



A Winter Gift



Other creative ideas to try



Decorating the large box is a wonderful project... but what about these ideas as an additional thing to do in the classroom?

Using the download cube net (see on line) colour in the cube, carefully cut it out, and stick together. This is quite fiddly and a lot of the children won't be able to do the sticking part. bBut if they can they make a lovely set of tree decorations.

Ask the children to bring in some empty cereal boxes. Using bright coloured sugar paper 'wrap' this boxes up. A good way of doing this is for a Learning support or volunteer parent to have the children one at a time during another class activity. These wrapped boxes could then have ribbon strips and bows (strips of sugar paper) wrapped around to make it more striking!

A fun twist would be to cut out and collage on some eyes, and a mouth (to one side of the ribbon) to make 'box people', they could have little hands and feet as well!

Could the children design wrapping paper?
They could create a pattern that using computers they could repeat over and over.

Gift tags... these can be mini masterpieces. Give out some gift tags for them to draw a wonderful mini picture. They could make the 'To' a hero or friend!

Make a picture just using square shapes. Lots of discussion about what makes a square a square. If you wanted to make a 'gift' picture a felt pen would be good to draw on the ribbons and the bows.

Challenge the class to wrap some unusual shapes, in the most creative and interesting way. Big piles of cheap wrapping (or sugar)paper and 'odd shaped things': footballs, chairs, flower pots, bananas... in fact anything that isn't a usual geometric shape!
One class could challenge another class to guess what's inside!
A twist on this is can you wrap it in a way that disguises what it is!

What is in the gift box? A wonderful classroom display would be a box and on the end of some wire or stiff card, gifts that the children would like to receive. Use the wire to make the gifts look as if they are bursting out the box.

Always make sure that paint/varnish and other materials you use have been risk assessed and the COSH documentation has been checked.

