

A Dozen Creative Gift Wrap Ideas

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We all need to wrap a gift from time to time. In case you've run out of wrapping paper or just want to make something a little more creative for the recipient, try some of these ideas! I've used all Stampin' Up!® products, but you can use anything similar. Spend a little time on the gift-wrapping, and you can make any gift look extra-special! After all, what do they say? "It's all in the presentation!"

Use Fabric on the Gift Box



Instead of using ribbon, tear off a strip of pretty fabric and tie it around the box. If you prefer neater edges, just fold both raw edges into the center and tie around the box....no sewing required! Stamp a label or decorate the top and you have cute wrapping for a plain box!

Kraft Gift Box, Summer Smooches Fabric, Summer Smooches Designer Paper, Glimmer Brad, Big Shot, Labels Collection Framelits, Got Treats Stamp Set

Put Your Gift in a Paint Can (a new one!)



For a unique package, purchase a new clean paint can at a home improvement or hardware store. Adhere designer paper around the outside. I prefer using a Stampin' Up! Glue Stick on both the can and the paper. Add embellishments to your can, and decorate the lid. Put your gift inside with some tissue paper (stamped to match!) and press the lid down firmly. Add a label or tag. If you want, also tie on a paint can key for fun, but the lid will open just by inserting something to loosen the edge.

Comfort Café Designer Series Paper, Big Shot, Delicate Doilies Sizzlits L, Scallop Circle Punches 2 3/8" & 1 3/4", Antique Brad, Gold Metallic Brad, Victoria Crochet Trim

Clip Your Gift Bag with a Clothespin



For a unique closure, decorate a small (or large) sack, fold the top edge over to close, and clip shut with a clothespin. Decorate the clothespin by adhering designer paper or cardstock to the outside or by painting or stamping. Tie on a ribbon or add any other embellishments to the clothespin. If you add a small magnet to the back of the clothespin, the recipient will also have a handy magnet to use.

1 ¾" Scallop Circle Punch, Button Buddies Stamp Set, Brights Designer Button, Baker's Twine, 1/8" Daffodil Delight Taffeta Ribbon, Summer Smooches Designer Series Paper, Mini Lunch Sack (retired)

Stamp the Name on the Package



Wrap the gift box in kraft paper (or cut up a grocery sack!). Stamp the recipient's name on the front instead of making a tag. Tie on some ribbon. Stagger the letters so you don't have to worry about them being aligned!

Or ...Stamp each letter on a square of cardstock and then adhere the squares to the wrapping.

Daffodil Delight ¾" Stitched Grosgrain Ribbon, Lovely Letter Alphabet Stamp Set

Make Your Own Wrapping Paper



If your gift is small enough, stamp a piece of printer paper and use it as wrapping paper. Or purchase a roll of plain white matte wrapping paper so you can wrap any size gift. Any kind of slick coating on the paper will prevent you from being able to stamp on it.

Circle Circus Stamp Set, Scallop and Circle Punches, Basic Pearl Jewel, Signo® Gel Pen



Layer Designer Paper to Decorate a Gift Box



Start with a plain gift box and layer coordinating card stock and designer paper (or a stamped design) on each side of the box plus the top. Cut the cardstock $\frac{1}{4}$ " smaller in length and width than the box measurement to give a $\frac{1}{8}$ " margin on all sides. Then layer the designer paper on top of the card stock cutting the same way to leave a $\frac{1}{8}$ " margin again. Tie with some ribbon or add an embellishment.

Kraft Gift Box, Cherry Cobbler Seam Binding Ribbon, Be of Good Cheer Designer Series Paper, Gumball Green Card Stock

Decorate a Simple Lunch Sack



You can do many things with a simple lunch sack! Stamp or decorate the outside of the bag. On this bag, simply punching circles out of paper scraps makes a fun design!

Place the gift inside and then fold the top edge over to the back. With a hole punch, punch two holes in the top through both layers and tie a ribbon through. If you want a smaller bag, cut off some of the top edge.

At Christmas, fold over the top edge and make two vertical slits at the top instead of the punched holes. Insert a candy cane instead of ribbon for a cute embellishment and to keep the bag closed!

Brown lunch sack, card stock scraps, various circle punches, hole punch, Daffodil Delight Seam Binding



Make a Snowman Gift Bag



Using a white lunch sack, fold over the top edge to the back. On the front, glue a piece of black card stock to the top for the snowman's hat, then add a long strip for the brim. Glue on a few leaves and berries. To make the hat look snowy, draw some lines with a white gel pen. Cut or punch out two circles for eyes, adding tiny highlights with a white gel pen. Cut out an orange carrot nose. Punch smaller black card stock circles for the coal mouth. Now insert your gift and tape down the back flap.

Signo White Gel Pen, Bird Builder Punch (leaves), Circle Punches 1", ½", ¼"

Make a Gift Card Holder with an Envelope



Never be without a cute way to present a gift card as long as you have an envelope!



