WRAPPING A GIFT

Wrapping a gift can be tough, especially with my big, clumsy paws. What a shame it is, when I have bought someone the most perfect gift, and I hand them a package that looks like it has been run over. It doesn't matter how good the gift is, the first impression is pretty poor. And that really takes the wind out of the whole thing. So this was an important skill for me to learn. And, RockHopper, I think you'll find it useful too as we continue to make you a SkillTrekker.

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Wrap six presents expertly. Make sure you do it as neatly as you can and have good crisp folds.

- 1. First of all, make sure the gift is ready to be wrapped, everything is in there, and the price sticker is removed. You don't want to tear this all apart because you had one of those sudden realizations.
- 2. Next, select that wrapping paper. Make it appropriate for the person. Grandma probably isn't into airplanes and lil' Johnny has no interest in unicorns. You get the idea.
- 3. Then, cut the paper to an appropriate size. Measure it out first. It's all too easy to cut it too small, and you cannot make paper longer after you cut it. Many wrapping papers have a pattern on the back that help you cut straight. Whatever you do, cutting straight will go a long way to making the package look good.

4. Place the gift in the middle of the paper face down. That will make sure the front of the package won't show through all the seams and taped edges.

- 5. Now, fold over the left and right sides of the paper. Make adjustments if you need to so the seam is in the center of the package. If you want to be a total over-achiever, you can even fold over the seam about an inch so you don't have the edge of the paper, but instead a nice folded edge. Tape this seam.
- 6. Finally, take the top and bottom sections of the wrapping paper, press them flat against your work surface, and fold the corners so that you have made them



look like triangles. Now fold these over on top of your taped seam and tape them also.

7. All that is left is to add a gift tag and enjoy the expression on their face when you hand them the gift.