

FOREST-FRIENDLY GIFT WRAPPING

Your Mission: Organize a sustainable gift wrapping booth at your school using forest friendly materials to create unique and memorable gifts

1. Discuss why sustainable gift wrapping is important and how it helps reduce waste, such as by reusing materials or using fabric that can be used again and again. Have students research which gift-wrapping materials can be recycled in your area, including different types of paper, tape and ribbons.
2. As a class, plan your sustainable wrapping booth:
 - *Where it will be*
 - *The date(s) and time(s) of the booth – around the holidays is great!*
 - *Roles and responsibilities for each student at the booth*
3. Publicize your wrapping booth. This could be through announcements, posters, and/or visiting classes. Be sure to explain the issue you're addressing, and share the dates and times the booth will be available. Create signage to display at your booth explaining the importance of sustainable wrapping.
4. Gather materials for wrapping – it could be newspapers (comics are colourful!), fabric (like t-shirts or scarves), sheet music, magazines, maps, old artwork, or whatever else your class has on hand. Instead of plastic ribbon, use fabric, garden twine, or get creative with paper or even materials from nature – fresh flowers, twigs, pinecones, or evergreen needles.
5. Set up your booth and get wrapping! Be sure to thank your visitors for choosing to wrap sustainably.
6. Once you have finished, debrief with the class about what they learned and how they will apply it in the future. Share the results and insights with the school community.

The 3Rs explained to kids

Reduce = use less (taking only what you need)

Reuse = use again (using an empty jam jar to store pencils)

Recycle = turn into something new (putting paper in the recycling bin)

We can also include a fourth R, **Rethink**, to help us choose better options of the Earth like picking a reusable bottle.

