



## WRAP A GIFT FOR A FRIEND

If you are giving a friend or a family member a graduation or birthday gift, here's how to wrap it thoughtfully.

- 1. Use a box.** If your gift didn't come in a box, try to use a recycled one. It's much easier to wrap a box than an item that is soft or oddly shaped.
- 2. Cut paper to size.** Once your gift is in the box, roll out wrapping paper on a table with the patterned side facing down. Center your gift on top of the paper, leaving enough paper on the side not attached to the roll that it reaches the middle of the box. Unroll that same length of paper, plus an extra two inches, on the other side of the box. Cut along the roll.
- 3. Wrap the box.** Fold the two ends that you just measured into the middle and tape down. Wrap the first side of the box by folding the top flap of paper down and securing with tape. Then fold the paper on the bottom up, so you're left with two triangles of paper on either side, and secure with tape. Fold in the triangles and tape them. Repeat on the other side.



## Make old sunglasses new

### What you need

- Old pair of framed plastic sunglasses
- Washi tape (or painter's tape)
- Craft paint
- Disposable cup or plate
- Water
- Newspaper
- Small paintbrush

### Instructions

1. Cover the lenses of the sunglasses with washi tape.
2. Pour a small amount of multi-surface craft paint into a cup or on a plate. Add a couple of drops of water to the paint and mix well.
3. Place the sunglasses on a sheet of newspaper. Dip a small paintbrush into paint and run your finger over the tip of the brush to splatter the paint onto the sunglasses. You can also use a short swatting motion with the paintbrush, which will flick paint onto the sunglasses.

4. Let your first color of paint dry completely, then splatter on a second color, if you like.
5. Let the final color of paint dry completely, then remove the tape.

### Helpful tips

- Instead of splattering the paint, try creating different patterns, such as stripes, squiggly lines, or spots.
- Glue on extra details, like rhinestones or tiny toys.

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## ECO TIP OF THE WEEK ENJOY ICE CREAM WITH LESS WASTE

When the weather heats up, going out for ice cream is a fun thing to do with friends and family. However, the cups and spoons used to serve the sweet treat at ice cream stores can create waste that ends up in a landfill. The good news is that there is an easy solution to reducing waste. Order your ice cream in a cone! Since the cone is edible, this is a low-waste way to enjoy a delicious treat. If you prefer to eat ice cream using a spoon, consider asking your favorite ice cream shop if they would switch to wooden or biodegradable spoons. Or bring your own reusable spoon with you. You can use it to eat the ice cream then wash it when you return home.

Choose a cone next time.

