



Make your Christmas gifts even more special this year by wrapping them up in paper you've designed yourself!

Download our funky festive templates and use them to decorate sheets of plain paper, then wrap your presents and pile them under the Christmas tree. Add ribbons, bows or a scrap of tinsel for total designer style!

Ingredients

- Plain white printer paper
- Thin cardboard
- Sheets of coloured or white paper

Equipment

- Computer printer
- Pencil
- Scissors



Instructions

1 Print off the template (or templates) you want to use and trace onto a piece of card – the side of an empty cereal packet is perfect.



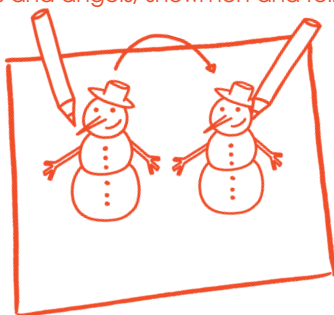
2 Cut the template out and place it on a piece of coloured paper.



3 Draw lightly around the edge in pencil and lift the template off again.



4 Move it to a different spot on the paper and repeat. Keep doing this until the paper is covered in pencil outlines. It's up to you whether you squash them up so they're close together, or leave big gaps in between. You can either use the same template all over your paper, for example just cover it with stars, or mix the templates up – stars and angels, snowmen and reindeers, or all four together.



5 Now you need to decorate the shapes. If you're using white or light coloured paper, try colouring them in with paint, crayons, pencils or felt tips. On bright or darker colours (we love red and green for a fab festive look), you could follow the outline and add some details with a gold or silver pen. Use your imagination and whatever art materials you have at home.

6 When you've finished decorating, leave any glued or painted sections to dry and then your paper's ready to use. It's a wrap!



TOP TIP:

For small presents, you can make your wrapping paper out of normal sheets of coloured art or drawing paper.



To wrap bigger gifts, try using a roll of lining wallpaper (it's usually a plain off-white colour) or some brown parcel paper. The brown paper looks especially good if you colour the templates in with gold paint and then trim the gifts you've wrapped with raffia.

Design Your Own Christmas Wrapping Paper



