winter-time festivity during which people decorated their homes with greenery and exchanged tokens with friends and family. (CNS)

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