Fold the envelope in half. Open the envelope, and cut the back flap on the new middle fold line so the envelope flap has two halves. Seal the left half of the flap to the envelope. Angle the sides of the other flap to trim, but do not seal. Stamp the envelope front and back to decorate. Fold the envelope in half and tie a ribbon around it to hold it closed. Add a stamped image on the front, over the ribbon. Adhere the envelope on a piece of card stock ¼" larger. The gift card will later go into the envelope under the open flap.

Whisper White Medium Envelope, Easy Events Stamp Set, Whisper White ¼" Stitched Grosgrain Ribbon, Itty Bitty Bits Stamp Set

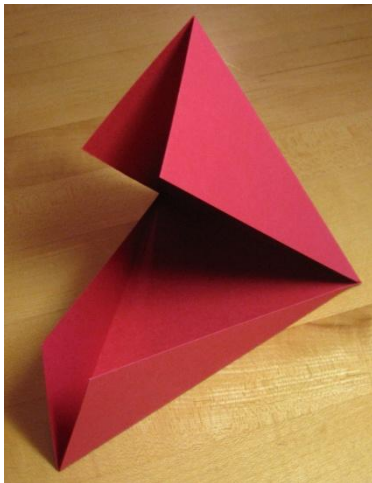
Make An Easy Triangle Box



This impressive box is easier to make than you would think!

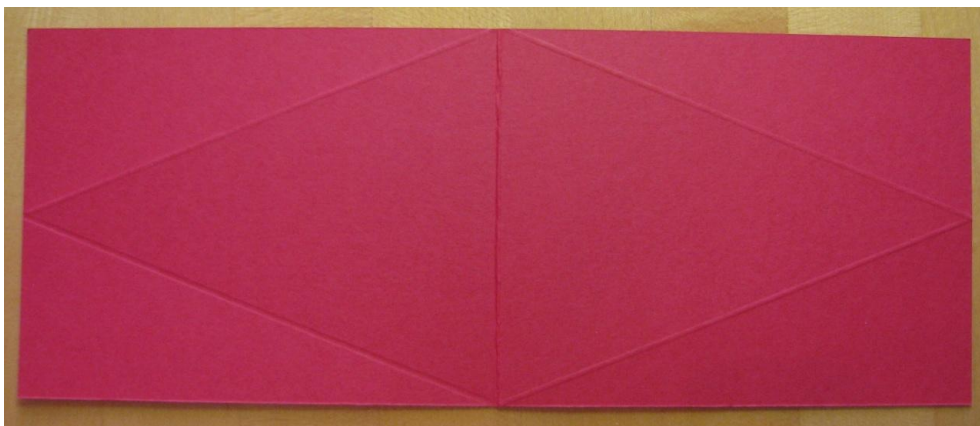
Cut a piece of 8 ½" x 11" card stock in half lengthwise so that each piece is 4 ¼" x 11". You only need one piece for this box. Score the strip at 5 ½". Then score from that center line to the center of each end (see photo below). Scoring makes folding easier.

Fold all score lines. Fold together so that one side of the box fits inside the flaps of the other side of the box. Punch holes in the top for ribbon. Insert ribbon through after placing your gift inside. No adhesive needed! Decorate the front of the box or just add a tag.



Once you get the idea of this box, you can make other sizes as well! It's a fun project!

Snow Swirled Stamp Set, 5/8" Whisper White Organza Ribbon, Rhinestone Basic Jewels, hole punch



Make a Topper for a Shopping Bag



If I get a bag like this when I am shopping, I save it and use it for a gift bag! Bags like this can also be purchased at a craft store or card display. You can add a topper like this to hide the contents if the gift inside the bag isn't too large. Just take a piece of 8 1/2" x 11" card stock, fold in half, cut a slit in the middle of the fold for the handles to go through and decorate! You can modify the size according to your bag or the length you want.

Decorate this topper with stamping or designer paper, add some embellishment and a greeting and you are all set! Stamp some tissue paper to go inside to match!



You can see how the folded paper topper fits right over the top of the bag.

Patio Party Designer Series Paper, Scallop Border Punch, Pool Party 3/8" Ruffled Ribbon, Floral Frames Framelits, Daydream Medallions and Perfectly Penned Stamp Sets

Use a Die-Cut Bag or Make Your Own



Use the Big Shot Die-Cutting Machine and the Fancy Favor Die to create a small bag out of your favorite card stock or designer paper. You can emboss a design, stamp on it, add stamped images and layers, or add embellishments. Tie the top shut with ribbon or add a handle to the bag. There's lots of opportunity for creativity! Be sure to add some stamped tissue paper to coordinate.

Big Shot, Fancy Favor Bigz XL Die, Snow Flurry Bigz Die, Whisper White card stock, Silver Glimmer Paper, Basic Rhinestone Jewel, Snow Swirled Stamp Set

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