



*Christmas*  
*in the*  
*Stadium*

# Thank you

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*I'm not a photographer,  
so the photos are just what I made and took photos of.*



Merry Christmas



# Wrapping Ideas

“Brown paper packages tied up with string”...

Make it your own - use a roll of brown paper to decorate and wrap your presents, let your creative side flow.

- Draw on it
- Stamp on it
- Colour on it
- Make your own designs
- Or just use string/ribbon to tie around it.

If you know someone that isn't too much into Christmas or someone that says 'I'm just doing a no frills Christmas', for that person, the brown paper/newsprint is a must. Take a marker pen and write all over it 'No Frills'. I did this for a friend and she loved it.



# Gift Bags

Using the brown paper, make your own gift bags. Spotlight, Warehouse, \$2 type Shops always have plain gift bags for you to decorate.

Punch a couple of holes and push through a Candy Cane or use ribbon to hold it together. You can get some cool fold back clips in the stationery areas - these make fun closures on your bags too.





# Christmas Tags and Cards

Make simple tags out of left over card, and then simply attached those tags to the gifts or use that tag on the front of a coloured piece of cardstock to make a simple but yet fun Christmas card.

Just let your imagine run weird or keep it totally simple.

Below is just a few ideas.



Simple tags



Quick Christmas Cards



Fancy Christmas tags, but they could be turned into Christmas cards.



# Reindeer Collection

My theme this year is Reindeer - I'm trying to see how creative I can be and turn anything into a reindeer.

Mini tubes of M&M's, Ferrero Rocher Chocolates, Candy Canes, Chocolate bar, Chewing Gum Packet if it touches my craft desk - it's made into a reindeer.

Using Wiggle eyes, tiny red pom-poms, and gold or brown pipe cleaner. Or red, black, brown marker pens to draw on the faces.

I got the supplies either at \$2 type shops, Lincraft or Spotlight.

You can find the Reindeer Lollypop template and instructions here - [www.st-marys.school.nz](http://www.st-marys.school.nz).





# Bath Salts

Through out the year collect bottles or jars and at Christmas time fill them with things - this year it's bath salts.

Made from Epsom's salts 2-3 cups approximately, 1 premade bath bomb (brought from Kmart), a drop or 2 of some essential oils from \$2 type shop and I mixed it together.

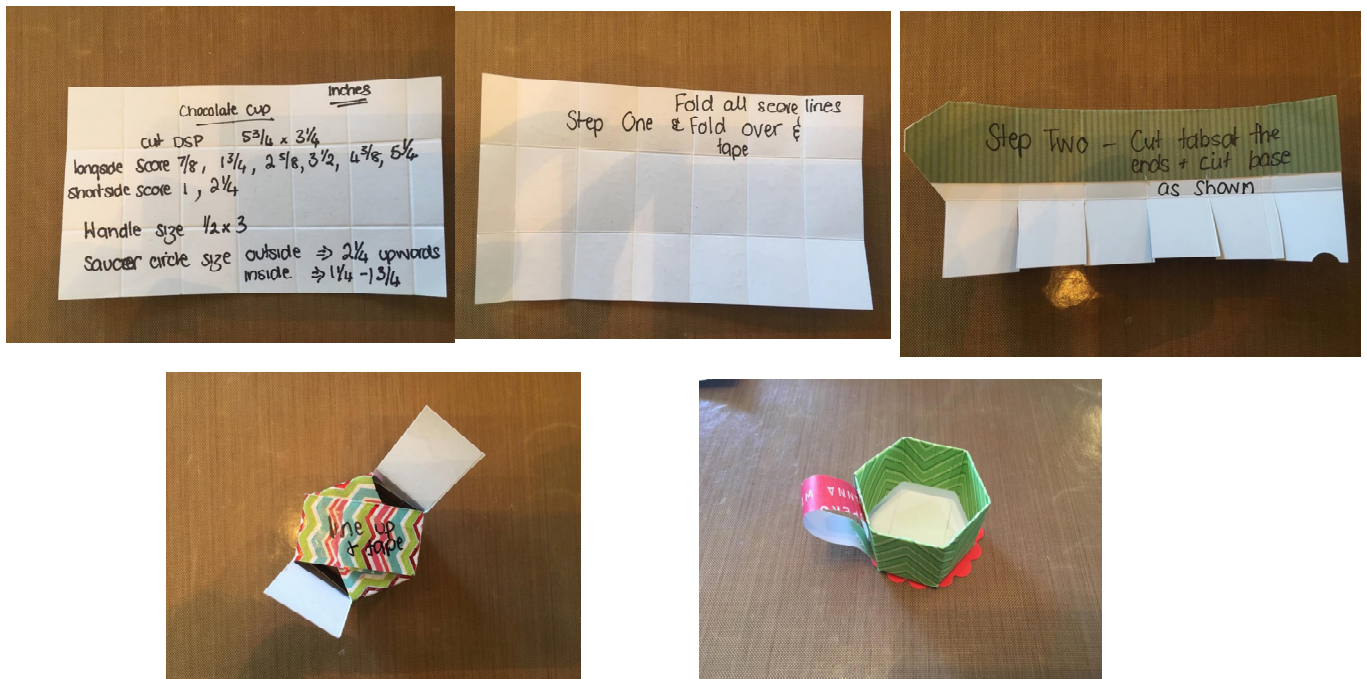
Put some into a bottle, label and decorate nicely.



