

Give your gifts that
holiday look with these

Gift Wrapping Specials

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YOUR Christmas packages can have that "something special" look. Wrapping individuality is a quality that can be obtained without spending a lot of money for elaborate materials or staying home nights from Christmas activities.

To dress up the box of Dad's traditional Christmas tie you might try decorating it as a regular tie. Cut colored paper in the shape of a tie and fasten it to the top of the box, wrapped in plain paper. The design of your tie may differ with stars, stickers or decorated tape.

A two-tone effect in both ribbons and paper is news this year. For plain paper, tie your package

with contrasting ribbons laid side by side. To add the final touch make a series of flat loops working back and forth; keeping each loop shorter and directly over the one below it. Keep center of loop flat and fasten with scotch tape. Pin flowers, berries or ornaments over the center.

For the two tone effect in paper, use a colored sheet large enough to go around the box once and then scotch tape a contrasting colored sheet half this length to it. The overlap gives the second color.

Cellophane straws can be used in many ways. A pompom can be made of straws bunched with ends

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even and wound tightly at the center with wire. The straw ends may be dipped in white tempera paint for a unique look. Different lengths of cellophane straws may be arranged with a gold piece of scotch tape across to resemble a pipe organ.

Aluminum foil answers the bottle problem since it is so crushable and molds easily to the shape of the bottle. You can tie a big red bow at the neck of a package wrapped this way. Another solution is to roll the bottle in corrugated paper to form a cylinder, stuff tissue around the neck and wrap in paper. If you use plain white paper, wind red ribbon spirally around the cylinder, top with a red Christmas ball, and you'll have a miniature barber pole. You might cover the ribbon-wound cylinder with clear cellophane and have a giant cane, too.

For those odd-shaped presents that can't hide their identity even when they're wrapped, plan a disguise. Use any round box, large or small, and wrap it to look like a merry-go-round. A hat box or even a small ice cream container are possibilities. Wrap silver paper smoothly around the cylindrical part of the box, leaving the extra length at the top. Crush the paper together at the top, tie and then smooth the end back over the top so the reverse side of the paper shows. Fringe the edges that hang down over the box. Blue poles with small cut-out animals complete the merry-go-round.



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To widen the eyes of the younger set, try tucking a large size candy cane in the center of a bow or attach cardboard runners to a package to make it resemble a sleigh.

A mesh red Christmas stocking can be used to keep small gifts from getting lost under the tree. Gifts may be put in the toe and the stockings filled with greenery.

To really express your best wishes, a gold painted wish bone can add a novel touch to a gift.

An unusual texture in Christmas wrapping is crisp golden strands of straw. Rays from a golden star on dark blue paper can be made from strands of straw.

Give your package a fairy touch by the use of "glitter" a glittering, sand-like material. It comes in red, green, blue, gold or silver at art or gift shops. It may be used on the ribbons or directly on the package. The parts to be decorated are lightly touched with mucilage, glitter sprinkled on generously, and the excess shaken off. Another way of getting glitter on your package is to attach small Christmas bells to the ends of the tying ribbons. Remove the cotter pin from the ball, push one end of the pin through the edge of the ribbon, and then replace both ends in the ball.

A scene may be pictured on your package by cutting out what ever shapes you wish and pasting to a box, then wrap with one thickness of white or colored tissue paper. Your scene will show through without that "cut out and pasted" look.


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