Repurposed Wrapping Paper:
Newspaper Instructions

Hello, my name is Emily from the Sparks Library. The holiday season is upon us and it is time to start making, baking or buying that perfect gift. But what are you going to wrap that gift in? Let's take a look at a few fun, easy ideas that will make your gift stand out before the receiver even opens it.

Step-by-step instructions

Markers
Step 1: Supplies and Work Surface
Gather some old newspaper and clear an area for this project.

Step 2: Newspaper Selection
Choose a piece of newsprint that is mainly text. This way pictures and graphics won't distract from your designs and patterns.

Step 3: Pattern and Color
Using a scrap piece of paper and color markers, test different color and pattern combinations. Tip: try writing different words or phrases in cursive as part of your pattern like, "Let it Snow."

Step 4: Create Your Wrapping Paper
Now that you have chosen your paper, your marker colors, and your pattern, you are now ready to work on your large piece of newspaper!

Paint
Step 5: Repeat Step 1 and 2
Also gather 2-3 different paint colors, a paint brush, a cup of water and some paper towels.

Step 6: Paint Your Pattern
Depending on how large your paint brush is will dictate how simple or complex your painted pattern can be. If you have a smaller brush you can try the same patterns that you practiced in marker. However, if your brush is larger, I recommend painting a simple pattern of stripes, or polka-dots.
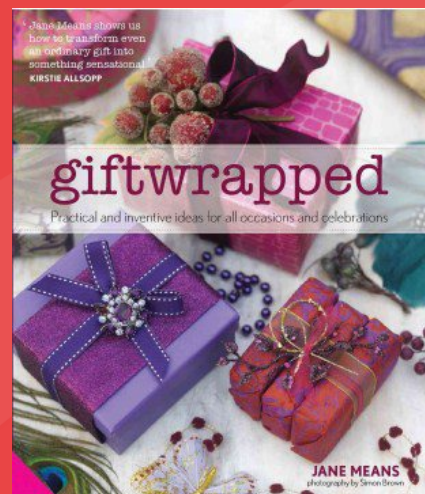
Step 7: Dry Time
Now that you have made these beautiful patterns, lay them on a flat surface to dry. Let them dry for 30 minutes to an hour before wrapping your gift.

Supply List

► Old newspapers
► Markers
► Paints
► Paint brush
► Cup of water
► Paper towels

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