# Chocolate Cups

You can find the full instructions here -  
[www.st-marys.school.nz](http://www.st-marys.school.nz)

Briefly ... here's what we will do today.



The card has been cut and score for you - handles and saucers cut out as well.

- \* Fold along all score lines.
- \* Fold down the top and tape down.
- \* On the thing side, cut tabs as shown on samples
- \* Tape up the bottom, stick on the handle and saucer if you wish.
- \* Pop in a Hersey Kiss, Ferrero Rocher or other chocolate.

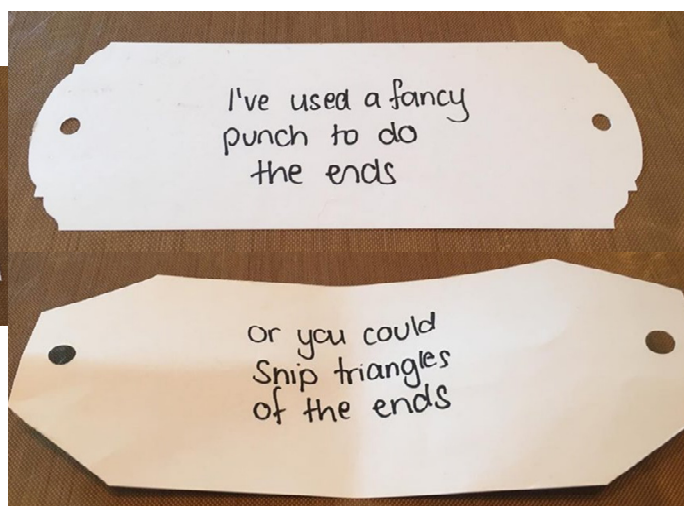
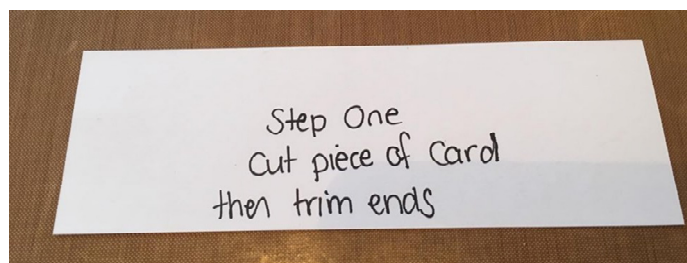
Using a piece of cardstock, make a tag, make a box, make a cup, with saucer and pop your chocolate or treat into it.

Presentation is a big thing, so get a little creative and fancy.



# Treat Holders

Cut the card to the length you wish - I measure by doing a quick wrap around the item and then that's the length. The width, I do a quick measure with a ruler as a guide.



The card has been cut and fancy end punched for you.

- \* Make a quirky reindeer
- \* Stick in a mini tic tac container
- \* Tie up with a ribbon

You could make a booklet out of a piece of card, some ribbon and a big size tic tac container.

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## Making a Quirky Reindeer

Using part of a snowflake (colour now if you wish and leave to dry).



Take 1 of the owl punch shapes, and trim off the feet. Glue on a red pom-pom for the nose and 2 wiggle eyes for the eyes.

Using the snowflake you prepared above, glue this onto the back of the head to become the antlers.

Stick Quirky Reindeer onto your treat holder project.



# Fridge Magnets

You will need:

Glass beads, Cabochons

Pretty paper or photos cut to size

Magnets (I've used old free fridge magnets and cut up)

Strong glue

Glue the glass bead/cabochons to the photo or paper.

Once dry - cut to size.

Glue a piece of magnet to the paper/cabochon

Leave to dry



If you want to make a fridge magnet that you can clip things too, use a wooden peg. Paint it up, glue magnet to the back. On the front use fancy paper and or glue on a glass cabochon or flower or decorate up like a reindeer for a festive look.





