

Eco-friendly gift-wrapping ideas

Do you give your friends and family presents on special occasions? Watch this video to see how you can wrap gifts in an eco-friendly way.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercise.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–j) with the vocabulary (1–10).

Vocabulary

1. fabric
2. to sew
3. a ribbon
4. sustainable
5. to pass around
6. tape
7. hemp twine
8. a stocking
9. crumpled
10. a treat

Definition

- a. to join pieces of cloth together, using thread and a needle
- b. a long, narrow strip of material used to tie things or as decoration
- c. to give something to someone, who will then give it to others
- d. cloth or material used for making clothes, bags and other items
- e. a kind of strong string, made from a plant
- f. causing little or no damage to the environment
- g. having lines or marks, where something has been folded
- h. a strip of sticky material, often used to fix two things together
- i. something special that you do or buy for someone
- j. a large sock that is filled with small presents, especially at Christmas

Tasks

Task 1

Write a number (1–5) to put these ideas in the order they are mentioned.

_____ A Japanese wrapping technique, *furoshiki*

_____ Using paper and twine to wrap gifts

_____ Putting little treats in a stocking

_____ Different methods of making gift bags

_____ Using tape, pictures and postcards

Task 2

Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. are family The cloth gift bags throughout recycled the years.
through the
2. save or twine to reuse. pieces You can of string
3. cool Newspapers make can wrapping paper. really
4. I reuse even if crumpled. definitely it's paper, will
5. favourite eco-magazine. An easy way to is to use a present images,
decorate maybe from your
6. wrap without on how you can presents There are any tape.
tutorials online really cool
7. each other we put them We give wrapping them, tiny little treats
and instead of in a stocking.
8. and reused. recycled and can be that already exist a lot of things
I like using

Discussion

Do you like the ideas in the video? Which is your favourite? Do you have any gift-wrapping tips of your own?

Answers

Preparation task

1. d
2. a
3. b
4. f
5. c
6. h
7. e
8. j
9. g
10. i

Task 1

1. Different methods of making gift bags
2. Using paper and twine to wrap gifts
3. Using tape, pictures and postcards
4. A Japanese wrapping technique, *furoshiki*
5. Putting little treats in a stocking

Task 2

1. The cloth gift bags are recycled through the family throughout the years.
2. You can save pieces of string or twine to reuse.
3. Newspapers can make really cool wrapping paper.
4. I will definitely reuse paper, even if it's crumpled.
5. An easy way to decorate a present is to use images, maybe from your favourite eco-magazine.
6. There are really cool tutorials online on how you can wrap presents without any tape.
7. We give each other tiny little treats and instead of wrapping them, we put them in a stocking.
8. I like using a lot of things that already exist and can be recycled and reused.