



Wrap Up a Green Christmas

There are plenty of ways to make your holiday season environmentally sound without being a scrooge. The trick is to decorate and wrap with items already found in your house. In other words, use stuff which is currently destined for the garbage instead of going out and buying brand new objects to toss out.

Try these ideas:

Bows

- Make shiny bows from potato chip bags.
- Make tissue paper flowers from toilet paper (the single rolls).

Cards

- Make cards from scrap paper, last year's cards and cereal boxes.

Gift Tags

- write directly on the wrapping paper with a black marker.
- cut old cards with pinking shears, punch a hole in the corner, and attach a string.

Ornaments

- Make ornaments from old Christmas cards.
- burnt out light bulbs and paint
- recycled paper snowflakes

Ornament Hooks

- make from spiral notebook wire or paper clips.

Packing material

- use the tissue paper from single rolls of toilet paper.
- scrunch up used paper or use toilet / paper towel rolls

- popcorn (send needle and thread for stringing)

Ribbon

- Make shiny ribbon from potato chip bags.

Wrapping Paper

- Wrap your presents in the Sunday comics.
- Draw seasonal pictures on scrap paper, envelopes, etc. and wrap your presents with them (this will probably require some cutting and taping).
- Wrap your presents in last year's wrapping paper. If there are only small pieces which are usable, cut and tape for a collage.
- Cut the seams of potato chip bags, wash, and wrap presents with the shiny side out.