# Surprise in a box

You will need:

Fancy DS paper or card

Cutter/Trimmer

Scoring tool and ruler

Double sided tape

Fold score Lines — . . —

Cut Line —————

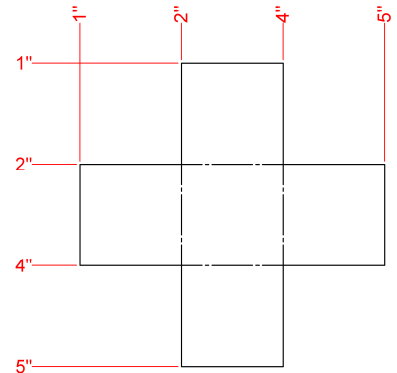
Making the box

Cut card to 4.5 cm x 4.5 cm

Score the card 1.5 cm, 3 cm

Turn the card and score at 1.5 cm and 3 cm.

Cut off corners and discard



Making the lid

Cut card to 3 cm x 3 cm

Score .75 cm and 2.25 cm

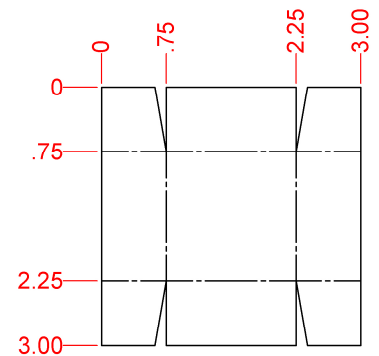
Turn the card and score at .75 cm and at 2.25 cm

Cut into corner and snip a V shape - see diagram

Tape up the lid.

Fold up the sides and put the lid on to hold the sides up.

Decorate and pop in a treat. Very cute!



You can make a bigger version and turned it into a photo album. Or pop in a gift.



# Milk Carton

You will need:      measurements are in cm's  
Fancy DS paper or card  
Cutter/Trimmer  
Scoring tool and ruler  
Double sided tape



Fold score Lines    — . . —

Cut Line            —————

Cut card to 17 cm x 12.5 cm  
Score the card long side (17 cm—  
across)  
1 cm    5 cm    put a mark at 7 cm  
          9 cm    13 cm    put a mark at  
15 cm

Turn the card and score the short  
side (12.5 cm)  
1 cm    5 cm    9 cm

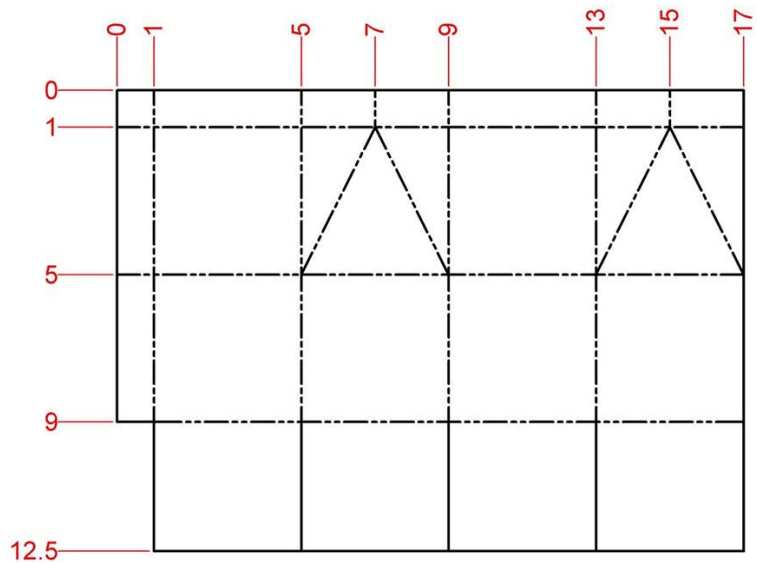
Then the tricky bit

On the 2nd top square.  
Score from the corner to the 7 cm  
mark, do this both ways -  
see diagram.

Repeat on the 4th top square.

Fold up the box and tape the side and tape up the bottom.

Decorate as you wish. To Close it, either tape or fold back clips or whatever takes your fancy. Fill it with yummy treats.





# Santa Sleigh

You will need:

Fancy DS paper or card

Cutter/Trimmer

Scoring tool and ruler

Double sided tape

Template from [www.st-marys.school.nz](http://www.st-marys.school.nz)



Fold score Lines    — . . —

Cut Line            \_\_\_\_\_

Using the template

Cut out, score along the dotted lines and then the tricky bit, fold up.

