



8. Holidays

Gift Present

Get scissors, tape, wrapping paper, and ribbon, then find a hard, flat surface to work on. Follow these directions for the conventional, and not-so-conventional, gift wrappings.

Box

1. Place the package in the center of a sheet of wrapping paper.
2. Cut the paper so it will overlap a few inches when wrapped around the width of the box. Also, be sure the amount of excess paper on the ends of the package is at least two-thirds the height of the package.
3. Wrap the paper around the width of the box smoothly, and tape where the paper overlaps itself. Fold the overlapping side to create a smooth edge before laying it down (Figure 1a).
4. Fold the end paper around the height of the box to lay flat. Create triangular flaps at the top and bottom. Fold the top flap end down over the sides. Then, fold the bottom flap up over the top flap and tape it (Figure 1b). Crease the bottom flap to create a smooth edge.
5. Repeat Step 4 with the other package end.
6. To wrap a ribbon around the package, turn the package over and lay a long piece of ribbon across the midsection of the side that should face up. Bring both ends of the ribbon entirely around the width of box until they meet on the other side. Cross the ribbon, turn each end 90 degrees, and continue to wrap it around the length of the box and back around to the front, flipping the box over to do so. Tie the ends of the ribbon in a bow (Figure 1c).