

XCentric Ideas

Gift Wrap 1-2-3

Think outside the box!

Use ordinary household items to
wrap & decorate your gifts!

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Pillow talk



www.retroto.com



www.babystores.blogspot.com

Use a fun pillowcase as a gift bag.

Tie with a ribbon.

You might just inspire them to buy the duvet as well.

Lunch anyone?



Wrap your gift in pretty tissue paper and 'hide' in a colourful plastic or tin lunchbox.

Baby blues



Baby clothes are perfect to be wrapped in a receiving blanket. Decorate with ribbon and a soft toy or dummy.

Rainy Day Suitcase Surprise

Use your old suitcase.

Glue buttons and ribbon on the outside.

Fill with books, board games, puzzles, crayons & coloring books, a deck of cards, an animal farm, etc.

It's a useful gift for rainy days and kids can easily pack everything away.



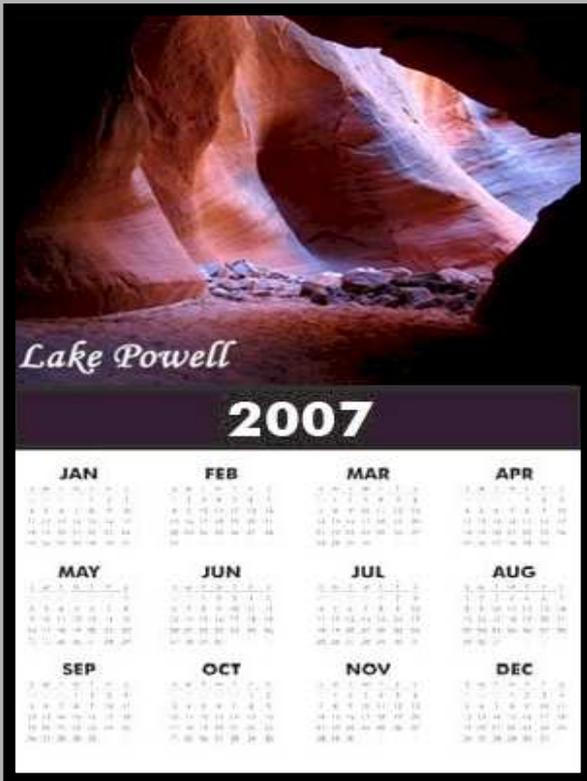
Are you lost? 'Baked' twice



An old map will spark conversation when gift-wrapped for a traveler.



No gift box? A bright silicone bread pan is perfect. Pop in a bread recipe with your gift and wrap in cellophane paper.



Calendar Wise

Don't throw away last year's calendar.

Cut out the pictures and use as gift-wrap.

Shawl pretty



Pick 'n Pay Clothing Stores normally have affordable shawls/pashmina's. A wrap for the gift and your friend.

Tissues no more



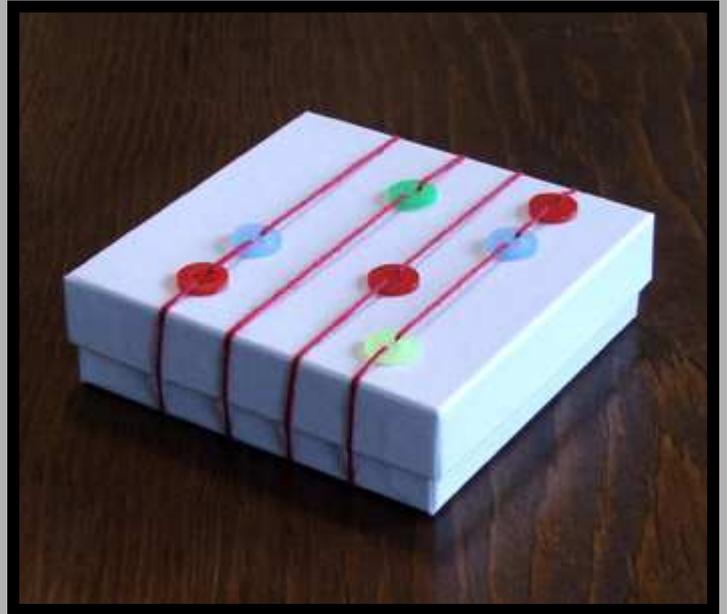
Decorate an empty tissue box with stickers or paint. Stuff with a t-shirt and leave a little tuft sticking out.

