

How to Use Scotch® Magic Tape for Gift Wrapping

Disguise To Surprise



Create Ways To Preserve The Element Of Surprise

Once the hustle-and-bustle of holiday shopping is over, it is time to wrap those carefully chosen gifts. Of course, no matter how much time you spend wrapping, some items are more difficult to disguise than others. Here are a few predictable or hard-to-wrap gift items, with suggestions from Ellen Timberlake – gift-wrapping expert and 2000 winner of the Scotch Brand Most Gifted Wrapper Contest – on how you can preserve the element of surprise for the recipient:



Materials

- **Scotch® Magic Tape** (for wrapping gifts)
 - **Scotch® Gift Wrap Cutter** (for cutting wrapping paper)
 - **Scotch® Precision Scissors** (for cutting ribbon)
 - **Scotch® Clear Glue Stick** (for attaching scrapbooking paper)
 - **Scotch® Quick-Dry Adhesive** (for gluing accents)
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- **Golf Club:** Take a piece of six-inch thick dryer vent (available at the local hardware store) and stretch it to the length of the golf club. Insert the club into the dryer vent, then bend the vent into a candy cane shape. Fill the empty space inside the vent around the club with old newspaper. Wrap the vent with several layers of white tissue paper. Secure the tissue paper to the dryer vent with **Scotch® Magic Tape**. Wind red ribbon around the “cane” to make the stripes. Finish off by wrapping the entire “candy cane” with cellophane or a self-clinging plastic wrap.



- **Earrings or necklace:** Place the jewelry in a small box. Wad newspaper in a ball around the gift box until it's about the size of a softball. Cut several strips of wrapping paper about one-inch wide **Scotch® Precision Scissors**. Adhere them to the ball of newspaper with **Scotch® Magic Tape** until it's completely covered. Stuff the “ball” into a sleeve of plastic mesh, and tie both ends of the mesh together with curling ribbon. Add a bow to the top, and hang the ornament on the tree using a hook.



- **Gift Certificates:** Hide a gift certificate in an item that wouldn't ordinarily be considered a gift, then wrap it as beautifully as you can using **Scotch® Gift Wrap Cutter** and **Scotch® Magic Tape**. Who wouldn't be surprised to unwrap the prettiest gift under the tree and discover that you've given them a brick, a phone book, or a box of cereal? Of course, they'll be surprised and thrilled when they uncover the hidden gift certificate!
- **Bicycle:** Everyone knows how grueling it can be to assemble a bicycle, let alone trying to wrap one! Instead of wasting precious time attempting to disguise this hard-to-wrap object with yards and yards of paper, wrap a miniature bicycle in a small box. Wrap the box in the small box, you could include a short poem containing clues that will lead the recipient to the garage or spare bedroom where you've hidden the real bicycle!

Another option is to print out a picture of the bike on nice cardstock with clues as to where the bike is hiding. Using **Scotch® Precision Scissors** and **Scotch® Clear Glue Stick**, attach a piece of a matching color cardstock slightly larger than the printout of the bike to form a mat. Place the printout in a box and wrap the gift in a nice coordinating paper and ribbon using **Scotch® Gift Wrap Cutter** and **Scotch® Magic Tape**.



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- **Perfume or cologne:** Buy the cutest stuffed animal you can find, and dress it in a baby outfit or article of doll's clothing that has a pocket. Tuck the bottle of perfume into the pocket and wrap the stuffed animal as usual. You can also find a cute bear with repositionable arms and wrap the gift in coordinating paper and using **Scotch® Gift Wrap Cutter** and **Scotch® Magic Tape**. Make a pretty bow and attach a tiny bear to the center with **Scotch® Quick-Dry Adhesive**.



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