

How to Make Your Own Gift Tags

Hey kids! Have you noticed how much your friends & family enjoy receiving handmade gifts from you? Great gift-giving starts with tags that make each person's present unique!

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Crayons or markers
- **♣** Blunt-tip scissors
- Hole punch
- Construction paper
- ♣ Ribbon, colorful string or yarn



INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

Using the scissors, cut interesting shapes from bright-colored construction paper. You can even fold it in half if you want!

STEP 2

Using crayons or markers, draw pictures or symbols of the holiday or occasion at which the gift is being given. (Examples: birthday candles, cake or presents for birthdays, hearts and cupids for Valentine's Day, rolled diplomas, graduation hats for graduation, green clovers and leprechauns for St. Patrick's Day, Christmas trees, gifts or snowmen for Christmas, etc.)

STEP 3

If the tag is flat, write the name of the person receiving the gift on the front and write your name on the back. If the tag is folded, write the name of the person receiving the gift on the outside, and write your name inside. Include a short message to who you are giving the gift.

STEP 4

Punch a hole in the corner. Tie a pretty ribbon, colorful string or yarn through the hole to attach the tag to your wrapped gift. Watch their delight when they see your handcrafted tags!



SAFETY GUIDELINES

- 1. Safety guidelines recommend this art project as suitable for children ages 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.
- 2. ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.



PARENTS & EDUCATORS

This lesson offers a great way to initiate discussion on how symbols are used in all cultures. Help kids explore different cultures and the symbols associated with those cultures. Talk about what makes us different and what makes us similar.



INTERESTING INFO

Gift giving is a very important custom in Japan, where gifts are a \$124 million industry. The gift's value is not considered as important as the presentation and thoughtfulness. Recipients then give gifts in return, but they must only be half the value of the first gift (otherwise it starts the cycle of giving again).

TAKING IT FURTHER

Have your kids design tags for a whole year of events and holidays. Challenge kids to make matching gift wrap.

Thank you for participating! We hope you enjoyed making your Gift Tags as much as we did! For more games and activities, please come and visit the Chickasaw Kids website anytime!

