

## **4-H GIFT WRAPPING GUIDELINES**

The following are guidelines for providing learning experiences in gift wrapping.

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL MEMBERS**

Learn to wrap a package with neat corners and folds. There are various techniques to accomplish this and all are acceptable.

Learn shaping on curves and cylinder packages and how to wrap them.

Learn how to select appropriate packages for the item to be wrapped.

Learn where to obtain ideas for wrappings and start a collection of these ideas. (Magazines, party planning books, etc.)

Learn to wrap a package properly for mailing - including the address.

Learn to make "boxes" when they aren't available. (Use jars - cans with lids - cardboard cores from paper towels - "Legg's eggs" - etc.)

Learn how to use household supplies attractively as wrapping paper. (Tinfoil, shelf paper, wallpaper, newspaper, fabric, etc.)

Learn to line a box properly with tissue paper.

**A MEMBER MAY EXHIBIT THIS PROJECT AT THE FAIR ONLY TWO YEARS.**

### **EXPERIENCE GUIDELINES**

#### **First Year**

Learn to make bows. (Curling ribbon bows - tailored - circle -fishtail - sunburst - yarn - possibly bows made on a bowmaker - looped bow, etc.)

Learn to wrap ribbon different ways around a package.

Learn wrapping techniques.

For fair, exhibit two packages wrapped for a special day. Use one box and one odd shaped package, i.e. bottle. Make your own bows for the packages. Will be judged on wrapping techniques and bows/ribbons.

#### **Second Year**

Learn ideas for decoration without using bows and ribbons. (Use cutouts, crepe paper, construction paper, yarn, tissue paper pompons, ribbon flowers, etc.)

Learn to use backings for ribbons (lace, net greens, contrasting ribbon, etc.)

Learn to wrap lid and box separately.

Learn to combine colors or kinds of ribbons in a bow of any style.

Learn special bow treatments (trimmed with accents, slashing, feathering, glitter).

Learn to wrap packages in materials other than purchased wrapping paper.

Learn to print/design on paper.

For fair, exhibit one package wrapped for a special day. Use imagination as to the occasion.

Package must be totally original, no purchased wrapping paper may be used. May print own paper and use own design. Will be judged on wrapping techniques, color coordination and originality.