Tape sides together and decorate as you wish.

Hot glue Candy Canes to the bottom to look like runners of a sleigh.

It could be a sleigh, it could be Santa's suit, or even a Reindeer. Just get creative, fill it with treats and done. A great simple but very cool looking gift.



# Crafting on a Budget

My biggest tip -

Save everything! Within reason.

Fancy jars, boxes, ribbons, paper, old cards.

Always shop \$2 type shops or second hand shops - you never know what you might find.

Utilise the internet, that's what it is there for. Lots of people have great ideas and have free downloads, it then only costs you to print. Use their ideas, why invent the wheel if someone has already done it for you.

Save left over pieces of paper. You can use these for punches or die cuts or cutting into strips to use on cards.

You don't need all the fancy glues. PVA works well, it might take a bit longer to dry, but it is cheap and widely available. Water it down for paper mache or turning into mod podge. I mix it with some talcum powder to make a texture paste for the mixed media I do. I use it with a brush when making books. I'm also a big fan of a hot glue gun.

St Mary's Kaikorai School website has now got a crafty ideas section.





# Other gift ideas

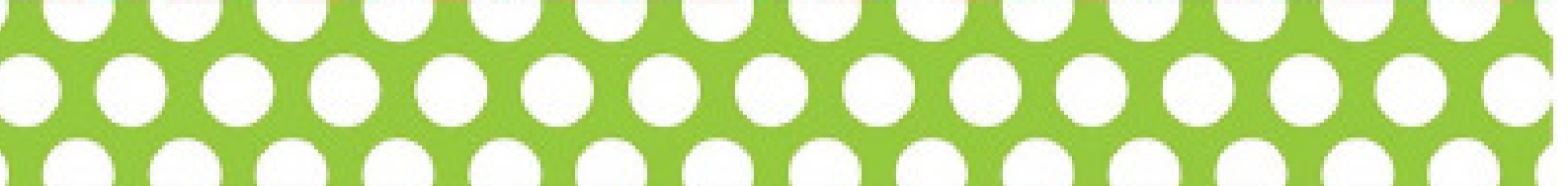
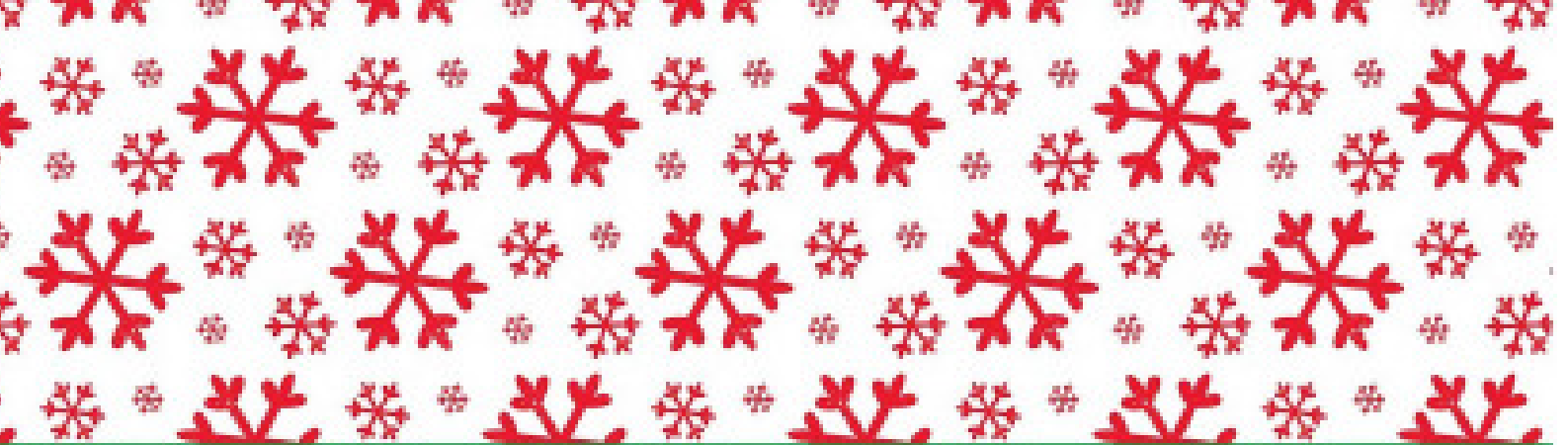
A gift idea is to make a box full of cards, with envelopes.



Make your envelopes out of old magazines or wrapping paper. Just remember to put a piece of white card on the front of it so you have a clear space to write the address

Making Christmas photo albums to give away and all they need to do is just add photos.





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