Button Fun

Thread buttons on thin string.

Wrap around your gift.

Secure the ends at the bottom with clear tape.



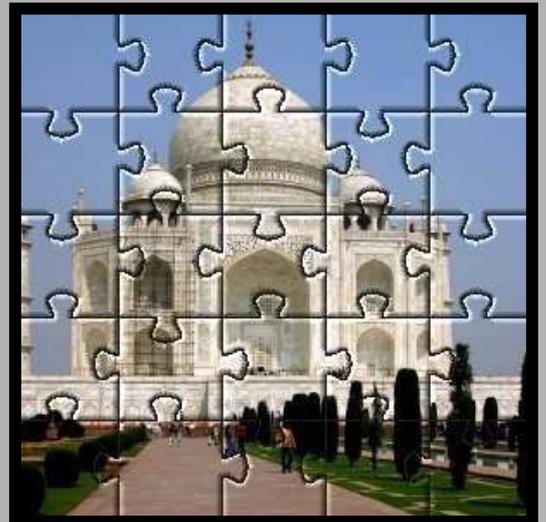
Tie my lace



No ribbon left?

Use colourful shoelaces.

I'm puzzled



Do you keep incomplete jigsaws?

Wrap your gift and then glue on jigsaw pieces.

Wax me



Gift wrap with waxed paper

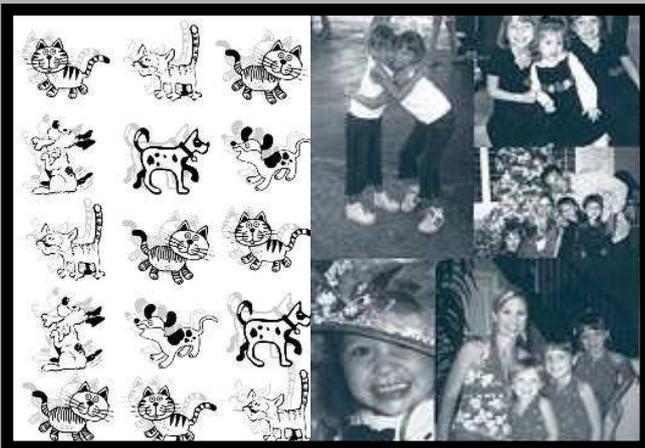
Cover your ironing board with a cloth. Take a sheet of waxed paper and lay it flat on the cloth. Adorn the paper with flower petals, confetti, dried leaves, anything that is relatively flat.

Now put another piece of waxed paper on top.

Place another cloth on top of the waxed paper and run a hot iron over the top.

The iron heat will seal the edges together.

Paper design Kitchen hip



Use A4 paper. Design a sheet on Word, print & wrap.

Or design a collage of friends/family, print & wrap.



For a kitchen gift:
wrap in kitchen towels
and decorate with
wooden spoons, whisks,
etc.



Teddy Hug

With your gift wrapped in tissue paper and packed in a lovely raffia basket, place a teddy bear on top and keep in place with organza ribbons.

Mosaic chic



Left-over mosaic from a project?

Glue them onto the wrapped gift.

Cord wrap



Forgot to buy string?

Use an old cable/cord and you will definitely spark some interest!

Key issue

There are always spare keys lying around.

Glue them onto your wrapped gift.



Fork, please



Mismatched forks, spoons and knives are perfect to decorate your gift with.

Or use brightly coloured plastic ones.

Scrap me



Choose a scrapbooking embellishment sheet – stick onto your gift or gift bag and voila!

Are you thinking
out of the box yet?

Gift-wrapping has never
before been this easy &
creative!

Have a good look around in your house
for inspirational decorations:

Crayons, safety pins, whole cinnamon sticks, old
scarves, pieces of fabric, miniature bottles of
shampoo/cream, fresh herbs, leaves, twigs & stones
from the garden, tinfoil, small ornaments, candles,
seed packets, paint brushes, pasta shells/macaroni, an
Ace or Jacks playing card...

Inspire yourself and surprise
everyone else!