

THE ROWDY CHRISTIAN'S GUIDE

GIFT WRAPPING

TOOLS OF THE TRADE:

- WRAPPING PAPER (TECHNICALLY A MATERIAL)
- SCISSORS (I USUALLY USE FISKARS)
- TAPE
- A PEN (OPTIONAL)

GENERALLY, YOUR BOX WILL HAVE A LONGER SIDE AND A NARROWER SIDE. FOR THIS GUIDE, WE'LL CALL THE NARROWER SIDE THE END, AND THE LONGER SIDE THE SIDE.

STEP 1: MAKE THE CUT

- POSITION THE BOX ON IT'S SIDE JUST UNDER HALFWAY OVER THE EDGE OF THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF YOUR PAPER.
- ROLL THE BOX TO THE LEFT UNTIL IS BACK IN IT'S ORIGINAL ORIENTATION, AND MARK THE PAPER JUST PAST THE HALFWAY POINT OF THE BOX.
- STAND THE BOX UP ON END, AT THE CLOSEST EDGE TO YOU, JUST HALFWAY PAST THE CENTER OF THE BOX.
- ROLL THE BOX 180 DEGREES AWAY FROM YOU AND MARK THE PAPER JUST PAST THE HALFWAY POINT OF THE BOX.
- CUT THE PAPER IN LINE WITH YOUR MARKS.

STEP 2: THE WRAP

- SET THE BOX UPSIDE DOWN EXACTLY CENTERED ON YOUR NEW SQUARE OF PAPER.
- LIFT UP THE EDGES OF YOUR PAPER AND COMPARE THEM TO EACH OTHER TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF PAPER ON BOTH SIDES.

- FOLD THE RIGHT EDGE OF THE PAPER UP AND AROUND THE BOX, APPLYING YOUR FIRST SQUARE OF TAPE TO THE CENTER EDGE OF THE TAPE WHERE IT MEETS THE BOTTOM OF THE BOX.
- MAKE SURE YOU PUT THE TAPE PERPENDICULAR TO THE EDGE OF THE PAPER. THIS WILL MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS A BIT EASIER.
- REPEAT THIS STEP FOR THE LEFT SIDE, ENSURING THAT THE EDGES OF THE PAPER ALIGN - MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS BEFORE APPLYING THE SECOND SQUARE OF TAPE DIRECTLY ABOVE THE FIRST SQUARE OF TAPE.

STEP 3: THE FOLD

- PLACE YOUR NON-DOMINANT HAND ON THE TAPE AND RUN YOUR HAND AWAY FROM YOU, OVER THE EDGE PUSHING THE PAPER DOWN TOWARD THE CENTER OF THE BOX.
- USING YOUR NON-DOMINANT HAND, HOLD THIS POINT WHILE APPLYING YOUR THIRD PIECE OF TAPE OVERLAPPING BOTH CORNERS OF THE PAPER AND THE BOX WITH YOUR DOMINANT HAND.
- USING YOUR DOMINANT HAND, PUSH THE PAPER FROM THE BOTTOM CENTER OF THE BOX'S SIDE OUT TOWARD THE EDGE AWAY FROM THE DOMINANT HAND.
- HOLD PAPER HERE WHILE PINCHING THE TOP OF THE FOLD WITH YOUR NON-DOMINANT HAND.
- THE PINCH WILL HOLD THE ANGLE OF THAT FOLD - DO NOT WORRY ABOUT THE REST OF THIS FOLD - WE WILL RETURN TO IT LATER.
- REPEAT THE ABOVE TWO STEPS REVERSING DOMINANT AND NON-DOMINANT ROLES TO ACHIEVE A PINCHED START OF A FOLD ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SAME END OF THE BOX.
- AFTER PINCHING THE PAPER FOR THE SECOND TIME, MAINTAIN THE HOLD ON THIS CORNER WITH YOUR NON-DOMINANT HAND WHILE USING YOUR OTHER HAND TO EXTEND THIS FOLD TO ITS END.
- SWITCH HANDS AND COMPLETE THIS STEP ON THE OTHER FOLD.
- SIMULTANEOUSLY FOLD BOTH OF THESE FOLDS FLAT AGAINST THE END OF THE BOX REVEALING TWO NEW FOLDS.
- REPEAT THE PINCH AND EXTEND METHOD FOR BOTH OF THESE FOLDS.
- ***REMEMBER, PINCH, PINCH AND HOLD, EXTEND THE FOLD, EXTEND THE FOLD. NOT FOLLOWING THIS ORDER WILL PRODUCE SUB-OPTIMAL RESULTS.
- FOLD YOUR MOST RECENT FLAP UP AGAINST THE BOX AND SECURE WITH YOUR FOURTH SQUARE OF TAPE.
 - ENSURE THAT THE FOURTH SQUARE OF TAPE OVERLAPS FOUR PAPER SURFACES.
- REPEAT THE BOX-END PROCEDURE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BOX.

REMEMBER, PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT! YOU MIGHT NOT NAIL IT THE FIRST TIME, AND THAT'S FINE. JUST GIVE MORE GIFTS TO HONE YOUR SKILLS.