

### Creation Care with Eco-Friendly Wrapping

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- Reusable shopping bags (preferably cotton)
- Re-use gift bags (make it fun - see how many years you can use the same one)
- Christmas cards make great gift tags
- Wrap items in a t-shirt
- Wrap items in a tablecloth or blanket
- Instead of ribbon,
  - Use 100% cotton yarn (such as Sugar and Cream, available in many colors)
  - Use jute twine (100% biodegradable); add a fresh holly sprig for color
- Avoid shiny, glossy wrapping, as it is not recyclable
- If giving multiple gifts to a person/family, place them unwrapped in one (reusable) bag and have the recipient select one at a time. (No peeking inside first!)

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